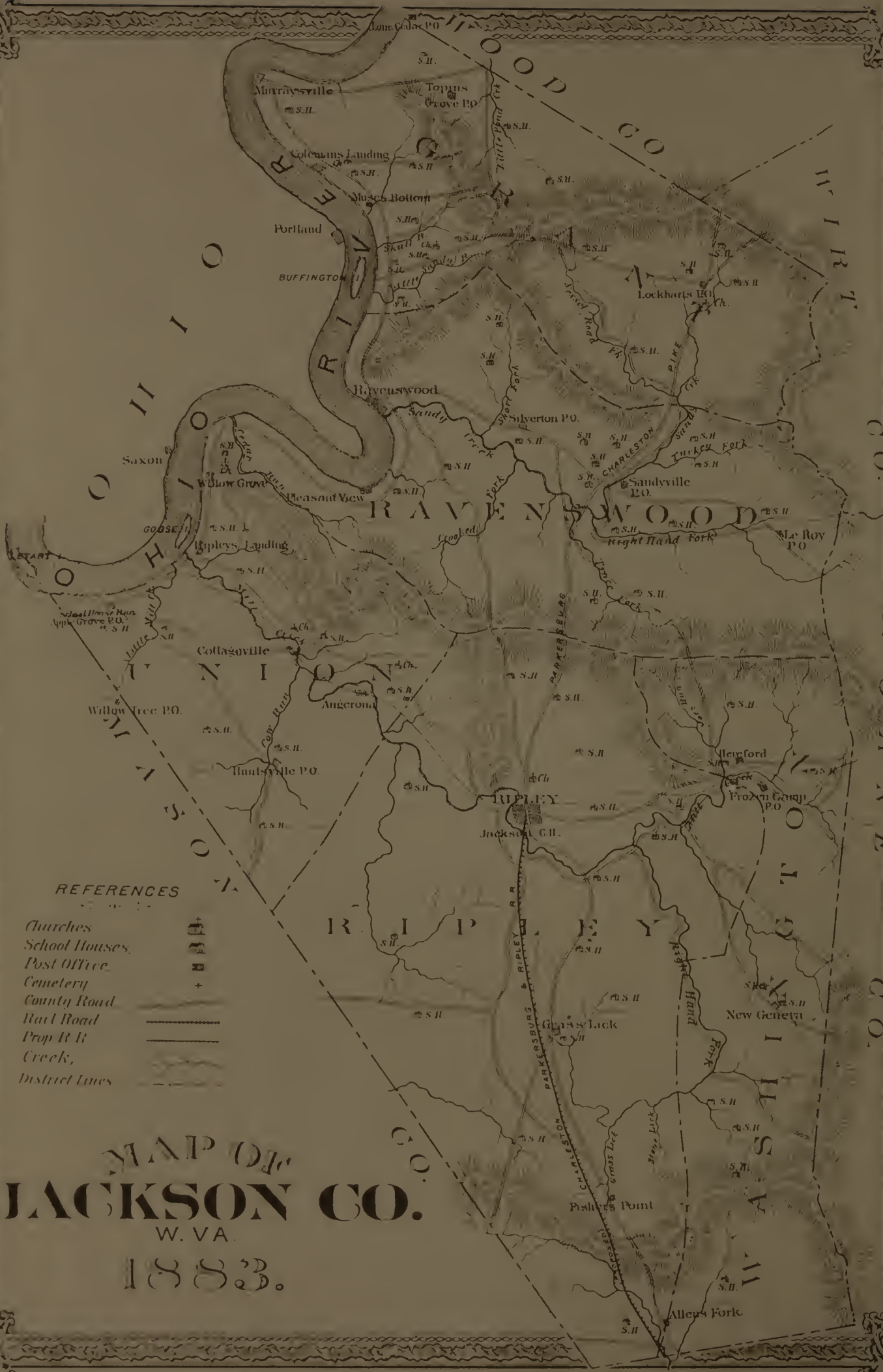


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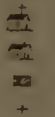
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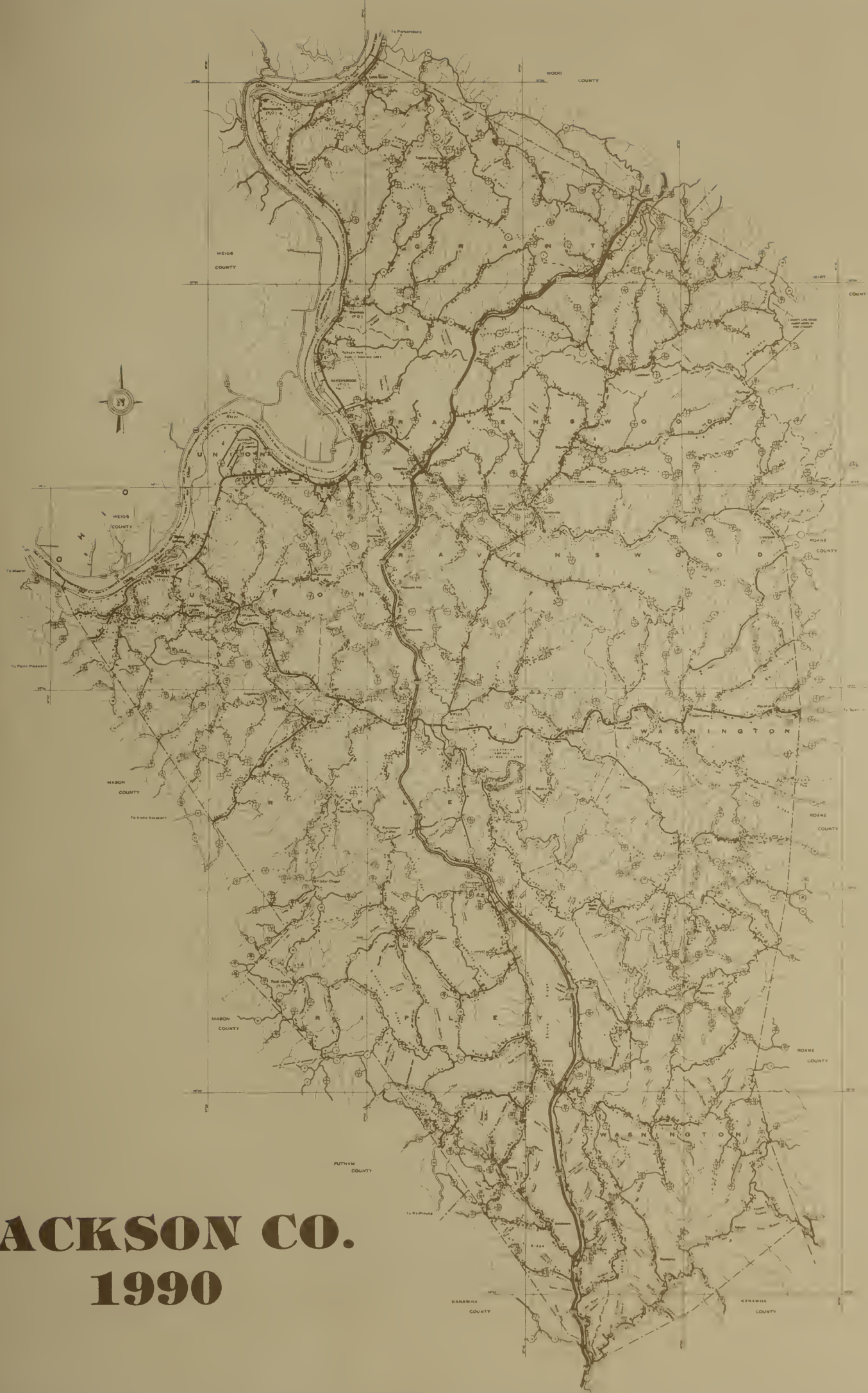
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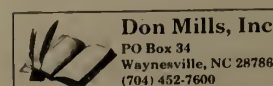
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WHEREAS: Jackson County does not have an up to date history

WHEREAS: Other West Virginia Counties have successfully published history books

WHEREAS: Walsworth Publishing Company will invite all current and former residents of Jackson County to participate in the writing and production of a new history WITHOUT FINANCIAL RISK,

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Date

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Date

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EARLY DAYS

THE INDIANS

Archaeologists have determined that Indians have been living in the Ohio Valley for over 14,000 years before the first white explorer penetrated the region. It was the scene of several different eras of Indian civilizations known as the Adena, Hopewellian and Fort Ancient, which had flourished in the area from about 1,000 B.C., to 1700 A.D., when the many mounds, great and small, had been built in Ohio and West Virginia.

At this time, there were towns and villages of Indians scattered on the level bottoms along the Ohio and its tributaries. These people were settled farmers, for the most part, who depended on agriculture for a livelihood, not hunting. Their villages were usually surrounded by stockades, similar to those later used in pioneer forts, for protection.

In 1674, 67 years after the founding of Jamestown, Gabriel Arthur and a party of Cherokees visited an Indian town of some hundreds of people near what is now Buffalo, Putnam County. Shortly thereafter, the Iroquois Indians, of present New York, began the series of wars for the control of the fur trade, which resulted in the conquest of most of the present northeastern United States by these Indians. The several tribes living in the Ohio Valley were either killed, assimilated into the conquering Iroquois nation, or fled South and West to escape them. West Virginia, like Kentucky, was largely left as a deserted hunting ground for the surrounding tribes which later moved into the region. Seventy years after the wars, John Peter Salling, with a party of explorers, traveled down the Kanawha and Ohio rivers without meeting a single red man. Nearly ten years later, in 1752, Christopher Gist traveled for 200 miles through the Ohio valley in Western Virginia without seeing a single Indian, though he noted the numerous once-cultivated fields and worn paths of prior occupiers.

Before the French and Indian War, the Shawnee tribe had a large town in Mason County on Old Town Creek, about three miles above the mouth of the Kanawha, and a Delaware town, called Kiskimineta Old Town, was located in Gallia County, Ohio, some eight miles above the Kanawha's mouth. Some historians have listed another town at the site of the trading post of James Le Tort, a Pennsylvania trader, at present Letart on the Jackson-Mason County line. Another disputed Shawnee town was said to be located at the mouth of Old Town Creek in Meigs County, Ohio.

A branch of the Warriors Path to the Cherokee and Catawba country crossed the Ohio at the mouth of Mill Creek and proceeded up that creek and Grasslick to the Pocatalico and Kanawha Valley to the South. The increasing activity of war parties on this trail during the period was the primary reason for the desertion of these Delaware and Shawnee towns during this period. By 1749, when Celoron de Blainville's French expedition came down the Ohio, all the Indian towns were deserted — the Shawnees having moved westward to the Scioto River and its branches and the Delawares northwestward to the Muskingum River.

These two tribes and the Mingo, a mixed tribe of Iroquois located near Steubenville, Ohio, were the ones most bloodily connected with then Western Virginia during the late Colonial and early Federal periods. They were largely responsible for the many wars which ravaged the thinly settled section west of the Alleghenies for some 40 years, ending only with the victory of General Anthony Wayne at Fallen Timbers, Ohio, August 20, 1794, and the treaty of Greenville, in 1795. Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

JACKSON COUNTY PATENTS; TO ALBERT GALLATIN AND OTHERS

Albert Gallatin served as Secretary of the Treasury of the United States longer than any other person except Henry Morgenthau, who was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Secretary, taught at Harvard College, owned thousands of acres of land in West Virginia, much of it was in Jackson County, supervised the purchase of the Louisiana Territory for the United States, and arranged for and promoted the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which had for its purpose the exploration of the territory to determine what they had received for their money.

He might have been president of the United States of America had he not made one big mistake — that of being born in Switzerland instead of the United States. He came to the United States of America when he was 18 years of age and soon became a naturalized citizen.

Very early in life he became interested and active in politics. He was a Jeffersonian Democratic-Republican which later became the Democrat Party and a Diplomat. His great political mistake was that he supported the "Whiskey Rebellion." He was the only citizen of the United States who has served in both the House and the Senate during the same term of Congress. He was elected by the Pennsylvania Legislature to serve as a U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, went to Washington, took the oath, and was serving as a Senator when some of his enemies discovered that he had not yet been a citizen of this country long enough to qualify for the Senate and voted to un-seat him. Upon returning to his home district, a special election was held for a congressman for which he qualified. He offered himself as a candidate, was elected and served out the term. He built a mansion in Uniontown, called Friendship Hill, where he lived during his later life. His house now has been turned into a public historical landmark and is visited by many every year.

Albert Gallatin owned many tracts of land in what is now Jackson County. He established the first settlement in Jackson County which was located on the Ohio River near the mouth of Sand Creek, named "Friends Landing" — Friendship being a favorite namesake for his many landmarks. This was intended to be a permanent settlement. After some time had passed he came back to visit the settlement and to see how it was progressing and the only evidence he found of the settlement was a heap of ashes.

It should be noted that George Washington would have been the forerunner of Albert Gallatin in land holdings in Jackson County. At the age of 25 years, Washington owned 4,558 acres and at the time of his death, owned 63,000 acres. For his services in the French and Indian Wars, he received 20,000 acres of wild land west of the Allegheny Mountains. It is interesting to note that these large tracts of western lands were acquired by General Washington before the Declaration of Independence and were conveyed to him by what we now call patents from the King of England. The Random House Dictionary of the English Language copyrighted in 1966 states the definition of patents as "the instrument by which the United States conveys the legal fee-simple title to public land." This would also apply to grants and conveyances by other sovereign powers. We have been privileged to examine some of those patents and find they contain features quite unusual and foreign to our present day conveyances. For instance, the conveyance to General Washington of the tract opposite the Big Bend in Jackson County begins thus: "King George the III, by the Grace of God

of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, etc.; To all to whome these presents shall come, greeting: Know ye that for diverse good causes and considerations, but more especially for the consideration mentioned in a proclamation of Robert Dinwiddie, Esquire, late Lieutenant-Governor and Commander — In-Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, bearing date the 19th day of February 1754, for encouraging men to enlist in the service of our Royal Grandfather for defense and safety of the said Colony . . ."

One of the largest patents to Jackson County was at Muses Bottom, containing 9000 acres, which was at one time jointly owned by Albert Gallatin and Savary De Valcoulon who were for many years partners in the buying and selling of land. It is believed that Savary De Valcoulon had the financial backing while Albert Gallatin was the businessman and financier. Another large patent prominent in Jackson County History was to John Swann consisting of 2000 acres, located at the confluence of Sycamore and Mill Creeks, a portion of which was later owned by the Jacob Starcher Family who gave the county sufficient land for our Public Square upon which our Court-house is located.

There was vast acreage in Jackson County around the late 1700s owned by patents to Albert Gallatin and Savary De Valcoulon as well as other statesmen of their day; Robert Morris, Benjamin Harrison, John Allison, Robert Rutherford, and William John to name a few.

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EARLY LAND GRANTS

MAP OF EARLY LAND GRANTS

The early land grants in and around Ripley are shown on the map below. The area is shown by numbers which identifies the owners of the grants.

- 60 Albert Gallatin
- 62 Robert Rutherford
- 63 Savory de Valcoulon
- 64 Albert Gallatin
- 65 John Swann
- 95 Savory de Valcoulon
- 96 Albert Gallatin
- 97 Savory de Valcoulon
- 109 James Hendricks-John Allison
- 110 Albert Gallatin
- 111 Savory de Valcoulon
- 112 Savory de Valcoulon

In 1795, Robert Morris formed the American Land Company to encourage settlement of the West. He purchased the land grants from Albert Gallatin and Savory de Valcoulon. Some of this land extended into the present city limits of Ripley. Persons interested in more information about the land grants not listed above should consult the Simms, Edgar B., *Index to Land Grants in West Virginia* in the Office of the County Clerk, Ripley, West Virginia, or inquire who has a map showing land grants in Jackson County as there are a few owned by individuals.



Map of early land grants

ROBERT MORRIS

Robert Morris was called the Financier of the American Revolution. "He exhausted his own princely fortune in an effort to preserve the credit of the new republic and to supply Washington's army the bare necessities during the War of Independence.

"On the last day of the year 1776, after the Christmas night of crossing the Delaware and the victory at Trenton, Washington had to have money to make good his promise to pay his men. Congress was unable to pay because the Treasury was empty. Washington appealed to his friend, Robert Morris, a well-known banker and a very wealthy man. Morris arose in the middle of the night and contacted his wealthy friends. The 50,000 dollars Washington needed to keep his troops together was collected and sent to him before sundown. Morris had raised the money on his word and honor, but many did not pay him. He paid it out of his own funds."

"On February 4, 1795, the North American Land Company was formed by Morris to open the west to settlers after the war. The Company acquired four and one-half million acres of western land grants, of which one-half million acres were from Savory de Valcoulon and Albert Gallatin. This included 34,500 acres in Kanawha County, which at that time encompassed a part of Jackson County. Some of these tracts of land extended into the present day (1989) boundary of Ripley. Morris did not own any land grants in this area. Sales of this land did not materialize, so the Land Company was a financial disaster. This combined with the young nation being unable to pay its debt to Morris forced him into financial ruin, bankruptcy and poverty. All of his personal possessions had to be sold, even his gold watch and gold headed cane. Later, he was able to regain part of his property, including his watch and cane."

His will of record in the office of the Clerk of the Jackson County Commission reads, in part, as follows: "I give my gold-headed cane to my son, Thomas. The head was given to me by John Hancock, Esq., when President of Congress, and the cane was a gift of James Wilson, Esq., while a member of Congress."

When Washington was elected first president of the new nation, he asked Robert Morris, who had been of much service to him during the war, to be Secretary of Treasury. Morris declined, but recommended Alexander Hamilton who received the appointment.

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² Data furnished by Sue Proctor Miller from a manuscript from the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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EXPLORERS

The first explorer to gaze upon the then virgin hills and valleys of present Jackson County was probably an adventurous member of an Indian hunting culture known by archaeologists as the Paleo-Indians some 14,000 or more years ago.

Gabriel Arthur, a Virginian, was likely the first white man to see this area when he, with a party of Cherokees, visited a large village of Indians that he called Monetons, now thought to have probably been Shawnees, near present Buffalo, West Virginia, in 1674, only 67 years after the founding of Jamestown. Next was probably Arnold Viele, a Dutch fur trader from Albany, New York, who was in the valley in 1692-3.

French traders were here by 1696 and their English rivals by 1703. At that time there were several Indian villages in this section, and the first trader to establish a trading post is believed to have been James Le Tort, a Pennsylvanian, at present Lctart, Mason County, about 1729-30.

In 1729, Chaussegros de Lery, chief military engineer of Canada, mapped the Ohio for the French, and in 1749 Celoron de Blainville led a French expedition down the Ohio as far as the Miami River. It is thought that one of his lead plates, claiming the area for France, was buried at the mouth of the Little Kanawha as well as the one later found near the mouth of the Kanawha.

The first overland explorer in the county to leave a written record was Captain Christopher Gist in February and March 1752, who was working for the Ohio Company, a Virginia land company which included two of George Washington's half-brothers among its stockholders. However, Virginia and Pennsylvania traders had been here long before, as evidenced by his naming present Mill Creek, Smith Creek, for Robert Smith, a trader he had met on the Miami River in 1751.

Some others before the Revolution were George Croghan in 1765; John Jennings, 1766; Thomas Hutchins, 1768; George Washington, 1770 and George Rogers Clark in 1772. Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

JACKSON COUNTY PIONEER SETTLERS

by Corinne Fisher

JACKSON COUNTY PIONEERS 1795-1831

The following has been compiled from deeds found in Mason, Wood and Kanawha counties; Mason County Survey Records, the 1810 census of these three counties; Index to the 1820 Census of Virginia and the Personal Property Tax from Jackson County in 1831 as well as the Real Estate Tax list for Jackson County in 1832. I believe it is accurate although errors might be found. I make no claim that it could not be added to. Some are not listed because they were not here in the census listed or did not own land in 1831. If you do not find the name of someone for whom you are searching do not give up.

OHIO RIVER

(tracts ranging from 5½ acres to 1,000)

Dewitt, John, Nancy and Thomas

Douglas, John

Hughs, Thomas, Sr.

Long, Nathan

Lewis, William L.

Lloyd, Joseph

Nesselrode, Elias and John

Parsons, Joseph

Lane, Lawrence

Fleming, Bartholomew

Rousch, George Jr. and John

Swope, George

Warth, Alexander, George H., and John

BUFFINGTON ISLAND

Buffington, Joel, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and William II

POND CREEK (Grant District)

Anderson, William

Cross, Solomon

Flinn, John and Jacob

Powers, John

Staats, Elijah, Isaac and Noah

White, James

MUSES BOTTOM

Alkire, Adam

Low, John

McClintic, George

Smith, Charles

Smith, Nathan

White, James

MILL CREEK

Bibee, Joseph

Bonnett, William

Brown, John

Carney, Jcsse, John and Thomas

Casto, George, Sr., James, Jonathan, John D. and William, Sr.

Chase, John

Click, Peter

Crites, John

Evans, Ephraim

Flesher, Andrew Sr. and Isaac

Green, Edward, Jemima, Samuel and William

Hiar (Hyre) Jacob

Hughes, Jesse, Jr., and William

King, Cornelius (?) and Francis

Kouns, John

Long, Gideon

McKown, Gilbert, Isaac, James, John and Samuel

Parsons, Adam, George, John F., and William

Rader, James and Michael, Jr.

Sayre, Daniel Sr., Daniel Jr., Abel, Joel and

Ezekial
Shamblin, Isaiah
Smith, Nehemiah
Staats, Abraham, Jacob and Elijah
Starcher, Jacob, Abraham, John and William
Stone, George
Thomas, Enoch
Wolfe, James
Woodruff, David and John
Wright, Benjamin, David, Gad, Jonathan, Joseph
and Robinson

TUG FORK

Daniel Casto
William Casto, Jr.
James Cunningham

PARCHMENT

Bowles, Jubal
Deweese, William
Harpold, John and Solomon
Kay, James
Kessel, George and Jobe
Mace, Paul
Mason, Jephtha
Parsons, Henry
Shinn, Samuel and Charles
Stout, Joseph

ELK FORK

Rader, Michael
Rader, Joseph
Rousch, M. and F.

COW RUN

Hall, Philip
Long, Benjamin and Samuel
Krusan, Isaac and Benjamin
Evans, Thomas

GRASSLICK

Cunningham
Foglesong, John
Pfost, Isaac

SANDY

Curry, Robert
Hunter, Charles and George
McFarland, Ezekial
Sayre, Daniel
Slaughter, Teuben
Stanley, James

OTHERS

Bibee, William
Harrison, Reuben et al
Parsons, Charles
Pringle, John
Rhodes, Benjamin et al
Riffle, George
Rollins, Elijah
Rowley, William
Shearman, Isaac B.
Wolfe, James

And now comes that bothersome bit about boundary lines. When Jackson County was formed in 1831 it included 845 square miles. In 1846 Wirt County was formed, in part from Jackson County as was Roane County in 1856. There were a few very small changes after this. It now contains 471.98 square miles. Therefore, we must include persons living on Spring Creek and Reedy Creek in this survey. For example, Samuel Tanner lived on Spring in what is now the town of Spencer. For a few years it was called Tanner's Crossing. Later it was called New California when a local citizen started for that state but broke down at that place. It was named Spencer after the formation of the county in 1856.

REEDY CREEK

Board, Patrick
Cain, Thomas
Chancey, Hiram

Coonrod, Peter P.
Full, Absalom
Gandee, Uriah
Harris, David
John, Lemuel
Roach, William
Sargeant, John
Seaman, David
Sheppard, William
Somerville, Andrew
Somerville, James
Stewart, Charles and John
Tucker, William
Wines, John

SPRING CREEK

Boggs, John
Runnion, Elijah and Henry
Tanner, Samuel, Elijah, James, Jesse and William

Others coming from the part of Wood County that became Jackson County:

Wright, Bazzle and John
Lockhart, Isaac
Ott, Phidelis
Cain, John

Families that lived in Wood county at an early date and their descendants came to Jackson County:

Boso, Derenberger, Gillaspie, Rardin, Rector, Riley.

Living in the part of Kanawha County that became Jackson:

Fisher, Henry, John and Leonard
Ray, John and William
Green, John

EARLIEST SETTLERS

This list of the earliest settlers in present Jackson County is taken from the Tax Lists for Kanawha (1792-1801) and Mason (1805-1814) Counties, from copies made from the originals in the Virginia State Library. Some of the very earliest settlers who came before 1792 or between 1801 and 1805, shown on good authority, are shown in parenthesis after the date shown on the Tax Lists.

1792 — Hughes, Thomas Sr.

1796 — Bumgardner, David

1801 — Alexander, Robert; Bibbee, William; Buffington, Joel; Cox, Benjamin (1796); Hall, Philip; Hannaman, William (1796); Hughes, Jesse; Hughes, Jesse Jr.; Hughes, Thomas Jr.; Kouns, John; McDade, James (1796); Parsons, Adam; Parsons, George; Parsons, Joseph (1797); Parsons, William (1797); Rader, James; Staats, Abraham (1798); Staats, Abraham Jr. (1798); Staats, Jacob; Rayburn, Henry; Stanley, James; Tanner, Samuel; Wetzell, Adam.

1802 — King, Cornelius; King, Cornelius Jr.; Parsons, Charles Sr.; Staats, Elijah.

1803 — Starcher, Jacob (possibly earlier);

1805 — Bonnett, William; Rader, Michael Sr. (1804); Rader, Michael Jr. (1804); Rader, Philip (1804); Runner, Elijah; Sayre, David; Sargent, Abel; Shinn, Samuel; Summerville, Samuel Sr.; Wright, Jonathan; Wright, Joseph Yard; Watkins, Francis; Allen, John; Hall, Joseph; Hall, Joseph Jr.; Lewis, Andrew; King, Leonard; Parsons, John; Rader, Adam;

1806 — Barnett, William Sr.

1807 — Baker, Jacob; Anderson, William; Bibbee, Joseph; Gandee, Uriah; Gandee, Uriah Jr.; Harpold, Nicholas; Flowers, Thomas; Hyde, William; Nesselroad, John; Slater, John; Sayre, Daniel Sr.

1809 — Flesher, Andrew; McKown, Isaac; Greer, John; Smith, John; Scyoc, Adam V.

1810 — Hanshaw, John; Harpold, John; Lewis, William; McKown, Gilbert.

1811 — DeWitt, John Sr.; Beaty, Daniel; Parsons, Henry; Sheppard, James.

1812 — Curry, Robert; Hanshaw, Joseph; Lockhart, Isaac; Barringer, Christopher; Sheppard, Jonathan; Stewart, Charles.

1813 — Carney, Thomas; Casto, John Sr.; Casto, John Jr.; Casto, William Sr.; King, William; Rardon, David; Runyon, Samuel; Staats, Elijah Jr.; Stewart, William.

1814 — Dewitt, John Jr.; Douglass, John; Sayre, Joel; West, Alexander; Hamilton, Robert; Hanshaw, George; Stout, Joseph. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

RESIDENT LANDOWNERS — 1832-42

The following persons were resident landowners in Jackson County before 1842. Much of the land was then owned by absentee owners. The county then included much of present Roane and a slice of Wirt. Area was 845 square miles, presently about 472.

COW RUN — Joseph Bennett, Thomas Evans, Thomas Flowers, John Carter, Phillip Hall, Frederick Hushan, Benjamin and Isaac Kruzan, Benjamin and Samuel Long, David Sayre Jr., Charles Shinn.

EVANS — Ephraim S. Evans, Elijah and Calvin Staats.

PARCHMENT — Jabal and Mason Bowles, Benjamin, Elijah and James Casto, Joshua, Samuel and William Deweese, Gilbert and Wiley Boswell, Solomon Harpold, Sarah Hinmon, George, Jonathan W. and Job Kessel, James Key, Paul Mace, Jephtha Mason, John Kay, John Jividen, James Newel, Henry and William Parsons, Abel Sayre, Samuel Shinn, Elisha and William Stewart, Elias Stone, Joseph Stout.

GRASSLICK — Adley Arrington, Jonathan Casto, John Crites, Joel Cunningham, John Foglesong, Joseph Barnes, Edward H. Green, James Greer, Isaac Pfost, Abraham Pfost, John Pringle, Jesse and Isaiah Shamblen.

TUG FORK — Daniel, George Sr., Charles, John J. and William Jr. Casto, James Chancey, James Cunningham, Nicholas Lee, Elijah J. Rollins.

POCOTALICO — Coonrod, Leonard G. and William Fisher, Thomas Dooley, Uriah Gandee Jr., John Green, Zebulon and Reuben Harrison, John Koontz, Samuel Perkins.

UPPER MILL CREEK — Charles, John, Jesse and Thomas Carney, John D., Levi and William Sr. Casto, William Carney, George Board, John Bumgarner, John Harpold, Jacob and Jonathan Hyre, John Jackson, George Knopp, Charles Hayland, Adam, Elias, George and John J. Parsons, Francis Perry, H.C. and Michael C. Rader, Manly Starcher, Enoch C. Thomas, George B. and James R. Wolfe, William L. Tolley.

ELK FORK — Abraham, James, Joseph, Michael and Michael Jr. Rader, M. and F. Roush, Samuel Simpson, John H. Young.

RIPLEY AREA — Lewis Acree, James Armstrong, William Bonnett Sr., Peter Cleek, Andrew Sr. and Isaac Flesher, William K. Gwin, Robert Hamilton, Francis, Elijah and Samuel King, Samuel Runyon, Peter and Samuel Rhodes, Joel Sayre, Jacob Staats, Abraham, Jacob, John, Philip and William Starcher.

LOWER MILL CREEK — Jacob Baker, Daniel Bateman, Joseph and William Bibbee, William Alexander, William Greer, John Brown, John Chase, William Green, Jesse Jr., Joseph and William Hughes, Iredell King, Charles Love, Abraham McCoy, Isaac and John McKown, Robert Lowther, Robert Patterson, Samuel Morrison, Abel, Daniel Sr. and Jr., David Sr., Ezekiel and Joseph Sayre, Abraham Slaughter, Abraham Staats, Nehemiah S. Smith, George Stone, Thomas Scaman, Permelia Shively, Lewis Wellman, David and John Woodruff, Benjamin Sr. and Jr., Daniel, Jonathan, Joseph Yard and Robinson Wright.

SYCAMORE CREEK — Alexander and Martin Sr. and Jr. Ables, George Connally, Thomas Gilmore, Leonard King, Andrew Lockhart, John Kouns (Koontz), Thomas Neal, L.E. Moneron, John A. McGinty, Charles, John Fink, Travis and William Parsons, Ann Starcher, George W. Smith.

BIG SANDY GREEK — Spencer Adams, Joseph Anderson, Amos Barnett, Alfred Beckwith, Ephraim Bee, William Beaty, Tapley Beckwith, William Boyd, Aaron and Thomas Bramble, John Bradshaw, Charles Brown, Abraham and Joseph L. Cheuvront, John A. Coe, Robert Curry, Absalom and Joseph Full, James Giles, William P. Hale, Levi T. Gandee, Milburn Harris, William Harvey, Charles and George Hunter, Jesse Hughes Sr., William Knighton, Joseph L. Howes, George Jones, Isaac Lockhart, John Lane, Gideon Long, Ezekiel McFarland, Nathan Long, Henry McBrien, Thomas McFarland, Thomas J. McGlothlin, Francis McGraw, Brice Mars, Henry S., Rice and William Mahon, Armistead Morehead, Daniel G. Morrill, George Cummins, Isaac Richards, William H. Rowley, Elijah Runner, Daniel W. and Jacob Sayre, David, John and James Stanley, Robert Rand Sr. and Jr., Robert and William Park, Charles and George Parsons, James and John Patton, Reuben Slaughter, Pamela Shively, Simeon F. Sealey, George Sellers, Elias Stanley, Pleasant

H. Thompson, Mordecai J. Thomasson, Lunsford Thorn, Ann Titus, Thomas Washburn.

OHIO RIVER — John Bogard, Joel and Joseph Buffington, John and Thomas Dewitt, George N. and Henry Fitzhugh, Andrew Flesher Jr., Job and Nathaniel English, Solomon Hall, Henry Harris, Thomas Hughes, William L. Lewis, Henry and Joseph Lloyd, Lawrence Lane, Matthew Lockrich, Edward McDade, Moses and Daniel C. Michael, Samuel Mills, Robert Pringle, James W. and Samuel Williamson, Elias Hughes, John Nesselroad, John Roush, John L. Safreed, George Ryan, James Scott, Abraham Brubaker, George Swope, William Veach, Isaac Tanner, Alexander, George H., Julian and John Warth, Thomas Hughes Jr., Charles P. and Ephraim Wells.

MUSES BOTTOM — Adam and William H. Alkire, Thomas Coleman, Henry Dust, George Fogle, Samuel Hall, John Lowe, George McCintic, John Lowe, James and John Law, John Robinson, Charles and Nathan Smith, Henry Sherman.

LITTLE SANDY CREEK — Ann Daugherty, Thomas DeBussey, Peter P. and Margaret Derenberger, Benjamin C. Drake, Joseph Haywood, George Hanshaw, John Ingles, Elias and Israel Nesselroad, Jackson Roloff, Isaac B. Sherman.

POND CREEK — William Anderson, Luke Anderson, Charles Boso, Isaac and Solomon Cross, John and Jacob Flinn, Miles Jacoby, John S. Stewart, Thomas Topping, Elijah, Isaac and Noah Staats, James White.

REEDY CREEK — Patrick Board, Charles Boggs, Hiram Chancey, Thomas Cain, Peter P. Coonrod, Martin Argebright, Jacob Bumgarner, George W. Burditt, David Harris, Uriah Gandee, Sr., Lemuel John, Alfred Cain, Jesse Enoch, Dempsey Flesher, Henry Given, Henry Blosser, Absalom, Lewis and Reuben Full, John Baker, Thomas Board Jr., Joseph McGuire, William Mollohan, Thomas Ritz, David, George P., John and Silas B. Seaman, William Sheppard Sr., and III, Charles and John Stewart, William Roach, John Sargent, Joseph Boone, Andrew, James and Samuel Somerville, John Talbert, William Tucker, John Wines, William Stalnaker.

SPRING CREEK — James, John, Thomas, M.W.D. and William Boggs, George Corbit, Beniah and Jonathan Depue, Nancy Greathouse, Lewis Hickman, Stephen Hicks, Robert Mitchell, Elijah, Samuel, James, Jesse and William Tanner, Elijah and Henry Runyon, James Vandal, Elizabeth Washburn. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

FORMATION AND GOVERNMENT OF JACKSON COUNTY

CREATING THE COUNTY ORGANIZING THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT COURT HOUSES AND JAIL

Many of the inhabitants of the counties of Mason, Kanawha and Wood were experiencing great inconvenience because of the distance they lived from their respective Court Houses, and were often obstructed by large water courses, when high. Approximately 342 inhabitants of the above counties petitioned "The Honourable the Speakers of the Senate and House of Delegates in the Virginia Legislature" to create a new county to be composed of a part of the counties of Mason, Kanawha, and Wood. The petitioners represented that a new county, if created within the limits proposed, would have a population of about 3,500 inhabitants; that a large proportion of the land lying within the proposed boundaries is rich and fertile and would, if organized into a new county, soon be settled and improved, thereby the revenue of the State, as well as the value of individual property would be increased. The petition was presented December 8, 1830, but the request was not granted until March 1, 1831.

The new county was named Jackson in honor of Andrew Jackson, President of the United States. It was contained within the following boundaries, to-wit: "Beginning at the mouth of Pond creek on the Ohio river; thence, a direct line to the west corner of Lewis county, where the lines of Lewis, Wood and Kanawha counties meet; thence, with the line dividing Lewis and Kanawha counties, to a point where the West fork of the Little Kanawha river crosses said line; thence a direct line to the mouth of the Middle fork of Countze's creek, a branch of Pocatalico river; thence, a direct line to the mouth of the first branch emptying into the Ohio river above Letart falls; thence, up the Ohio river, following its meanders to the place of beginning."

The decision to locate the Seat of Justice was finally left to a commission of five members because of discontent which arose among the inhabitants over its location. The people who lived

along the Ohio River near the Ravenswood settlement greatly favored that location. The people who lived farther inland objected. The General Assembly appointed an independent commission to make the final decision. The commissioners were John McWhorter of Lewis County, John Miller of Kanawha County, William Spurlock of Cabell County, Cyrus Cary of Greenbrier County, and John McCoy of Tyler County.

The Act creating Jackson County also provided that "the Governor, with the advice of the council of state, shall commission ten persons as justices of the peace in and for the said county of Jackson, who shall, before entering upon and executing said office, take the several oaths now required by law of persons commissioned as justices of the peace, which oaths may be administered by any justice of the peace now in commission for either of the counties of Mason, Kanawha or Wood." Justices were: John Warth, George Casto, Barnabus Cook, Gilbert Boswell, Henry Shearman, Ephraim S. Evans, Benjamin Wright, Jr., John McKown, Tapley Beckwith, and George Stone.

The Assembly of Virginia showed little interest in financing the expenditures essential to the erection of the public buildings. The emergency was met by Jacob Starcher, who owned 400 acres of land on which Ripley now stands. He agreed to give eight acres of land for the county seat to be laid out so as to form three sides of the Public Square. The Court accepted the gift on October 24, 1831. Two acres were given for a Public Square on which were to be erected the court house and jail, and six additional acres on the front and sides of the Square to be laid off in lots and sold for "the use and benefit of Jackson County." The deed from Jacob and Ann Starcher was made to the Court through Ephraim S. Evans, Justice of the Court, on March 28, 1832.

On January 23, 1832, a contract was let to James Smith for the construction of the public buildings. He gave bond to meet the Court's specifications. The buildings were constructed of brick. The jail was to be 34 feet by 17 feet, and the Court House to be 36 feet square. The entire cost was to be \$3,700. On October 28, 1833, the commissioners reported to the Court that the building was completed. The Court accepted the work of the commissioners, and held its first term

in the new building on the same date.

In 25 years the Court outgrew its one story building. On November 15, 1854, five Jackson County commissioners entered into a contract with Nicholas H. Bonnett to build a new court house. According to the agreement, which is in the County Clerk's office, the five commissioners were Ephraim S. Evans, Joseph Smith, A. Dilworth (Dilwarth), J.H. Staats and F.A. Holt. N.H. Bonnett "agrees to do and perform all the work mentioned in the annexed specifications and to have the same done and completed of good materials and in a good workmanlike manner so as to be ready to deliver the same house completed to said commissioners on the first day of May 1856 and said Bonnett further agrees to furnish said house for



Second Jackson County Courthouse

purpose of holding the circuit court in at the May term of 1856 in consideration of which the said commissioners agree to pay to the said N.H. Bonnett the sum of seven thousand and nine hundred and ninety three dollars." Payments were to be made in four installments, the last one in 1858, which totaled \$8,993, so an error occurred either in calculation or in recording. The walls of the first floor were to be of cut stone and be two and one-half feet thick. The brickwork for the outside walls of the second story were to be composed of the best hard common bricks well laid in good mortar. There was a provision for a jail on its ground floor and the court room above.

Again in 1916 a need developed for a new court house. On May 24, 1917, a contract was let to Prescott Construction Company at the sum of \$67,133 for repairs to Court House and jail. Plumbing, heating and gas piping contract was let to James P. Burke on the same date. The commissioners of said Court were P.S. Fisher and J.M. Harpold. Extras and additions were made to the above amounts. L.J. Dean was the architect.

At a meeting of the Court on July 10, 1917, it was ordered that the court house cannot be occupied and ordered that the Court from this date use the lower hall of the I.O.O.F. building as a place of holding Circuit and County Courts. It was rented from Herbert Skeen and W.F. Boggess.

On September 20, 1919, an agreement was entered into between the County Court and Fred Warnecke of Parkersburg for \$1,100, to decorate and paint the new court house. Two portraits of Lincoln and Washington in the Court Room were to be painted in oil colors. The other paintings were to be in water colors in the residue of the building.

Although the date of 1918 appears on the front of the court house, the new building was not completed until 1920. On March 9, 1920, the County Court of Jackson County ordered that the place for holding Circuit and County Courts for the county be changed from the lower hall of the I.O.O.F. building, and known as the "Opera House," to the new court house erected by the Prescott Construction Company. This building is still in use. An addition was built in 1961 at a cost of \$350,000.



Jackson County Courthouse, completed 1920 (1987)

Although the General Assembly of Virginia had appointed five "gentlemen" from other counties to select "impartially" a site for the Seat of Justice, this effort did not prevent friction which lasted for more than 50 years. The official records of the 1831 Court do not show the extent of the conflicting opinions concerning the selection of the site of the Seat of Justice. John Warth and other large landholders on the Ohio River wanted it in that area. Warth was a man of prominence and wealth. In 1831 the county had only 31 slaves. He owned seven of them. He also had salt mine interests. In 1832 he and other Ohio River farmers made an effort to change the location of the county seat. The less prosperous settlers, living in the interior of the county, were successful in keeping the original site. In 1838 Henry Fitzhugh, a large landholder at what is now Ravenswood, made an effort to relocate the Court House, but this too failed. In 1886, 54 years after Ripley was selected as the county seat, a proposal to move the Court House to Ravenswood was placed on the ballot of the November 2nd general election. This proposal was defeated by a vote of 2,593 to 459. Two years later, in 1888, the railroad reached Ripley and overcame the town's isolation from the Ohio River area of the county. *Submitted by Genevieve Starcher and Mabel Chapman*

THE COUNTY COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY

From 1831 until 1863, the County Court was made up of Gentlemen Justices appointed by the Governor. There were too many of them to list in the allotted space until after the Civil War. The first Court in 1831 after the formation of the county comprised the following Justices: John Warth, George Casto Sr., Barnabus Cook, George Stone, Gilbert Boswell, Henry Sherman, Ephraim Evans, Benjamin Wright Jr., John McKown and Tapley Beckwith.

From 1866 to 1872, the County Court was known as the Board of Supervisors. The county was formed into townships, later magisterial districts, with a member elected from each township annually.

In 1872, the Court was again changed to comprise a presiding justice who was elected from the whole county, and two members elected from each Magisterial District — Mill Creek (Ripley), Washington, Union, Grant and Gilmore (Ravenswood), for four year terms.

In 1881, the present system of electing three Commissioners, of whom not more than one could be from any one district, was adopted. One member is elected president by the Court each year, usually the oldest one in length of service, with each member generally serving as president during two years of their six year terms. One commissioner is elected every two years.

Current members are elected from three districts, which were organized from the old five district system, in the 1980s, and are called — Eastern, Northern and Western districts.

Present members (1990) are: Emerson S. Snyder, of Northern District; Don Stephens, Western District; and Dick Casto, Eastern District. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

SHERIFFS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The following persons have served as Sheriff since the formation of the county in 1831.

1831 — Warth, John A.
1835 — Casto, George Sr.
1837 — Stone, George
1838 — Casto, Jonathan
1839 — Rardon, John W.
1840 — Evans, Ephraim S.
1841 — McKown, John
1843 — Sheppard, William
1845 — Casto, Jonathan
1847 — Rardon, John W.
1849 — Smith, Nehemiah S.
1851 — Armstrong, Dr. John
1854 — Staats, Joshua
1856 — Greer, John M.
1860 — Greer, William T.
1862 — Scott, J.F.
1863 — King, George S.M.
1868 — Keeney, David J.
1871 — Greer, John M.
1876 — Greer, S.B.
1881 — Hassler, F.R.
1885 — Morgan, Ralph S.
1889 — Poling, James M.
1893 — Adams, Isaac M.
1897 — Shinn, J. Owen
1901 — Rhodes, Daniel W.
1905 — Shinn, R.P.
1909 — McCowan, R.L.
1913 — Shinn, R.P.
1917 — Shinn, John A.
1921 — Sayre, Sylvester B.
1925 — Baker, Charles E.
1929 — Rogers, David J.
1933 — Knotts, Carl J.
1937 — Myers, Clarence F.
1941 — Morris Foster F.

1945 — Baker, Charles E.
1949 — Morris, Foster F.
1953 — Smith, Olen
1957 — Chancey, W.C.
1961 — Coffman, C.C.
1965 — Harpold, Asa
1969 — McCoy, Vernon
1973 — Coffman, Charles C.
1981 — Fisher, Homer
1985 — Westfall, Robert

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CIRCUIT CLERKS

Following is a list of persons serving as Circuit Clerk of Jackson County. Circuit Clerks were appointed by the Circuit Judges before 1850.

1831 — John R. Murdock
1832 — Daniel G. Morrill
1852 — Dr. William B. McMahon
1862 — B.R. Waugh
1864 — Robert R. Riley
1867 — J.D.W. Riley
1871 — Jacob L. Armstrong
1873 — Nehemiah S. Smith
1878 — John S. McKown
1879 — W.W. Riley
1891 — Walter Hoyt O'Brien
1897 — M.C. Archer
1915 — Herbert Skeen
1924 — Elijah C. Tolley
1927 — B. Cleo Casto
1933 — Bryan Mays
1939 — Okey Ellison
1940 — Georgia Ellison (Okey Ellison died, 1940; widow appointed)
1940 — Charles A. Hill (Elected to Okey Ellison's unexpired term and reelected)
1951 — Herbert Skeen (Died, September 20, 1954)
1954 — Lille Skeen (Widow of Herbert Skeen; Appointed and served to November 10, 1954)
1954 — Ben Cadle (Elected to Herbert Skeen's unexpired term; subsequently reelected; resigned, March 31, 1973)
1973 — Thomas K. "T.K." Barnette (Appointed, April 1, 1973, to Ben Cadle's unexpired term; reelected; Died, March 1987)
1987 — Jean Randolph (Appointed to T.K. Barnette's unexpired term, April 1987; Elected to six year term, November 1988)
The Rev. Daniel G. Morrill, of Ripley, the second Circuit Clerk, served longer than anyone else — 20 years. Since 1940, the office appears to have a jinx on it, three persons have died in office, and one resigned. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

COUNTY CLERKS

First called Recorders, this official was appointed by the County Court until 1851, and elected since that time.

1831 — Benjamin Wright, Jr.
1845 — Andrew Waugh
1852 — James Greer
1858 — Benjamin Wright, Jr.
1863 — Dr. John Armstrong
1869 — William H.H. King
1871 — Nehemiah S. Smith
1873 — Jacob L. Armstrong
1885 — Thomas H.B. Lemley
1891 — George Burton Crow
1909 — Cornelius C. Staats
1921 — Enoch Staats
1933 — B. Cleo Casto
1939 — Don Ferguson (Resigned 1948)
1948 — Ethel Ferguson (Sworn in July 1, 1948, to serve out her husband's term)
1951 — Charles A. Hill
1957 — Charles Enoch "C.E." Kessel
1981 — Annabelle Durst (later Taylor)
C.E. Kessel served longer than any other

County Clerk — 24 years; second, Benjamin Wright, Jr., 19 years; and third, George Burton Crow, 18 years. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

ASSESSORS

The county officer now known as the Assessor was known as the Commissioner of Revenue before West Virginia became a state, June 20, 1863. From 1873 to 1910 the county was divided into a Northern and a Southern district, with an Assessor elected for each district. Following are the dates of service and names of persons acting as Assessors.

1831 — George H. Warth
1832 — Gilbert Boswell
1833 — Ephraim S. Evans
1834 — John McKown
1835 — Tapley Beckwith
1836 — Thomas Cain
1837 — William Sheppard
1838 — Jonathan Casto
1839 — John Rardon
1840 — George Casto Sr.
1841 — Mordecai Thomasson
1843 — Robert McGuffin
1846 — Warren Reed
1847 — Edward Hart Rader
1848 — James Greer
1849 — D.G. Gorrell
1850 — John Kouns
1851 — Anthony Dilworth
1853 — F.A. Knight
1855 — Henry Holbert
1857 — Abraham McCoy
1861 — Benjamin H. Chase
1864 — William Harpold
1867 — Abram G. Casto
1869 — J.M. Dudgeon
1871 — W.G. Hickie
1873 — J.A. McIntosh, #1
1873 — W.G. Hickie, #2
1877 — R.B. Howard, #1
1877 — J.H. Casto, #2
1881 — H.P. Slaven, #1
1881 — W.H. O'Brien, #2
1885 — J.W. Parsons, #1
1885 — John W. Smith, #2
1889 — J.H. Harpold, #2
1893 — J.F. Ball, #1
1893 — W.G. Hickie, #2
1897 — Samuel McBride, #1
1897 — J. Frank Staats, #2
1901 — J.M. Morrison, #2
1905 — George S. Nohe, #1
1905 — J. Frank Staats, #2
1910 — Sylvester B. Sayre
1917 — N.F. McBride
1921 — William Jordan
1929 — W.T. Chancey
1937 — Guy Dudgeon
1945 — W.A. "Bill" Riggs
1985 — Tom Good
1989 — Brian Thomas

W.A. "Bill" Riggs, of Sandyville, served longer than any other person, 40 years, which is also a record for county officers in Jackson County.

Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

The following persons have served as Prosecuting Attorney since the formation of the county in 1831. I could not locate the names of officials for the Civil War years, and for the 1873-1877 term. Up until the formation of West Virginia in 1863, the Prosecuting Attorney was called the Commonwealth Attorney.

1831 — Herford, John A.
1832 — Fisher, Henry J.
1861 — ?

1865 — Flesher, Ulysses W.
1869 — Riley, John Harper
1873 — ?
1877 — Armstrong, Virgil S.
1881 — Miller, Warren
1889 — Seaman, James A.
1901 — O'Brien, Walter Hoyt
1905 — Baker, John M.
1909 — Hughes, R.E.
1913 — Prickett, Nathaniel C.
1917 — Bogess, W. French
1921 — Archer, Marshall C.
1925 — Bogess, W. French
1929 — Kessel, Oliver D.
1933 — Staats, Carter W.
1937 — Archer, Marshall C.
1945 — Heilmann, J.B.
1949 — Kessel, Oliver D.
1953 — Heilmann, J.B.
1961 — Hunt, L. Alvin
1965 — Heilmann, J.B.
1969 — Hash, Joseph Jr.
1977 — Snyder, Samuel
1985 — Hoffman, John
1989 — Hash, Joseph Jr.

Samuel Snyder died, May 14, 1985, and John Hoffman was appointed in his stead, April 1985, and subsequently elected, 1988. He resigned, January 1989, and Joseph Hash Jr., was appointed in his stead, January 13, 1989. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, 1884-1990

The magistrate system took over from the justice of the peace one in the 1976 election, two magistrates being elected for the county, and having much more authority than under the old justice of the peace system. Formerly two justices could be elected from each magisterial district. However, they usually had so little to do that, towards the last, hardly anyone other than in Ripley and Ravenswood districts bothered to run for the office. I could not locate records on justices serving before the 1884 election.

1884-1888: George W. Brownell, E.J. Robinson, George B. Casto, Granville P. Morrison, Robert H. Windle and E.A. Thomas.

1888-1892: J.W. Kidd, John Perry Kiser, Daniel W. Rhodes, J.M. Wease, E.J. Robinson, B.F. Sayre and Lewis Young.

1892-1896: John D. Clinton, John H. Wetzel, Austin Shinn, Newton Duffield, M.P. Kerwood, James Ferguson, John Perry Kiser, H.S. Vannoy and Lewis Young.

1896-1900: Weeden Archer, F.S. Casto, J.C. Edwards, B.F. Sayre, Newton Duffield, G.N. Parsons, Edward Roman, James Ferguson, George N. Casto, D.M. Rake, A.W. Reynolds, S.S. Bigley and J.P. Hartley.

1900-1904: J.D. Skidmore, Weeden Archer, J.R. Keller, James E. Horn, J.M. Riley, B.F. Sayre, J.P. Hamon, J.P. Hartley, James Jones, W.S. Corbin and Edward Stanley.

1904-1908: J.P. Hamon, W.A. Thomas, B.F. Sayre, W.S. Clendenen, J.M. Riley, J.C. Edwards, E.E. Higgins, J.P. Hartley and John Kelbaugh.

1908-1912: Z.T. McKay, E.J. Robinson, J.J.P. Casto, E.E. Higgins, P.M. Riley, W.S. Clendenen, A.W. Wilkinson, F.A. Walker, B.F. Sayre, G.W. Park, C.B. Barlow (1910-1912, finished unexpired term of E.J. Robinson) and Jonah Hawk.

1912-1916: F.A. Sayre, F.W. Ott, J.J.P. Casto, L.M. Hatcher, B.F. Sayre, W.E. Evans, J.P. Hartley, W.S. Clendenen, P.M. Riley and C.B. Barlow.

1916-1920: L.M. Hatcher, F.A. Sayre, W.S. Clendenen, P.M. Riley, Lewis E. Latham J.A. Jewell and J.S. Dunlap.

1920-1924: Henry Wheeler, O.G. Dickerson, J.B. Beckwith, W.G. Kurfman, F.A. Sayre, P.S. Perry, B.F. Rader and A.F. Hall.

1924-1928: P.M. Riley, C.A. Jewell, O.G. Dickerson, Bert Durst, Harry McKown, D.W. Winter and Hoyt Skeen.

1928-1932: B.F. Stewart, James L. Rhodes, B.F. Rader, C.T. Wilson, F.A. Sayre, J.A. Fling and C.A. Jewell.

1932-1936: C.A. Dye, C.A. Jewell, J.M. Fox, George M. Oldham, James L. Rhodes, A.A. Shinn, Kenna P. Casto and Belton Covey.

1936-1940: C.A. Dye, C.A. Jewell, James L. Rhodes, A.A. Shinn, Kenna P. Casto and Lewis E. Lanham.

1940-1944: Pearl Tumblin, C.A. Dye, C.A. Jewell, James L. Rhodes, A.A. Shinn, Brad Sayre, S. Luther Warner and Lewis E. Lanham.

1944-1948: Pearl Tumblin, C.A. Dye, C.A. Jewell and R.J. Riley.

1948-1952: C.A. Dye, C.A. Jewell, R.J. Riley and Elijah C. Tolley.

1952-1956: C.R. Wildman, R.J. Riley and Elijah C. Tolley.

1956-1960: C.R. Wildman, R.J. Riley and Elijah C. Tolley.

1960-1964: Katherine Bowen, J.R. Price, L.D. Casto & Leon Rhodes.

1964-1968: J.R. Price, Dovenor Jarrell, Gay H. Duke and Delmer Good.

1968-1972: J.R. Price, Dovenor Jarrell and Gay H. Duke.

1972-1976: J.R. Price, Noble L. Adkins, Gay H. Duke, Enoch Staats and Robert W. Masker.

1976-1980: Magistrates — J.R. Price and Noble L. Adkins.

1980-1984: Magistrates — J.R. Price and William Reynolds (William Reynolds died, 1982, and Lucille Thorn appointed to succeed him).

1984-Date: Magistrates — Lucille Thorn and Mary Jane Jarrell. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

CIRCUIT JUDGES

Jackson County was part of the Kanawha Judicial Circuit until the Civil War and most of the presiding judges were from Kanawha County. The first Circuit Judge after the formation of the county in 1831, was Judge Lewis Summers, of Kanawha County, who served until his death in 1843; succeeded by Joseph L. Fry; David McComas (1844); E.S. Duncan (1847); Judge Lee (1848); Matthew Dunbar (1850); David McComas (1851); George W. Summers (1852), of Kanawha County; David McComas, of Putnam County (1858); Evermont Ward, of Kanawha County (1861); James H. Brown, of Kanawha County (1862); Daniel Polesley, of Mason County (1863); George Loomis, of Wirt County (1865); James W. Hoge, of Kanawha County (1868); George Loomis, of Wood County (1868); Robert S. Brown, of Ravenswood (1869); Joseph Smith, of Ripley (1873), start of eight year terms for judges; Robert F. Fleming, of Ravenswood (1881); Virgil S. Armstrong, of Ripley (1889); Reese Blizzard, of Calhoun County (1897), resigned; Warren Miller, of Ripley, appointed (1900), elected and resigned; Lynn Brannon, of Glenville (1903), appointed; William Asbury Parsons, of Ripley (1904); Walter Hoyt O'Brien, of Ripley (1913), served two terms; Lewis H. Miller, of Ripley (1929), died in office; J.M. Harper, of Spencer (1955), appointed; Oliver D. Kessel, of Ripley (1956), resigned to accept appointment of Justice of WV Supreme Court of Appeals; George M. Scott, of Spencer (1972), appointed and then elected, resigned, 1987; Charles McCarty, of Spencer (1987), appointed and subsequently elected, present Circuit Judge.

While most of Jackson County was part of Mason County, judges were: John Coalter (1804); James Allen, of Kanawha County (1811); Lewis Summers, of Kanawha County (1819), who died in office, 1843.

Lewis H. Miller, was the longest serving judge,

some 25 years, from 1929 to 1955, having been elected four times, the last two without opposition.

Judges Warren Miller and Oliver D. Kessel were appointed to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

At present, our judicial circuit, the fifth, includes Jackson, Calhoun and Roane counties. For many years, Mason County was in this circuit, and, at one time, Gilmer County.

For a period of over 50 years (1904-1956), all the elected Circuit Judges were from Ripley. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATORS

Since 1831, when Jackson County was formed from Mason, Kanawha and Wood, the following persons have represented the county, first in the Virginia Assembly until 1863 and then in the Legislature of West Virginia. Of these, three have served as Speaker of the lower house: Daniel Frost in the First and Extra sessions of the Legislature of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, 1861-62; James A. Seaman, 1907-08; and J. Luther Wolfe, 1919-20.

The following men served in the Virginia Assembly, 1831-63:

Senate: Fleet W. Smith, of Ripley, 1855-58.

House: (Mason and Jackson District) — Nehemiah S. Smith, of Ripley, 1831-33, 1838-40 and 1841-42; James Smith, of Ripley, 1833-34; Henry J. Fisher, of Ripley, 1836-38; Dr. John Armstrong, of Ripley, 1843-44; Dr. Spencer Adams, of Sandyville, 1845-46; James Greer, of Grass Lick, 1847-48. (Jackson, Mason, Wirt and Putnam District) — William Hicks, 1849-50. (Jackson alone) — George Crow, of Angerona, 1851-53; Squire M. Gallahue, of Sandyville, 1853-54; Daniel Frost, of Ravenswood, 1855-56. (Jackson and Roane District) — John H. Chase, of Ripley, 1857-58; Daniel Frost, of Ravenswood, 1859-60.

The following men served in the Legislature of the Reorganized Government of Virginia at Wheeling:

Senate: Andrew Flesher, of Pleasant View, 1861-63.

House: Daniel Frost, of Ravenswood, 1861-62 (Speaker); Daniel J. Keeney, of Ravenswood, 1862-63.

The following persons have served in the West Virginia Legislature:

Senate

Brown, Charles L., Ravenswood, 1885-88
Brown, Robert S., Ravenswood, 1879-82
Campbell, Alex. R., Ravenswood, 1889-92
Casto, B. Cleo, Kenna, 1939-42
Darst, John S., Cottageville, 1903-06
Hughes, A.G., Ravenswood, 1897-1900
Hyre, Hazel Edna, Ripley, 1934
Hyre, Kenna K. Ripley, 1933
McCoy, Vernon, Ravenswood, 1957-58
Dittmar, Robert, Ravenswood, 1989-
Mahon, Edward S., Ravenswood, 1863-68
Moore, Paul N., Ravenswood, 1959-62
Miller, Lewis H., Ripley, 1927-29
Miller, Warren, Ripley, 1915-18
Ritchie, Ray E., Ravenswood, 1935-36
Sayre, Bradford, Ripley, 1955-57, 1969-72
Shinn, J.O., Fairplain, 1909-12
Shinn, R.P., Fairplain, 1921-23
Staats, Harlan, Ripley, 1945-48
Walker, George J., Ripley, 1871-74
Walker, William E., Ripley, 1929-30

(R.P. Shinn died, April 1923; Kenna K. Hyre died, March 17, 1934, his widow, Hazel Edna Sayre, was appointed by Gov. Kump to fill the vacancy, March 22, 1934; Ray E. Ritchie was elected, November 1934, to the unexpired term; Brad Sayre resigned, January 25, 1957, and Gov.

Underwood appointed Vernon McCoy to fill the vacancy, January 31, 1957)

House

Alderman, Jasper F., Fletcher, 1931-32
Archer, A.E., Lockhart, 1889-90
Armstrong, Virgil S., Ripley, 1883-84
Brown, Charles L., Ravenswood, 1883-84
Brown, J.E., Sandyville, 1887-88
Campbell, J.P., Garfield, 1885-86
Carmichael, William F., Ripley, 1969-70, 1973-74, 1979-86
Carney, J.M., Ripley, 1891-92
Casto, Kenna, Belgrove, 1917-18
Casto, Nicholas, Staats Mills, 1865-66
Casto, Virgil L., Staats Mills, 1889-90
Crow, George, Angerona, 1872-73
Crow, George B., Angerona, 1887-88
Darst, John S., Cottageville, 1897-1902
Duff, Rath, Duff, 1913-14
Duffield, Emory, Ravenswood, 1907-10
Faber, Hiram O., Kenna, 1931-32
Fitzgerald, John E., Ripley, 1971-72, 1975-76
Johnson, John, Sandyville, 1867-68
Keeney, David J., Ravenswood, 1863-64
Kelbaugh, W.H., Wiseburg, 1899-1900, 1915-16
Kiser, John P., Fletcher, 1921
Kiser, O.B., Kentuck, 1895-98
Mahon, Edward S., Ravenswood, 1869-70
McCoy, Vernon, Millwood, 1953-56
McGlothlin, Earl M., Ravenswood, 1929-30
Miller, Warren, Ripley, 1891-92, 1911-12
Noll, John H., Ravenswood, 1933-34
Ong, Charles F., Ripley, 1935-38
Parsons, William A., 1879-80
Paxton, H.C., 1909-10
Rader, Edward H., Elk Fork, 1871-1872
Rankin, George L., Ravenswood, 1919-20
Riley, Harry, Ripley, 1929-30
Fleming, Robert F., Ravenswood, 1895-96
Good, C.W., Sissonville P.O., 1901-02
Goodwin, Robert B., Ripley, 1933-34
Hartley, Charles H., Leroy, 1913-14
Hassler, Frederick R., Ripley, 1870-71
Hawk, A.W., Sandyville, 1903-04
Hayman, S.H., Willow Grove, 1885-86
Higgins, James H., Cottageville, 1866
Huey, H.W., Ripley, 1911-12
Hughes, Everett, Sandyville, 1917-18
Hughes, Robert E., Ripley, 1903-04
Hughes, Wayne W., Ravenswood, 1959-60
Hutton, Delmer, Kentuck, 1951-52
Hylbert, Roy, Ravenswood, 1927-28
Wetzel, Robert T., Ravenswood, 1905-06
Riley, John H., Ripley, 1877-81
Sayre, Bradford, Ripley, 1945-50
Poling, B. Noel, Ripley, 1961-69
Seaman, James A., Ripley, 1905-08
Shinn, George W., Ripley, 1875-76
Slaughter, Eugene, Cottageville, 1923-28
Smith, I.N., Sherman, 1925-26
Somerville, S.K., Lockhart, 1921-24
Staats, Harlan, Ripley, 1941-44
Staats, George W., Evans, 1893-94
Starcher, Ginny, Ripley, 1987-
Taylor, Hoyt H., Kenna, 1957-58
Thompson, R.L., 1893-94
Walker, Jack W., Ripley, 1939-40
Wolfe, J. Luther, Ripley, 1915-20

(John Perry Kiser died during his term of office; B. Noel Poling, resigned, and William F. Carmichael was appointed to his unexpired term by Gov. Moore, July 8, 1969.) *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

JACKSON COUNTY CONGRESSMEN

Only two persons from Jackson County have ever been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives — Warren Miller, of Ripley, 1895-1899, and Edward Theodore "E.T." England, of Charleston, 1927-1929, who was born at Gay.

MILLER, Warren, born at Apple Grove, Meigs County, Ohio, April 2, 1847, a son of Lewis M. and Elizabeth (Shinn) Miller; moved about 1850 to Millwood, Jackson County; attended the common schools and was graduated from Ohio University; taught school; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice at Ripley in 1871; mayor of Ripley in 1871; assistant prosecuting attorney of Jackson County, 1878-80; prosecuting attorney, 1881-89; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, 1884; member of lower house of state legislature, 1891-92; candidate for Justice of Supreme court, 1892; elected as a Republican to the 54th and 55th Congresses, 1895-99; not a candidate for renomination, 1898; appointed judge of the fifth judicial circuit; elected, 1902, and served from 1900 until he resigned in 1903; Justice of the state Supreme court of appeals, 1903-04; state senator, 1915-18; member of the draft appeal board for the southern district of West Virginia, 1917-18; Died at Ripley, December 29, 1920; interred in the Cottageville Cemetery.

ENGLAND, Edward Theodore "E.T.," born at Gay, Washington district, September 29, 1869, a son of Andrew J.S. and Mary Elizabeth (Welch) England; attended the public schools; graduated from Concord Normal School, Athens, West Virginia, 1892; taught school; graduated from law department, Southern Normal University, Huntingdon, Tennessee, 1898; admitted to bar same year and commenced practice at Oceana, WV; moved to Logan, 1901; mayor of Logan, 1903; member of state senate, 1909-16; president of state senate, 1915; attorney general of WV, 1917-25; Republican candidate for Governor, 1924; elected to the 70th Congress, 1926; defeated for reelection, 1928; died, Cleveland, Ohio, September 9, 1934; interred, Sunset Memorial Park, Charleston, WV. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

PUBLIC HANGINGS

There have been two public hangings in Jackson County. The first of these was that of Charles Green, May 12, 1850, for the murder of Timothy Fox, and the second that of John F. Morgan, December 16, 1897, for the murder of young Jimmy Greene, of Grasslick, his mother, Chloe, and half-sister, Matilda Pfost.

Green was born in Harmony, Butler County, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1828, and was of a wicked and lawless turn of mind from early childhood. He seems to have delighted in lying, swearing, drinking and carousing. As a child, he began stealing pennies from his father and as he grew older, stole more and more, frequently being on the run from the law.

When about 15, he began passing counterfeit money, and after spending some four years in the then West, in 1849, he was in Cincinnati, Ohio, when the police began looking for him for passing counterfeit money. That night, he slipped away as a fireman on a steamboat which, due to low water, stuck in the shallows at Buffington Island above Ravenswood.

The crew was laid off until the river rose, and after spending all his carousing on both sides of the river, Green and a shipmate, Timothy Fox, went down to Ravenswood looking for work, without success. On the way back to the boat, Green purposely lagged behind Fox and, with a club, knocked him down and tried to beat him to death for the sum of \$51.25.

Supposedly leaving Fox dead, Green went on and secured lodgings for the night, sleeping soundly. Next day, he went to Wheeling by steamboat, and was arrested there the next morning, Fox having lived long enough to name his murderer.

He was brought back to Jackson County, tried for the murder before Judge David McComas, and the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty, sentenced

to be hanged, which was subsequently carried out by Nehemiah S. Smith, the Sheriff, on a scaffold erected up the run above the Old Settlers Cemetery, which has since been known as "Green's Hollow." He was 21 years of age.

John F. Morgan, the other man publicly hanged, was a young, married man of prior good character. He had previously lived for some time with the murdered family, had been treated well, and was thought of almost like a son or brother by them.

On the night before the morning of the murders, November 3, 1897, Morgan spent the night with the family, sleeping with young Jimmy Greene, who was the first person slain the next morning. He then entered the house, hit the two sisters on the heads with a hatchet, killing Matilda and wounding Alice, and then, thinking them both dead, and then killed the mother who was making up the beds in a bedroom.

Meanwhile, Alice ran, bleeding from her head wound, to a neighbor's, John Chancey's, and young Bill Chancey was sent to the aid of the family, but Morgan was gone.

Morgan was captured that evening, tried before Judge Reese Blizzard on November 5th, found guilty the same night, and sentenced to be hanged on the morning of the 6th, three days after the murders.

A little more than a month later, Morgan was hanged on a small knoll near the present Ripley

High School in South Ripley, before an immense crowd of spectators from this and surrounding counties. The people in general appeared to think the whole affair was conducted for their entertainment, and there were many disgraceful scenes, which were duly reported in the major newspapers of the day, often with many embellishments by the big city reporters.

The revolting scenes prompted the Hon. John S. Darst, of Cottageville, then State Senator, to introduce a bill in the next Legislature to abolish public hangings, which was speedily enacted into law. Thus Morgan was the last man in the state to be publicly hanged after a trial by jury. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

COUNTY POOR FARM

On October 23, 1843 the County Court met to appoint commissioners on the part of the court to contract for and purchase a farm or lot of ground for the use of the county on which to erect a house or houses for reception and maintenance of the paupers of said County. Three commissioners had been appointed but had not acted, so one more (Benjamin Wright) was appointed and any three could act. Ephraim Evans, George Casto and Benjamin Wright purchased from William and Elizabeth Cunningham 80 Acres on Big Mill Creek for \$1200.00 to be paid in four equal

installments of \$300.00 each; first in August, 1844, second in November 1844, and then annually. The deed was dated June 10, 1844, and signed by Justices Jonathan Casto and James Greer — Andrew Waugh, Dept. Clerk (D. Book 4, p. 390).

This property was sold October 24, 1872, to Enoch Staats — 80A on Tug Fork of Mill Creek, and known as the Poor Farm, for \$3133.00 (Book 18, p. 340).

The County had purchased 125 Acres from Andrew and Violet Roseberry on December 16, 1871 for \$5000.00 with Vendor's Lien for \$3333.33⅓ payable in 1872 and 1873, with interest from August 1871. The land was on Big Mill Creek and known as the Joseph Bebee Farm (purchased by Roseberry from John and Susan B. Coe). (D. book 17-P 580 and 629)

This land is still owned by the County, having served as the Poor Farm until the late 1930s after the Public Assistance Law passed in 1936 and then rented for farming until 1963(?). It now contains a Youth Home (not used as such at present), County Animal Shelter, and County Fair Grounds. It is used for the Jr. County Fair and reserved and used for various activities the rest of the year — such as Reunions, Horse Shows, Gospel Music Events, etc. (Booked through 1990)

Submitted by Vera Crum

TRANSPORTATION

settlements at Mineral Wells and Neal's Station (Parkersburg), along the route of present old Route 21, to the Kanawha Salt Springs, ran through the present site of Ripley long before the town was founded in 1832, over which salt was carried to the settlements.

Before the Civil War, the state of Virginia chartered several Turnpike and state road associations, which constructed highways through Jackson County.

The Charleston, Ripley and Ravenswood Turnpike was chartered, March 25, 1853, the sum of \$30,000 being appropriated for the road from Charleston by way of Ripley to Ravenswood, a distance of some 49 miles. It followed the general route of old Route 21 as far as Ripley. It was constructed about 1856.

The Gilmer, Ripley and Ohio Turnpike was chartered, March 19, 1850, with a \$30,000 appropriation. It ran some 61 miles from West Columbia, Mason County, via Jackson Court House to New California (Spencer), then in Jackson County. It followed much of the route of present Route 33. Completed about 1852.

The Ravenswood and Reedy Creek Turnpike was chartered, February 18, 1850, with an appropriation of \$9,000. It ran some 23 miles from Three Forks of Reedy Creek, then in Wirt County, to Ravenswood, down the Big Sandy valley.

Another nearby road, the Letart Falls and West Columbia, was chartered, February 15, 1854, with a \$21,000 appropriation. It ran from Letart Falls via West Columbia, Mason County, to Ten-Mile Creek, some 11¼ miles.

The oldest road company, over which many early settlers came to this county from Virginia, was the James River Company (later James River and Kanawha), chartered in October 1784, a year after the Revolutionary war ended, with a \$3,437,921.51 appropriation.

The Parkersburg-Charleston Turnpike was opened in 1855, and the narrow, primitive road to Spencer and beyond was relocated, widened, improved, and placed under toll.

All of these early roads were toll roads, like the present West Virginia Turnpike. The tolls allowed

by law for travel on these turnpikes were as follows: On each section of five miles, for one horse, mule or jennet, when not hitched to a vehicle, three cents; for five or more such animals, one cent each; for 20 sheep or hogs, five cents; for 20 cattle, ten cents; one wagon, if tires be less than five inches in width, and for each animal drawing it, three cents; if tires be more than four but less than seven inches in width, two cents; if seven inches or more in width, one cent. The more narrow wheel widths would tend to rut the roads more than the wider ones, hence the higher price.

It proved nearly impossible to keep the dirt roads in good enough condition at times to justify the payment of tolls. The heavy traffic over these roads during the Civil War so damaged them that they did not recover until the 1870s.

Of course, until the era of covered bridge building after the Civil War, there were no bridges on any of these roads, except across Mill Creek, at Ripley, in the late 1840s. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

WATER TRANSPORTATION

From the beginning of settlement in the county, the Ohio River has been a primary source of transportation for the citizens. The early explorers, traders, and early settlers usually came here by boat on the river, as was the case of Benjamin Cox, William Hannaman and James McDade, of Harrison County, who probably came by flatboat in May 1796, when they established homes on Warth's Bottom, the first settlers in the present county.

Flatboats, Keelboats, and plain log rafts, were employed in trade on the river in early days and maintained their place even after the coming of the steamboat, the first of which, the *New Orleans*, was built in Pittsburgh in 1811. By 1826, it was estimated that there were 143 steamboats in service on the Mississippi and its branches.

Enterprising merchants at Ripley Landing (Millwood), Ravenswood and Murraysville owned

EARLY ROADS

It is said that the first wagon road was cut out of the forest from Ripley Landing (Millwood) to Jackson Court House (Ripley), by Jackson Smith, contractor, shortly after 1832. Prior to this, there had been only packhorse trails in the county.

When a new road was built in the early days, there was little or no digging or grading. All that was required was to cut away the underbrush and saplings growing in the way, and cut and roll away the logs from the proposed track. If the logs were too large, or the girth of the trees too great, the road builders merely swerved the road to one side a bit and went around them. By following along the bottoms after the country was partly settled up Mill and Big Sandy creeks, most side grades were avoided.



Local residents are pictured building road up Tolley Hill on Billy's Run near Gay, about the year 1914. From l. to r. — Ray Tolley, Everett Rhodes, S.O. (Duck) Tolley, Cyril Rhodes, Holly Rhodes, W.H. (Will) Tolley, Olaf Lytton, Lloyd Litton, Lloyd Casto, Henry Lytton and John Tolley; all deceased. Photograph belongs to Fay Archer

After road work was begun, every Friday and Saturday during the summer was road work day, on which all healthy men and grown boys were required to keep the roads in good order, unless they were already in good shape, or it would interfere with militia muster.

The old Charleston Pack-Horse Trail from the



The "Virginia" high and dry in a cornfield at Willow Grove, WV (ca. 1910)

wharfboats, which were much like warehouses, and served as relay points for the handling of outgoing and incoming merchandise. Daniel Frost owned the wharfboat at Ripley Landing in 1850, which served the needs of folks in the Mill Creek valley; Bartholomew Fleming, that at Ravenswood, serving the Big Sandy valley and the Spencer section, and the one at Murraysville served the upper end of Jackson and part of Wood. There was a steamboat yard at Murraysville from 1837 to 1884, and many steamboats and wharfboats were built there during that period.

Even after the coming of the railroads, the steamboat remained as a primary means of trade and transportation, though the passenger trade

gradually declined as roads were improved. Today, river traffic largely consists of barges, usually several of them in a unit, propelled by one tugboat. A great deal of merchandise such as coal, iron ore, oil, etc., is still carried on the river.

COVERED BRIDGES

After the Civil War, many covered bridges were erected in the county to span the larger streams, including one across Mill Creek, at Ripley; one at Cottageville; across Big Sandy at Ravenswood; at Chase's Mill, above Ripley; across Tug Fork at Staats Mills, and across Sarvis Fork at Odaville.

Presently, the only ones still standing are the bridge at Odaville, and the Staats Mills bridge,



Staats Mills Bridge at present location, Cedar Lakes

erected in 1887, which has been moved to the Cedar Lakes FFA-FHA Camp above Ripley and reconstructed at a cost of some \$100,000. The original cost of construction in 1887 was \$1,735.35!

Bridges were covered to preserve the timbers, strengthen the structure, and because horses are afraid of heights and rushing water, to make them think they were in a barn. Some covered bridges are over 100 years old. Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

RAILROADS

The Ohio River Railroad, later purchased by the Baltimore and Ohio, was built along the Ohio River from Parkersburg to Huntington in 1885-1886. It is now the only railroad in Jackson County.

In 1888, the Ripley and Mill Creek Valley Railroad, built with local capital, was constructed up the Mill Creek Valley from Millwood to Ripley.

The Ravenswood, Spencer and Glenville Railroad, also constructed by local capital, was built up the Big Sandy Valley to Spencer in 1892.

In 1897, there were three trains daily southbound and northbound on the Ohio River Railroad. On the other railroads, one train on each line went to Ripley and Spencer in the morning and returned to Ravenswood and Millwood in the afternoon.

These branch lines were later acquired by the B&O. Both have long since been discontinued and the tracks taken up. Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

INDUSTRY PRE-1860

Local industries in the county before 1860, other than the steamboat yard at Murraysville, were usually family affairs. The first settlers were often obliged to make most of the articles they needed for farming and furnishing their homes, as they could seldom bring much furniture or farming implements over the trails by horseback when coming into the county.

As the population grew, it was more feasible for certain members of the community to specialize in various necessary trades and by the 1850 Census the following occupations were listed: Millers, 22; Millwrights, 3; Cabinet makers, 9; Mechanics, 4; Carpenters, 17; Tailors, 7; Coopers, 6; Gunsmiths, 5; Shoemakers, 10; Blacksmiths, 14; Tanners, 5; Wheelwright, 1; Saddlers, 5; Sawyers, 4; Stonemasons, 6; Ship Carpenter, 1; Brick-maker, 1; Wagon Maker, 2; Plasterer, 1; and one Manufacturer (J.J.S. Hassler, of Ripley).

The cabinet makers fabricated the furniture for the homes. The coopers made the barrels in which flour, salt, whiskey, etc., was stored. Shoemakers made the footwear, often visiting around through the country to do so. Tanners manufactured the leather from which the shoemakers made the shoes, and the saddlers made the saddles for the horses and the harness for horses and oxen. The blacksmiths could make almost any article of iron needed, and the gunsmiths could manufacture firearms from "scratch." Communities in the county were largely self-sufficient, needing only a few items, such as salt, not made locally.

JACKSON COUNTY MILLS

One of the hardships faced by the early settlers was that of grinding their corn into meal and wheat into flour. These first pioneers ground their corn by putting it into a hollowed out stone and pounding it with a log rounded at one end. This method produced a coarse meal which was used to make

bread and johnnycake.

As time passed and several families moved into an area, someone would build a mill to grind the grain. The mill site was generally chosen beside a waterfall or stream suitable for constructing a mill dam so that the force of the fall of the water, or head pressure, would turn the mill wheel.

In most cases the mill became a community center. Settlers brought their corn and wheat to the mill and, while they waited for it to be ground, they exchanged news and discussed religion and politics. Soon a general store would locate near the mill and the excess grain, flour or meal the farmer had would be traded to the miller or the storekeeper for groceries or other goods the farmer might need. In most cases other businesses soon followed, a blacksmith shop, wagon shop, tannery, cooper-shop and saw mill. Homes would soon be built near the mill. In time a village would form that included a schoolhouse, church, and post office.

Many of the towns and communities in Jackson County had this type of beginning.

The town of Ripley is probably the best example, in our county, of growth of a town as a result of an early mill and the other businesses that helped form the foundation of this community.

In an article written by Mrs. Winnifred E. O'Brien, she states that, "in 1824 Jacob Starcher and his son, William built the first grist mill in Ripley." According to early Mason County records Jacob Starcher received approval on December 7, 1823, to build a mill dam across Mill Creek. (Jackson County was not formed until 1831.) The mill stood on the east bank of Mill Creek near the Route 33, Main St. bridge.

This was the same Mr. Jacob Starcher who gave the land for the public square where the present Jackson County Courthouse now stands. The Starchers sold the mill to Armstrong and Stewart, who in turn sold it in 1837 to Joel Sayre. In 1839, Jacob Sayre, the son of Joel Sayre, became the owner and in 1840 he built a new mill across Mill Creek on the west bank. He also rebuilt the dam across Mill Creek. In 1842 a carding

machine was put in the mill. This machine also ran by water power.

Jacob Sayre sold the mill to John McGrew in 1853. John McGrew was a miller by trade who moved to Ripley in 1844 from Jefferson County, Ohio. McGrew increased the capacity of the mill by installing two new sets of burrs, one for wheat and the other for corn. These burrs were made of imported French stone. They were round with a hole in the center through which the grains of wheat dropped. These burrs, which were about three feet in diameter, were lined with flint with ridges cut in it which carried the wheat to the outside when the upper burr turned. These burrs, which were close together, crushed the grains of wheat as they moved to the outside. McGrew also added a steam boiler and engine for furnishing steam power when the water level was too low to operate the water wheel.

During the Civil War the mill was visited by both Union and Confederate soldiers. The purpose of their visits was to obtain supplies of flour for



Valley Mill at Ripley, WV ca. 1900

their troops and, in some cases, to destroy grain and flour before the other side could take control of the town.

It was during this period that McGrew sold the mill to his son-in-law, D.K. Hood. The Hood family operated the mill from that time until the Ripley Mill, which was then known as Valley Mill, closed around 1930.

THE COTTAGEVILLE MILL

According to early newspaper articles and condensed histories of the county, the first mills in the county were put into service between 1799 and 1802. These mills were operated by hand and horse power. A Mr. Hushen is credited with the first hand mill in Union District and Benjamin Wright erected a horse-powered mill on the present site of Cottageville in 1802. Later near this early site, a mill was erected on the banks of Mill Creek. The mill was a water-powered mill.

According to an article that appeared in the Jackson Herald on January 23, 1970, Mr. Daniel D. Rhodes purchased a mill from a Mr. Moore which was a log structure. In 1858, Mr. D.D. Rhodes rebuilt the mill and built a new cut-stone dam. At this time the community was known as Cottage Mills but the name of the village was later changed to Cottageville. This article quotes John Rhodes (who was a grandson of Daniel D. Rhodes) recalling that the only time the mill did not operate while his grandfather owned it was during the Civil War when Daniel D. Rhodes was taken prisoner by the Southern forces, having been charged with furnishing flour and meal to the Union Army. He was taken to Tennessee and was not freed for two years. When he returned he again opened the mill and operated it until his death.



The Cottageville Mill at Cottageville, WV

According to local residents the last mill work was done in 1930. Floyd Pringle was the owner of the mill at the time.

On August 4, 1965 the Cottageville Mill which had become one of our county's best known landmarks was destroyed by fire. At the time of this writing (1990) some of the foundation stones can still be seen.

STAATS MILL

In a report by Emory L. Kemp entitled, "Historic Preservation For Staats Mill Bridge, 1980," Mr. Kemp writes, "the property known as Staats Mill came into the possession of Isaac Staats in 1858. He received the deed to one acre of land including the mill and mill seat from Jacob Pfost on May 8, 1858." (Jacob Pfost probably built the first mill about 200 yards upstream on the west bank from the last mill site.)

In 1877, Isaac Staats sold the mill to his son Enoch Staats, Sr., who enlarged the mill and installed a rolling mill for producing high quality flour. On August 12, 1909, Enoch Staats sold the mill and adjoining property to Charles W. Starcher and Samuel G. Starcher. The Starcher brothers were the last operators of the mill. By 1930, the milling operations had ceased; however, the building was still used for storage. The old mill was

partly destroyed by a flood in 1956. Shortly thereafter the remainder of the mill building was dismantled.

The mill building was three stories in height, the upper two stories were over a cut-stone foundation. The dam which was used to control the water for the wheel was made of cut-stone and was probably seven to eight feet high according to Mr. Kemp. The last water wheel at the mill was made of iron. The old wheel was donated to a scrap metal drive during World War II.

SILVERTON MILL

The Silverton Mill was originally built by William Flesher in the early 1800s according to information supplied by his great-grandson, Howard Suck of Ravenswood, West Virginia. That first mill at Silverton was destroyed by fire in 1850. It was rebuilt by William Flesher and later sold to George Leonard. Leonard sold the mill to John Suck in 1886, who then sold it to John McGrew in 1896. The mill was next sold to Augustus Suck and R.B. Pickens in 1898. Augustus Suck then bought Picken's share of the mill.



Suck Mill at Silverton, WV

Augustus Suck operated the mill from 1898 to 1916. He was responsible for constructing a new cut-stone dam that was built in 1899 to insure an adequate supply of water for the mill. The dam was set into the rock-bed of the stream. It was approximately 12 feet high and arched 30 feet up Sand Creek. The large stones used in the dam were cut from the Browning Quarry at Silverton. The dam was designed so that the larger the volume of water going over the dam the tighter (stronger) the structure became. At the time of this writing the dam is still standing, a tribute to its builder.



Suck Mill Dam at Silverton, WV

The Silverton Mill ceased production in 1949 and was dismantled in November of 1980.

ROCKCASTLE MILL

G.W. Casto and his wife Myrtle operated the flour mill at Rockcastle around 1910. The mill was later sold to Orfe and Ceph Casto.

In an interview with Judge Oliver D. Kessel in December, 1989, the "Judge," who is now in his 80s remembers as a boy going to the Rockcastle Mill which was operated by his uncle. Because of the lack of water in the stream, the mill only operated when the water level was up. At these times the mill operated 24 hours a day. The farmers would come from several miles to have their wheat and corn ground. Judge Kessel remembers long lines of wagons waiting for their turn at the mill. During this time the men would exchange news, told stories and "struck" business deals. The wives and family members of the mill operator were kept busy cooking for the large crowd or helping with the milling.



Rockcastle Mill at Rockcastle, WV ca. 1900

The Rockcastle Mill closed its operations shortly after a flood in 1913, according to Judge Kessel.

The building was dismantled and brought to Ripley about 1920. The materials were used to build a two-story structure on old Charleston Drive. Charleston Drive was the main road to Ripley at that time.

THE KENNA MILL

The mill located at Kenna was known as the Grass Lick Milling Company. It was built by D.K. Hood between 1890 and 1900 at Kenna, WV. At that time Mr. Hood and his family owned several



Grass Lick Mill at Kenna, WV ca. 1910

mills in the Jackson County area. The mill was managed by Clark Greene. In an interview with Carroll "Pete" Greene in February, 1990, Mr. Greene recalled how as a young boy, he played around the large mill that his uncle Clark managed. "Back then most farmers raised their own wheat, which they brought in wagons to the mill to be ground into flour. The farmers got to keep the bran and middlings from the wheat to use for cattle feed. They also received their supply of flour. The mill charged a toll or fee for grinding their wheat. This was usually paid by the farmer giving the mill a portion of the flour which the mill owner then sold."

The mill at Kenna was a steam-power mill and

did not have a water wheel. The mill was located on land that is now owned by Cecil Wolfe and adjoins Route 21 at Kenna.

Mr. Greene believes the mill closed around 1920. The Kenna Mill was later torn down.

In addition to the previously mentioned mills there were many others; almost every town and village had at least one. There were mills in Ravenswood, Odaville, Little Pond Creek, Lockhart, Mt. Alto, Sandyville and Angerona.



Old Mill at Ravenswood

The early mills served as a nucleus for the first growth of many of our towns and communities. They provided the means of converting an agricultural crop into a usable staple of life and an item that was used in place of money for purchasing goods that could not be produced on the farm.

The grist mills served our county for over 100 years. By 1930 most all of them had closed as most farmers stopped growing their own wheat.

The once great mills are only memories now, preserved in photos and paintings, just as the lifestyle of those days are remembered in print and the reflections of yesterdays that friends pass on to the future.

Genevieve Starcher, who is now 88 years of age, recalled for this writer, how as a small child, she enjoyed standing on the Mill Creek bridge watching her father and other townspeople skating on the frozen mill pond. It's a tranquil picture of life that was the result of grist mills in Jackson County. *Submitted by Mike McGrew*

BANKS

BANK OF RIPLEY

It was back in the year 1891 that a group of businessmen realized that the time had come that a bank was needed. There was none in the county and the only places to get checks cashed were in Parkersburg and Charleston.

Farmers were increasing the size of their herds, saws were singing busy tunes as huge logs were ripped into lumber and railroad ties, all of which meant that large sums of cash were changing hands. The railroad had just been built into Ripley, which made shipping lumber, ties and staves more convenient to market.

These men applied to the state for a charter for a bank, which was issued on June 15, 1891. Sixty days later, August 10, 1891, the bank opened in a rented building, which later housed the Village Restaurant, and now Ben's Bakery.

The charter stockholders were Enoch Staats, Sr., Warren Miller, Alexis F. Parsons, H.F. Pfost, S.H. Maguire, J.L. Starcher, John M. Greer, W.M. Staats, M.S. Waybright, and D.K. Hood.

On the opening day the directors met and elected Enoch Staats as president, but he declined to serve and Warren Miller was then elected. D.K. Hood was the first vice-president, and H.F. Pfost the first cashier. Mr. Pfost served the bank either as cashier, or as president, or both, until his death in 1936.

A discount committee was named, consisting of J.L. Starcher, Enoch Staats, John M. Greer, D.K.

Hood, Warren Miller, and H.F. Pfost. Alexis F. Parsons, S.H. Maguire, and Warren Miller were appointed a committee to prepare suitable by-laws for the new corporation.

John M. Greer, D.K. Hood and J.L. Starcher, the committee named to secure suitable quarters for the new institution, lost no time in renting the building which still stands at the corner of Main and Church Streets, from Enoch Staats for \$100 a year. Furniture and the necessary equipment were soon installed, and on August 10 of that year the residents of the town and farmers from outlying sections stepped up to the window in that first humble setting and deposited their cash so that the long journey through the dark, wooded sections and their slumbers through the night could be enjoyed in peace without having to worry over sums of money hidden about the premises.

Presidents of the bank have been relatively few: Warren Miller, Lovell M. Parsons, Sr., H.F. Pfost, Dr. J. Howard Smith, W.M. Pfost, the son of the first cashier, Sattis Simmons, and James Robinson. Vice-presidents who have served the institution have been D.K. Hood, Lovell M. Parsons, H.F. Pfost, C.R. Kessel, Dr. J. Howard Smith, W.M. Pfost, Sattis Simmons, and James Robinson.

Mr. Robinson joined the bank personnel as an assistant cashier in 1946, and rapidly rose in the affairs of the bank. At the death of Mr. Parsons, he was made cashier and later became executive vice-president. From 1979 to present, he has served as president. He is a native of Kingwood, Preston County.

By 1895 the business at the bank had increased to the point where an assistant cashier was necessary, and the board of directors selected C.C. Staats to fill the position. Larger quarters were also necessary, and in 1899 a committee composed of L.M. Parsons, W.M. Staats, G.H. Maguire and D.K. Hood leased a structure from Enoch Staats on Court Street. Among earliest employees of the bank besides those already mentioned were S.G. Starcher, H.L. O'Brien, and H.S. Armstrong. Miss Frances Riley was the first lady employee of the bank and was assistant cashier for several years.

F.P.M. Pfost joined the personnel of the bank in 1910, where he remained for more than a quarter of a century, being assistant cashier a greater part of the time. On July 1, 1914, Clayton Parsons, a young school teacher, became an employee of the bank, where he served as a director, cashier and in other official capacities for 41 years. Another long time officer was W. Marion Pfost, who was president at the time of his death in 1953.

In 1971, stockholders at the annual meeting instructed officers and directors to begin planning a new and modern facility. They purchased the Village Motel property, the St. John's Episcopal Church, the home once owned by Ora Armstrong Starcher, and the home once owned by Dr. T.E. Rymer, and set about making plans for a new building, which was started in the Spring of 1974.

In 1975 when the bank occupied its new home, its officers were Sattis Simmons, president; James Robinson, executive vice-president; and Michael Hall, cashier. The directors were Sattis Simmons, James Robinson, Michael Hall, Ronald H. Adams, E.M. Reynolds, Harry Parsons, Homer H. Parsons, John W. Miller, Robert Lester, and Dr. James S. Kessel.

Effective October 21, 1988, the Bank of Ripley officially became a subsidiary of City Holding Company. It was the last locally owned bank in Jackson County. *(Taken from information supplied by the Bank of Ripley and a 1975 issue of the Jackson Herald.) Submitted by Mabel Chapman*

JACKSON COUNTY BANK

The Jackson County Bank of Ravenswood is one of the well known banks of the Ohio Valley and has a long history of service to the people of this section of the state. The directors who served

the bank during its Golden Anniversary year of 1949 were C.E. Baker, Ray E. Ritchie, W.S. Ritchie, C.R. Rowley and C.C. McGlothlin. The officers and employees were Ray E. Ritchie, president; C.E. Baker, executive vice-president; F.P. Chambers, cashier; Claymore Rowley and Anna Gettys, assistant cashiers; and Gertrude Jones, Gladys Palmer and Lorene Reynolds, bookkeepers.

The charter was granted for the bank on January 31, 1899 by the then Secretary of State William M.O. Dawson and the organization was formed on February 21 of that same year with a total of \$25,000 in capital stock subscribed.

The original stockholders were Seldon Hutchinson, G.W. Park, J.B. Morgan, J.A. Cole, A.J. Board, S.C. Harper, E.C. Smith, A. Suck, Charles Watts, P.S. Anderson, K.C. Hutchinson, W.L. Rector, F.F. McIntosh, Charles Landfried, N.D. Warfield, J.B. Hall, W.C. Ernest, E.H. Lytle and J.H. Wetzel. At the stockholders' meeting on February 21, 1899, directors were elected as follows: A. Suck, F.F. McIntosh, J.B. Hall, Seldon Hutchinson, S.C. Harper, G.W. Park and J.B. Morgan.

The directors chose Seldon Hutchinson as the first president, A. Suck as the vice-president, F.F. McIntosh as the secretary of the board of directors and elected G.W. Park as the cashier at a salary of \$45 per month and J.B. Morgan as the assistant cashier at a salary of \$25 per month.

The Harry L. Bond building was leased for a one year period and with a dry goods box for a counter the bank opened for business on April 1, 1899. On that first day the deposits were by C.R. Thorn \$70; A. Suck \$337; J.B. Hall \$491.73; Mrs. Zora Morgan \$40, and the total deposits for the first month were \$10,101.03.

Ninety-one years of service to the community and to the county has made the Jackson County Bank an institution which has been a vital force in the building of the county.

The bank at the present time, 1990, has 23 employees. Officers are Bruce Bingham, president; Thomas M. Lookabaugh, executive vice-president and cashier; Donna J. Overton, loan officer; and Betty Mathew, assistant cashier.

Serving on the Board of Directors are Claymore Rowley, chairman, Bruce Bingham, Charles V. Kelly, David R. Karr, William S. Ritchie, Jr., A. Clark Ritchie, Stephen F. Seaman, Robert P. Hartley, William E. Mildren, Jr. of Parkersburg, Larry G. Johnson of Parkersburg, and Thomas Webster of Parkersburg. *Submitted by Mabel Chapman*

THE CITIZENS STATE BANK

On September 11, 1909, George B. Crow, O.J. Morrison, C.F. McCoy, T.J. Sayre, H.S. Armstrong, C.W. Starcher, A. Presley, E.A.F. Parsons, Kenna Click, A.L. Flesher, D.W. Hinzman, W.H. O'Brien and S.G. Starcher met in the Maguire Hotel, at Ripley, West Virginia, and received a certificate of incorporation from the West Virginia Secretary of State, dated August 27, 1909, authorizing the operation of a bank in Ripley under the name of the Citizens State Bank, and elected all present as members of the board of directors.

The Board of Directors met later in the afternoon and elected C.W. Starcher, president; John P. Kiser, vice-president; George B. Crow, cashier; and H.S. Armstrong, assistant cashier.

The Board audited and approved the accounts and records of the building committee and authorized payment of all the claims for repair to the Hotel property, furniture, fixtures, vault, directors' room and for a cement walk around the bank. The committee was directed to secure a deed from Mrs. D.D. Karr for the lots bought from her.

The Citizens State Bank immediately opened for business on the old site of the First National Bank, now United National Bank. Operations of the Citizens State Bank were continuous until its

merger with the First National Bank of Ripley on July 1, 1927, pursuant to the Articles of Agreements, bearing date April 30, 1927.

C.W. Starcher was president of the bank from September 11, 1909 to July 1, 1927. Vice-presidents were J.P. Kiser, September 11, 1909 to December 7, 1918; S.B. Sayre, December 7, 1916 to July 1, 1927; G.B. Crow, December 5, 1914 to July 1, 1927.

Cashiers were G.B. Crow from September 11, 1909 to December 3, 1914, and H.S. Armstrong from December 3, 1927.

Directors serving at sometime between 1909 and 1927 are H.S. Armstrong, W.A. Carney, K.M. Click, G.B. Crow, A.L. Fletcher, W.D. Hinzman, John P. Kiser, W.A. Lee, C.F. McCoy, James McKown, O.J. Morrison, W.H. O'Brien, Greek A. Park, E.A.F. Parsons, T.I. C. Parsons, A. Presley, S.B. Sayre, T.J. Sayre, C.W. Starcher, S.G. Starcher, E.L. Stone, and J.R. Vail. (Taken from information supplied by the United National Bank)

Submitted by Mabel Chapman

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK (NOW UNITED NATIONAL BANK)

As the Valley Bank surrendered its charter on the eve of August 3, 1915, to the State of West Virginia, the new bank, The First National Bank of Ripley, assumed its credits and liabilities, and has carried on its business in the same progressive spirit of its founders, searching ever for better, safer, and more efficient ways of serving the public.

In 1927 the Boards of Directors of The First National Bank and The Citizens State Bank, realizing that neither had sufficient space or facilities to give to the progressive people they served the type of banking services they so rightly and richly deserved, by uniting and combining their assets, they could afford to give such service to the public, and in the interest of progress and for better banking services, consolidated, with George B. Crow as president, W.E. Walker as vice-president, George E. Straley as cashier, and H.S. Armstrong, as assistant cashier.

The Boards of Directors of the two banks merged into one board.

Steeped in the heritage of banking progress, a priceless heritage of its predecessor banks, the new The First National Bank immediately erected a new bank building on the location of The Citizens State Bank on Main and Court Streets. It was designed to give the county the latest in banking services, which the board of directors then felt would be adequate for the next 50 years. Within 25 years, the building was inadequate and was completely remodeled.

On April 30, 1966, The First National Bank purchased from the heirs of Dr. Richard Camden Starcher property on North and Court Streets, adjoining the I.O.O.F. Building, which is the present location of the bank. H.B. Agsten, Jr. was the contractor for the present building, which took 18 months to build, and in 1973 they moved into the new facility. On August 28, 1989, it became United National Bank.

Presidents who have served are R.P. Shinn, W.E. Walker, G.B. Crow, Burton Crow, and William E. Casto.

Vice-presidents have been S.G. Starcher, D.E. Kessel, W.E. Walker, Burton Crow, and R.C. Starcher.

Persons having served as cashiers are W.W. Riley, G.E. Straley, H.S. Armstrong, A. Clyde Wright, J. Vernon Fisher, and Gweneth S. Botkin.

Directors who have served are: William E. Casto, W.M. Casto, Burton Crow, G.B. Crow, J.C. Fisher, C.E. Goodwin, Stephen P. Goodwin, W.D. Hinzman, Howard Kerwood, D.E. Kessel, Oliver

D. Kessel, Charles Kittle, J.M. Landfried, Jackson Long, Ralph M. Mills, P.E. McKown, L.D. Parsons, P.H. Rardin, W.W. Riley, Raleigh S. Rogers, S.B. Sayre, T.J. Sayre, J.B. Shinn, R.P. Shinn, W.W. Shinn, Estel Simmons, R.E. Staats, C.W. Starcher, C.W. Starcher, Jr., E.C. Starcher, Genevieve Starcher, S.G. Starcher, George E. Straley, J.B. Vail, Jack Walker, Margaret Walker, W.E. Walker, Oscar Wallace, and A. Clyde Wright.

Directors at the present time, 1990, are Genevieve Starcher, chairperson; Oliver D. Kessel, vice-chairperson; C.E. Goodwin, William E. Casto, Raleigh S. Rogers, Oscar Wallace, and Charles Kittle. Submitted by Mabel Chapman

THE VALLEY BANK

The Valley Bank was chartered by the State of West Virginia on April 8, 1893. The first meeting of the stockholders of the bank was held in the office of W.W. Riley, in the Town of Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia, on May 1, 1893, at which time J.L. Starcher, John T. Vail, E.H. Rader, W.W. Riley, P.E. McKown, E.E. Starcher, and Hiram Douglass were elected as directors.

The directors, at a meeting immediately following the adjournment of the stockholders meeting, elected J.L. Starcher as president; E.H. Rader as vice-president; and W.W. Riley as cashier.

J.L. Starcher was president of the Valley Bank from 1893 to 1902. Others who served as president are J.O. Shinn from 1902 to 1910; W.E. Walker from 1910 to 1914; and R.P. Shinn from 1914 to 1915.

Vice-presidents who served are E.H. Rader 1893 to 1894; Hiram Douglass 1894-1902; J.T. Vail 1902 to 1906; W.E. Walker 1906 to 1910; C. C. Staats 1910 to 1914; and S.G. Starcher 2/4/1915 to 6/20/1915.

Cashiers were W.W. Riley 1893 to 1900; J.L. Starcher 1900 to 1901; H.S. Armstrong 1901 to 1902; C.C. Staats 1902 to 1907; and W.W. Riley 1907 to 1915.

Directors who served at some time during the existence of the Valley Bank were J. R. Casto, Hiram Douglass, W.A. Ellis, L.E. Graham, John Hargrove, J.M. Kessel, P.E. McKown, Warren Miller, O.J. Morrison, W.H. O'Brien, B.F. Rader, E.H. Rader, W.W. Riley, Josephine Sayre, J.O. Shinn, R.P. Shinn, C.C. Staats, Enoch Staats, Theodore Staats, E.E. Starcher, J.L. Starcher, S.G. Starcher, John T. Vail, Margaret Walker, and W.E. Walker.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley Bank held on the 1st day of May 1893 state: "On motion the following resolution was adopted, to-wit: Whereas, under verbal authority heretofore given to J.L. Starcher by the stockholders of the Valley Bank he said Starcher did on the day of 1893 purchase for and on behalf of said Bank a house and lot in the Town of Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia, from John M. Greer at and for the sum Nine hundred and fifty dollars." "And said Starcher also purchased, for and on behalf of said Bank, a plate steel vault and doors, for which he paid the sum of \$160.00, and also contracted for the repair and rebuilding of the house on lot so purchased by him, with Frey and Hall, for the sum of \$205.00, and said Starcher has also contracted for one of Herring-Hall-Marvin Co's burglar proof safes at the price of \$700.00."

"Therefore, resolved, that all acts of said J.L. Starcher in relation to said purchase and contracts be, and they are hereby ratified and in all respects confirmed."

The lot purchased by J.L. Starcher for the first home of the Valley Bank is now the site of the Calvary United Methodist Church, situated on the Northwest corner at the intersection of Court and North Streets.

The directors, on March 25, 1907, pursuant to

the findings and directions of the stockholders, purchased from Enoch Staats, a lot on Front Street, now Court Street, and erected the second home of the Bank.

The stockholders of the Valley Bank, on July 31, 1915, resolved to surrender the charter to the State of West Virginia for the operation of a bank, and to secure such charter from the Government of the United States of America for the operation of a national bank, so as to give the people served and the community the added protection and banking services available only from national banks. On August 3, 1915, the Valley Bank closed its records and surrendered its charter, and on the morning of August 4, 1915, The First National Bank of Ripley came into existence as a national banking institution. Submitted by Mabel Starcher Chapman

³"History of Oil and Gas Industry in WV" Eugene D.

Thoenen 1964

⁴WV Geological Survey Mineral Resources Series No. MRS-7B

TIMBER AND LUMBERING

When the first settlers came to Jackson County the land was covered with an immense amount of fine white oak, yellow pine, yellow poplar, chestnut, black walnut, red oak, black oak, chestnut oak, beech and hickory, with smaller amounts of white elm, sugar maple, red maple, basswood, white ash, sycamore, white walnut, hemlock, white pine, black gum, and others usually found with them. Our forefathers must have been dismayed at the amount of hard labor required to clear a few acres in the towering forest for a corn field and garden.

The first sawmills in the county were run by water power. In 1835, there were eight sawmills in the county, and people in the county had been sending large amounts of lumber to market for years before.

As late as the Civil War, most of the lumber in the county was sawed by water power, the first steam sawmill being installed at Murfreesville in 1847. Between 1870 and 1900, portable steam sawmills were common and most of the virgin timber in the county was marketed at that time.

Much timber was floated down Big Sandy, Mill and Pocatalico creeks, and caught by booms at Ravenswood, Ripley, Millwood and the mouth of Poca. It was sawed and, after the coming of the railroads to Ripley and Ravenswood, shipped to market. Millions of board feet of lumber and other millions of cross-ties for railroads were shipped in this manner.

Lumber dealers would mark their logs with a brand, much like the cattle brands in the West, for easy identification, for example, "S" for Starcher Brothers, of Ripley.

Wagons were also used in hauling ties and lumber. George Burton Crow remembered seeing wagons waiting in line to unload at the railroad depot in West Ripley often being backed up through town and out the Charleston and Spencer roads for a mile or more. Ties usually sold for a dime. Submitted by Delmer Hite

THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY IN JACKSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Most historians agree that the oil and gas industry really started with the completion of the first commercial oil well at Titusville, PA. Col. Edwin L. Drake completed the well August 27, 1859 to a depth of 69½ feet. Other wells had been drilled previously but their use was primarily medicinal and this only required small quantities. The Civil War drastically speeded the Industrial Revolution in the North and the demand for oil as

a fuel and a lubricant for machines was greatly increased.

Speculation in oil ran wild and spread rapidly from these beginnings. Oil fever speculation saw land being leased for as much as \$2,000.00 per acre near Burning Springs in Wirt County.¹ This area was the oil center of the state and became the target of a Confederate Army raiding and foraging party in 1863. Barges on the Little Kanawha River were loaded with oil awaiting the spring floods and many tanks were full of oil up the hollows and along the shore. These were all set afire and subsequently exploded. The burning oil covered the river and it was ablaze as far as the eye could see. This is said to be the first military assault in history on a petroleum producing facility.

The first Oil and Gas Lease of record found in Jackson County was between Daniel D. Rhodes and others to Enterprise Oil Company of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. Land in the vicinity of Cottageville, Virginia was leased on February 15, 1861. There is no evidence of production but various areas were tested throughout the county in the ensuing years.

Later, in 1866, the first evidence of drilling occurred on lands of Phillip Rohr and his wife in Jackson County, West Virginia. However production records are not in evidence. No important oil or gas fields were discovered in Jackson County during the 19th century.

Soon after 1900 Dr. I.C. White of the West Virginia Geological Survey gave this summary of the oil and gas potential in Jackson County:²

"Jackson County is a gentle syncline, the axis of which passes NE and SW through the center of the county. This very simple geologic structure is quite unfavorable for the accumulation of either oil or gas into rich pools, and hence when the sands of the Jackson county region have been penetrated by the drill, a little oil, a little gas, and much water have been found in every well, and in nearly every sand, but no oil or gas in commercial quantity, the relief evidently being too slight to permit the separation of the three substances into pools of commercial value. Hence the future oil history of Jackson does not look bright viewed either by the result of several tests or from a purely theoretical standpoint, although it is possible that future wells may find better results in some portions of its large untested areas."

Later developments were to prove Mr. White to have slightly missed the mark.

In 1907 the first commercial natural gas field was discovered near the community of Gay by the Carter Oil Company. A considerable quantity of gas was found in the Salt Sand at a depth of about 1760 feet. However, gas was difficult to market because of the lack of pipelines and therefore the value of gas was much less than that of oil. The first field of real economic importance was the Liverpool oil field which was discovered in Ravenswood District in 1919. The oil was found in the Berea sand at a depth of 2400 feet.

Shortly thereafter in 1921 the discovery of oil near Gay in the Cow Run formation at a depth of 1350 feet produced a boom in that area. Although by today's standards these were very small fields,

at that time they were important. The U.S. now produces more oil in one day than these two early fields produced in their entire history. West Virginia was among the leading producers of crude oil in the United States in 1913 and gradually declined thereafter. The state led the nation in the production of natural gas from 1909 until 1923 and thereafter declined.³

After the discovery of the large oil fields in the western states the oil industry started a rapid decline in the east. Over production greatly depressed the price of oil. West Virginia was never again to be an important oil producer. The future was to lie in the development and production of natural gas.

Things were relatively quiet in the oil and gas industry in Jackson County until 1936. In that year the discovery of the great Oriskany Sand gas field occurred in North Kanawha County by Columbian #1 on the W.H. Baxter Lease.⁴

The Oriskany was to be the largest single sand-gas field discovered in the Appalachian Area to this date. It covers approximately 175,000 acres. This was called the Elk-Poca Field and extended through Jackson County to its Northern Border. This produced a flurry of drilling and pipeline activity and started a boom in natural gas in the county which continued hot and cold through the 1960s.

In 1966, the Rocky Fork field was discovered in Northern Kanawha County. This was the first Newburg well and drilling activity and speculation increased again. Some believed that this might well be the beginning of great new fields at greater depths. That same year the South Ripley Newburg field was discovered by Commonwealth Gas Corp. #1 on the S. Sayre lease in Ripley District at the depth of 5500 feet. Newburg production was spectacular but short lived. The largest open flow gas well east of the Mississippi River was drilled by Cities Service Oil Co. on the Hannah lease in North Kanawha County. It had an open flow measurement of 168,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day. However, like all Newburg wells the decline was rapid and moderate production followed. Newburg drilling occurred mostly between 1966 and 1975 with little being done after that.

Another aspect of oil and gas production has not yet been mentioned. The Devonian Shale formation contains large quantities of gas and oil and is present under most of Western and Southern West Virginia. It can be from 500 to 1000 feet thick but it lacks the porosity and permeability to allow the petroleum to be produced except slowly over a long period of time. This makes the economics of drilling often unfavorable. To offset this problem and to encourage Devonian production the Federal Government in the decade of the '80s granted a tax credit for production from the Devonian Shale, Tight Sands and Coal Bed Methane. This will probably be the thrust of most oil and gas production in Jackson County until the economics justify exploring the deeper formations.

The last gas field to be discovered in Jackson County, coincidentally, was in the first field near Gay. This was a basement test well which was intended to drill through all of the sedimentary rocks down to the granite below. It was drilled by

the Exxon Corporation on the McCoy Lease near the community of Statts Mills in 1975 to a total depth of 17,686 feet. It produced over five million cubic feet of gas per day from the Rome Formation at a depth of 14,356 feet. However it was finally plugged due to salt water problems which could not be overcome. It is noteworthy that a large gas pocket was discovered at 9500 feet which produced a continuous 40 foot high flare. It was plugged and drilled again by sidetracking the plugged area and the test well was completed to the granite rock below.

These discoveries have not been pursued due to the depressed condition of the Natural Gas Industry in the 1980s. However, it is interesting to speculate on what may one day be found in these deeper horizons. Submitted by Robert R. Rhodes

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INDUSTRY 1860 TO 1990

The Ripley Woolen Mill was erected shortly before the Civil War by the Hasslers and Charles H. Progler and continued in business under various owners until 1889, when the building and machinery was burned. Progler built a handle factory and planing mill in Ripley in 1876. Isaiah and Robert Vail manufactured wagons and caskets. There was a broom factory in Ravenswood in 1883, and another wagon factory at the same place. The steamboat yard at Murraysville continued in business until 1884. Several rock quarries were in operation during the period before 1900, including one at Silverton.

The virgin timber in the county was mostly cut during the period, 1870-1907, and just prior to World War I and up until the present, there has been much drilling for oil and gas in the county. Of late years, as the timber in the county has spread over much of the land as farming has diminished, there has been a steady growth in the pulpwood and lumber industry, including the WESTVACO pulpwood mill at Millwood, Burke-Parsons-Bowlby and Facemeyer Lumber, at Ripley and Dickerson Corp., Fairplain.

The greatest aid in the economy of the county was the establishment of the huge Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation plant, on the Ohio River, below Ravenswood, in 1954, which at one time employed over 3,000 workers. In 1989, the plant was sold to a conglomerate of Connecticut financiers, and is now known as the Ravenswood Aluminum Co.

A growing company, locally owned, is the Hartley Manufacturing, Inc. plant, at Ravenswood.

Also at Fairplain, are the Jackson County Livestock Market, Inc., and, recently, the Shoney Distribution Center, which supplies the Shoney restaurants in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Ripley Sportswear, Inc., with offices at Silverton, has been in business for several years.

Appalachian Log Structures, Inc., at Ripley, has also been in the business of manufacturing log cabins, houses, etc., for some time.

SCHOOLS

ANTIOCH SCHOOL

When Lincoln signed the Congressional Act on June 20, 1863, creating the state of West Virginia, the school system handed to the new state by the mother state of Virginia was poor indeed.

The families of this section of the Cow Run community saw the need and were anxious for a

community school.

At this time the only school offered was a "subscription" school held at the old Cherry Grove log church for a period of three or four months during the summer.

People of the community responsible for having the Antioch School built were George Shinn, Thomas Hartley, Job Lewellyn Hunt, William

Harpold, Frances King, Ephraim Sayre, Jacob Baier, William Lewis and Kier Rider.

The Antioch schoolhouse was built in 1865 on land along Grass Run owned by Ephraim Sayre. It was a hewed log building 28 by 30 feet with nine windows — three on the south side, three on the north, two on the west and one on the east end. The door was at the northeast corner. Ephraim

Sayre cut and hewed the logs and put the building up for \$100. A man by the name of Jones made eight seats or desks around the wall. Thomas Hartley "chinded" and daubed the cracks between the logs with mortar made of clay for the outside and with lime mortar for the inside. Two years later William Gilpin made six more seats. A blackboard three by six feet was on the wall behind the door.

In 1870, Bob Turner "weatherboarded" the building and Bill Weands painted it. The building stood on a hillside with the south side being about four feet off the ground. In cold weather the hogs, which ran at large at that time, would gather under the schoolhouse and they made quite a noise. At times the teacher would send one of the boys out to drive the hogs away.

A large heating stove which burned wood was in the center of the room. There were knot holes in the floor close to the stove and the students would poke bones or anything they didn't want to eat from their lunches through these holes.

The boys carried the drinking water from a spring some distance away from the schoolhouse. If the water was brought in during school hours, the teacher would ask someone to pass the water so all could have a drink. Everyone used the same tin cup.

The first teacher to teach in this log schoolhouse was Miss Ellen Welton of Mason City, West Virginia. The names of others teaching in this school were: Anna Taylor of Ravenswood, William Roseberry of Mason City, George Carter of Cow Run, John Swales of Scio, Ohio, Rachel McLoughlin of Flatwoods, Josie Taylor of Ravenswood.

Also, Mollie Tall of Racine, Ohio, John Davis, Frank Sayre, Samuel King, Letitia Lewis, Victoria King, all of Cow Run.

The last four were former pupils of the school. Miss Victoria King was the last teacher in the log schoolhouse. In 1882, a new school building was built by Theodore Wright and the teacher (Miss King) with the pupils moved into the new building during the holidays in 1882.

The new building was a big improvement over the log building. The students were much impressed by having outside toilets at the new building. At the log building they used the woods and brush for a screen.

Tradition relates that there was a descendant of Ephraim Sayre in attendance at every term of school from the time it opened in 1865 till the last term in 1940. This leads to the further tradition that more descendants of Ephraim Sayre attended Antioch School than from any other family which lived in the Antioch School district.



Antioch School in 1908, John J. Sayre — teacher

In addition to Miss Victoria King, those teaching in the new school building were: George Crum, Floyd Shirley, George McDermott, Madge Wilkinson Slaughter, Jessie Cleck Gilbert, Elta Sayre, Eula Sayre Hunt, Della Kessell, Mary H. King, Louise Karr, Marie Sayre, Nancy Bell Sayre Rardin, Dolly Parson, Everett Hughes, Sallie Karr Rader, Creed Ferguson and Marie Karr Brokaw, Holly Sayre, John Sayre, Georgie Lloyd, Joe Ferguson, Tennie Lewis, Miss Arnett, John J. Sayre.

Irene Rardin Coe, Stella Parson Knightstep Durst, John Gorrell, Lawrence Hunt, Etta Hughes Day, Lettie Gillespie Wineberg, Early Crum, Conrad McCoy, Bernice Ankrum Painter, Kathleen Cunningham Mann, Avis Baker Raines, and Virginia (Pinnell) Hogsett, who taught the last term (1939-40).

John J. Sayre taught more terms of school at Antioch than any other teacher. *As told by William M. King, a student of the log school house. Submitted by Thomas E. Sayre, a student of the new school building.*

ARCH A. MOORE, JR., VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER

This center is located at Liverpool, Jackson County. Students come from Roane and Jackson County by buses.

Oscar Harris is Director and Barbara Grass and Doris J. Skeen are secretaries. The following are teachers: Barbara Anderson, Randall L. Board, Wendell W. Butner, Bill Buzzard, Danny D. Cummings, John Fichtner, Dean Fisher, Donita R. Gandee, Mark E. Gillespie, Jerri J. Greathouse, Terry Gump, Foy W. Harper, James Hutton, Glada Kinison, Vickie Langford, Russell Moore, Sharyn Moore, Stacy Parsons, Barbara Scarberry, Lea Ann Sharp, Samuel L. Skeen, Enoch J. Staats, Jerri G. Stephens, John P. Wilkinson, Michael Williams, William C. Wright, and Dean Anderson.

The following subjects are taught: auto body, building construction, food services, horticulture and grounds maintenance, VoAg, nursing, CAD/drafting, child care, electronics, automotive/diesel, business and office, power sewing, marketing, computers and word processing, English, and distributive education. *Information from the Jackson County Board of Education Office*

BEATYSVILLE SCHOOL

The Beatysville School was located across the road from the Simpson M.E. Church, in Grant District, not far from the Wood County line. Land for the school was obtained from J.B. Beaty, in 1884. Some of the teachers were: Walter Lemaster, Lester Hartley, Nellie Nesselroad, Norma Kelbaugh, Harold Somerville, Chalmer Peters, Eunice Moore, Noel Bever, Lucy Cooper, Davis Seals, Jimmy Bunner, Mildred Pepper, Sam Blair, and Tracy Kittle. The school was closed after the 1931-32 school term.



Beatysville School

The photograph was taken during the 1917-1918 school term. *Row 1* Eva Stallings, Bert Stallings, Hershel Skinner, Rodney Moore, Gail Burdette, Fred Lemley, Mac Caltrider, Olin Hartley, Bill Williams and Norma Kelbaugh (teacher). *Row 2* Wayne Stallings, Albert Burdette, Oscar Lemley, Fanny Moore, Brady Hartley, Cora Skinner, Mabel Mills and Earnest Mills. *Row 3* Mary Williams, Holly Hartley, Clara Moore, Clarence Stallings, Virgie Skinner and Bud Moore. *Submitted by Bert Stallings*

BEECH GROVE SCHOOL

The Beech Grove School was located north of Medina, in Grant District, near the Beach Grove Church. Among those who taught at Beech Grove were: Charles Wilson, Nelle (Hartley) Alexander, Dessie (Archer) Rardin, Martin Archer, Jess Jarrett, Roland (Slaven) Haight, Bert Stallings, Davis Seals, Chalmer Peters, and Garnet (Boyce) Thomas. The school was closed in 1949. The school building is now owned by Herald Moore.



Beech Grove School (Grant District), 1932

Among the students who attended Beech Grove from 1918 until 1949 were: Selma Boso; Mildred, Ireta, Ray, and Harlen Bever; Herschel, Arlene, Marie, Virgil, Glen, and Argyle McKee; Eeva, Lloyd, Lois, Juanita and Marie Hill; Mildred, Margaret, Nellie, Glen and Clarence Peppers; Russell, Claude, Edgar, Ruby, Barbara, Marjorie, Quillis and Imogene Steele; Ethel, Hazel, and Delmer Seals; Paul Ross; Clarence, Lloyd, Chester, Gladys, and Virginia Moore; Murhl, Roxie, Rex and Burhl Baker; Floyd, Marvin, Darrel, Nina Jean and Eddie Emerick; Lloyd, Genevieve, Charlotte, John and Eleanor Bever; Wanda, Ray and Eulah Miller; Curtis, Oma, Ila and Lou Robbins; Olen, Helen, Eva Jean, and Ireta Shutts; Delbert Miihlbach; Earl, Opal, Lawrence, Truman, Cecil, Garnet, Lillie, Faye, and Charles Boyce; Dale and Robert Miihlbach; Calvin Moore; Joe and Glen Carmichael; Howard and Paul Kidder; Edsel and David Buchannan; Ralph and Bernice Franklin; Clair Skinner; Betty Myers; Catherine McPherson; Glen and Alma Hamrick; Beulah Holliday; Carroll and Lucille Moore; and Jackie Dotson. *Submitted by Delbert and Opal (Boyce) Miihlbach*

BEECH GROVE SCHOOL

The land for the second Beech Grove School was deeded, August 22, 1911, by George and Mazilla Sayre to the Board of Education of Jackson County. This 1/4 acre adjoined the existing school house lot in Union District, No. 8, Cow Run. The first school was built on W. W. Staats' land in the 1880s.



Beech Grove School (Union District)

The second school building was on the new lot and the first lot was taken for the playground.

Teachers remembered are: Jess Sayre, 1905,

John Gorrell, Arthur Carney, Wilmer Sayre, John Sayre, Lawrence Hunt, Freda Kay, Bernard Cunningham, Edith Baker, Mary Hughes, and B.C. Baker. Submitted by Lena Sayre

BETHEL SCHOOL

Bethel School, at Rockcastle, was built in 1881 on a lot given by "Uncle Doc" Barnette. Previously there had been a log school of the same name.

The first trustees of the new school were "Uncle Joe" Casto, Joshua Shinn and Robert Barnette. Among the pupils of the first teacher, Harvey Bonnett, were "Doc" Casto, Ernestine Barnette, Louisa Parsons, and Eliza and Sam Shinn.



Picture of students in 1941, Georgia Grady, Teacher; front row — Jean McCollum Valentine Barnette, Max Bodkins, Betty Wood, Odell Fay McCollum, Daryl Barnette, Jean Nuckles, middle row — John Sargent, Ralph Nuckles, Charles Nuckles, Otis Blankenship, Marshall Casto, Delmas Sargent, Eugene Barnette, Jean Sargent, back row — Evelyn Parsons, Opal Barnette, Eva Fisher, Phyllis McCollum, Mary Kay, Leo Sargent, Gratton Brotherton, Belle Blankenship, Inez Kay, Carroll Barnette, Clara Ann McCollum. Submitted by Faye Bush Ferguson

Some other teachers were: Florence Fisher, Ida Shreve, Profitt Staats, E.C. Bush, Cloyd Brotherton, Lloyd Wolfe, Stanley Simmons, Glenn Shinn, Cecil Parsons, Helen Parsons, Washington Green, "Oak" Casto, Rosa Parsons, Willie Sallaz, Dr. Fred Casto, Charley Ray, Orville Hill, Elta Bowles, Martin Bowles, Hoyt Barnette, Agee Bush, Edna Casto, Emory Duffield, Annie Hill, Charlie Moore, Walter Parsons, Johnnie Skidmore, George Parsons, Asbury French, Wade Casto, Roy Snyder, Billie Rankin, Dayton Casto, Georgia Grady, and Isabelle E. Stone.

After the school closed, the building was sold to Clyde Barnette in 1961.

BETHEL SCHOOL



Bethel School, ca. 1903-04

This photograph of Bethel School, Rockcastle, Jackson County was given to the Jackson County Historical Museum by Gatha Blankenship, Upper Sandusky, Ohio. The photograph was taken prior to 1908. The teacher was Orville Hill. The most likely date is 1903-04. According to Mrs. Blankenship's recall, the persons are as follows:

Front Row, Left to Right: Fred Stern, Enoch

Stern, —, Freer Casto, —, —, —, Dorothy Simmons, Debby Simmons, —, —, Dicie Casto, Phronie Barnett, Mirlie Parsons (Gatha's sister), Charlie Ray, —, —. End of first row.

Second Row: —, Mattie Balch, Rosie Casto, —, —, —, Belle Parsons, Hattie Balch, —, boy, Dayton Casto, boy on end.

Third Row: Dora Howell, Georgie Casto, Minerva Parsons, Ed Hysell, Talmadge Casto, —, Cecil Parsons, Orph (C.A.) Casto, Wilbur Blankenship (Gatha's husband's uncle), Minor Parsons, Leora Parsons, Corda Casto, Oak (O.H.) Casto, Anna Casto, John Barnette, girl on end unidentified.

Note: Three persons in this photograph later taught this school: Cecil Parsons, Oak (O.H.) Casto and Dayton Casto. Mirlie, Minerva, Cecil and Leora Parsons were children of John Bonnett Parsons, as was Gatha, who married William Blankenship. Submitted by A. Chapman Parsons and Gatha Blankenship

BUFFALO LICK SCHOOL

The little, white, one-room school standing on Wendell Casto's farm, on Buffalo Lick Run, off Tug Fork, is the Buffalo Lick School, where I finished eight years of schooling, 77 years ago. It is over 100 years old.

My family lived on Zion Ridge above the school. We walked to school carrying our lunch buckets and books.

The teacher rang the bell, calling us into class. School started with the primer class, then the reading classes, each one reading a paragraph until the lesson was finished. All eight grades were taught by one teacher. Every day at noon, we had an hour to play ball or a base game.

One teacher stands out in my memories with lots of love. He taught us three or four years. With the same teacher and students that length of time we became one family. This teacher was Willie Casto. He was more than a teacher; he was Father, Brother and Friend to us all. We didn't just learn reading, writing and arithmetic. There were two subjects you learned if nothing else: Right from Wrong, and that there were Moral Standards to live by.

My school days were the happiest days of my life. I loved all the people in our neighborhood of families. Most of our social life centered around school and church. Wednesday evenings we had literary at school. The parents all came, taking part in a spelling bee, singing or putting on plays. Every Friday we had a spelling match.

I can remember most of their names. Most are gone now, but the precious memories I have are so dear to me. I am so thankful for all the good things we were taught there.



Buffalo Lick School, ca. 1911

This picture was taken the last day of school (about 1911). The whole neighborhood came for dinner and togetherness; no wonder people want to go back to Jackson County. I went back last summer to see the old school. I wish there was some way to preserve it. That school and its

teachers have sent many fine people out in nearly every walk of life — teachers, ministers, lawyers, farmers, and a Professor at Chicago University, Homer Young.

While standing at the door of the school, I relived the poem, "Forty Years Ago." "I have wandered to the village, Tom, I sat beneath the tree, upon the school house playground, that sheltered you and me — but none were left to greet me, Tom, and few were left to know, who played with us upon the greens some 40 years ago. Some are in the church yard laid, some sleep beneath the seas, but few are left of our old class except you and me, and when our time shall come, Tom, and we are called to go, I hope we will meet with those we loved, Just Forty Years Ago."

Our school was made up of these families: Ballards, Burnem, Carpenter, Casto, Hays, McDonalds, Skidmores, Vanesses, Waybrights, Winters and Youngs. By Zona Young DeLancey

CAVIN FORK SCHOOL

The Cavin Fork School was located at Cavin Fork, in Grand District, on property which was obtained from the Boso family. The previous school was located in front of the present building. Charley Pilchard and Jess Swain constructed the last school building in the late 1920s. After the school was closed in the mid 1950s, Harrison Boso sold it to Orem Lemley. Currently, Alan and Diane Kieffer own the property and have been renovating the school building.

Teachers after 1919 included: Iris Swain, Esther Barnes, Mildred Pepper, Lucy Cooper, Anna Postlewait, Ira Allen, Davis Seals, Clark Woofter, Marie Flinn, Noel Bever, Faye Williams, James Bunner, Lahoma Poling, Bert Stallings, Naomi Kieffer, Martin Archer, Jess Jarrett, and Gay Frazier.

Students in 1919 were Freda Alexander, Gladys, Noel, Garnet and Hilton Bever; Cecil, Hazel and Eva Beach; Blanche, Georgia and Beulah Cross; Clinton Golden; Darrell, Lora and Fred Lemley, Ernest, Nolia, Opal, Mae and Richard Moore; Edith and Auline Smith.

After 1919, students included: Opal, Hobart and Corinne Alexander; Clarice Allen; Grace Bever; Claude and Florence Beach; Maxine, Lowell and Aneth Lemley; Darrell Moore; Harry and Ronald Bennett; Goldie and Fanny Hamric; Alan, Judith and Steven Kieffer; Thomas and Lois Lemley; Ruth and Aulene Moore; Ovie Nohe; Leon Patterson; Lou, Erma, Marjorie, Wanda and Stella Rhodes; Leo and Roger Rawson; Helen, Ronald and Robert Riddle; Eldo and Sylvia Seals; William, Roger and Carolyn Hendricks; James and Lillian Knox; Clifford and Garnet Miller, Amelia, Louisa and Rose Rhodes; Henry Perdue; Gene Kester; Beulah, Myrtle, Bernice, Mary and Gay Moore; Miona, Mary, Ethel and Ila Smith.



Cavin Fork School, ca. 1922-23

The accompanying photograph was taken at Cavin Fork about 1922. First Row Grace Bever and Clarice Allen. Second Row Lowell Lemley, Darrell Moore, Claude Beach, Gay Moore, Opal

Alexander, Mildred Moore, and Mary Moore. *Third Row* Maxine Lemley, Edith Smith, Beulah Cross, Auline Smith, Freda Alexander and Eva Beach. *Fourth Row* Davis Seals (teacher), Amelia Rhodes, Louvisa Rhodes, Hilton Bever, Darrell Lemley, Lora Lemley, and Mae Moore. Submitted by Lora (Lemley) Anderson

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

The first school in Sycamore Valley was on the Landfried farm, Sycamore Road, near the Ronald Randolph residence. It was a log structure and was attended by the Philip Landfried family and neighbors. It was named Centennial in honor of the Centennial Year (1876).

Willie Sallaz, a blind teacher, along with his assistant, was hired by the families to teach several terms. A bookcase from this building was given by Audrey Landfried Sayre and Rilla Landfried Skeen to the log school house at Cedar Lakes.

A new frame building replaced the log one in a new location, this time on Ludwig land, on an island behind the Centennial Church. The first teacher there was George Straley, later to become a Ripley banker. Everette Parsons, later owner and manager of the Ripley Hardware, also taught there.

In 1920, another move was made. H. Paul Parsons was hired as teacher. He was a living dynamo. He was, to me, the most energetic, fantastic individual I have ever known. He convinced the community and the Board of Education that we needed a new and larger building — a building lighted by all windows on the left, with so much air space per pupil, a building with a hall, cloak rooms (for both boys and girls), modern outdoor privies, a large level playground equipped, a library to hold new books and magazines, a 4-H Club and a Parent-Teacher organization. Centennial Community experienced a "Renaissance."

Pie and box socials were held to provide all the funds the Board could not furnish and to flush the fund one pie was known to have sold for \$40.00.



Centennial School, ca. 1922

After being in the building one year a representative from the State Superintendent's office in Charleston graded our school and pronounced it a first class Standardized School — the first and only one room school (at that time) in Jackson County to receive such an award. To add to this occasion, all the parents came, brought food for the noonday meal and a program was presented by all the children to further impress all present.

Mr. Parsons was followed by C.H. Hunt, Paul Pinnell, Mary Straley and Winnie Kerwood, Gay Frasier and Warren Cunningham. I passed on to High School to return there for a seven year hitch, the longest term for any teacher to teach at Centennial.

The last school year for Centennial was 1956. The last teacher was Betty White, but the people of this community just weren't ready to "let go" of the "hub" around which so much community activity revolved. They asked the Board of Education if we might keep our building as a Community Center, which was granted. The building has been

renovated with much labor from many loyal community minded individuals. Once a month, a Community Pot Luck Dinner is held where neighbors once again meet for an evening of conversation and entertainment. Sometimes parties and special community meetings are held there. It also serves as a place for Vacation Bible School for the Church.

Precious memories linger on. The last Saturday in June, all former students of Centennial meet, eat and visit at the Centennial School Reunion and play a guessing game — just who next will come through the door. Submitted by Rilla Landfried Skeen

CENTER POINT SCHOOL

The Center Point School was located in Parchment Valley, midway between Rockcastle and Given. Many well-known persons were pupils at this little country school.



Center Point School

Rev. Shirley Donnelly, D.D., a native of Rockcastle, son of Hugh Parker and Rosa (Parsons) Donnelly, a long-time minister of Oak Hill, West Virginia, who served as a Colonel and Chief Chaplain of Gen. George C. Patton's Third Army in World War II, and was promoted Brigadier General before his death, August 31, 1982, gave a taped tour of the area to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vencill, from which these comments on the school are quoted:

"Center Point was the name of our country school located on the point of a ridge midway between Rockcastle and Given. Only two teachers taught there when I was a child — Miss Lola Burton Parsons (the mother of Mrs. Vencill) and Ray Kessel. The latter teacher became a physician.

"One year at school, Miss Parsons gave me a book for getting the most 'head marks' in the spelling class. It was *Tales From Shakespeare*, by Charles and Mary Lamb, a pretty advanced book for a ten or 11 year old boy. That book is still in my library and has been used by college students to write in narrative form some of Shakespeare's plays.

"Right here is a little road that goes to the right. We went up that road going to school. I have seen my father hitch up the horses, put three of us in a sled on a bed of straw, cover us over with a comforter, and drive us up to that school. I have traveled this old road many a time when I was a boy. School lasted only five months a year; had a hundred days.

"If you would tie a cow up here at this house (where we had just left) and give her a five mile rope — four men went out of the area here covering about a five mile radius to become doctors or pharmacists, seven men became attorneys, one of them became a Supreme Court Judge (Oliver D. Kessel), and all of us taught school." A brother (Dr. Thomas C. Donnelly) and sister of Dr. Donnelly became college presidents.

Mrs. Lola Burton (Parsons) Lynch, mother of Mrs. Vencill, died at St. Albans, WV, June 26, 1964. She was a daughter of Dr. T.I.C. Parsons, of

Rockcastle and Ripley. Submitted by Mrs. Frances Lynch Vencill

CENTER STAR SCHOOL

Land for the Center Star School, called Center Point by Denzil Jarrett, was obtained from John Jarrett, in 1879. The school was located on Claylick Road, about a mile from the Little Sandy Road. Earlier, a log school had been located nearby and was called the Pine Log School. Some of the teachers at Center Star were: Wes Battin, George Kieffer, Joe Hicks, Iss Nesselroad, Marshall Jarrett, Ora Salser, Evert Rardin, James D. Jarrett, Denzil Jarrett, Ann Derenberger, and Mae Derenberger.

Some of the students between 1910-1920 were: Charles and Delbert Rardin; Jess, Denzil, Hazel, Helen and Lacey Gladys Jarrett; Eunice, Glen, Minor and Verna Bever; Herschel, Vane and Orpha Walters; Virgil and Fred Black; Inda and Alma Rardin; Johnny Meeker; Verna, Carl, Carroll and Cecil Boso; Bud and Clifford Walters; Bessie Flinn; Virgil, Orville and Ray Wade; Brooks, Clayton and Hazel Lynn; Velma, Burhl, Paul and Bland King; and Irene Archer.

Students in the 1920s included: Carroll, Ronald, Ruth and Earl Howard; Mary and Claude Lambert; Clela, Edgar, Orville, Catherine, Margaret, Mary, Eleanor and Murhl Wade. Alma Derenberger; Jim Reed; Murhl Rardin; Ralph, Roy, Alex and Eula Hershman; Dewain, Gladys and Niles Jarrett; Luna, Arla, Lola, and Olen Barber; Paul and William Lindamood; Catherine and Hazel Conner; Harry Wheaton; Delma and Bland King; Nora and Garnet Meeker; Thelma Bunner and Lorene Archer.

The school was closed in the late 1920s. Henry Shafer tore down the building several years later. Submitted by Denzil Jarrett and Earl Howard

CHERRY GROVE SCHOOL

The Cherry Grove School, built on the Dan Howell property, in Grant District, was located about a mile from the Milhoan Ridge Road, and about four miles from Route 68. Jim and Cindy Washburn live near the school site. The school closed in the late 1930s and was torn down a few years later by Walter Swain. Submitted by Carolyn Mühlbach

CUBA SCHOOLS

The first Cuba School was located at the top of the hill, between Little Sandy and Blood Run, in Grant District. Classes were held here until the late 1920s. Some of the teachers who taught at the first school include: Martin Archer, Ada Rardin, Wilma Howard, Faye Williams, Edwin Naylor, Clyde Hupp, Harvey Snyder and Lena Argabrite. Sunday school classes were held in the school building each Sunday morning and prayer meeting on Wednesday night. "Literary," which consisted of debates and discussions, was held one Friday night a month. A singing school was held here at least one time, with a large picnic served



Cuba School, 1925-26

after it was over.

The accompanying photograph was taken about 1925, while Martin Archer was a teacher. Those in the picture include: Mary Naylor, Inez Sargent, Mildred Sargent, Thelma Conner, Clyde Conner, Rex Miihlbach, Paul Rardin, Wade Rardin, Bessie Rardin, Carroll Starr, Carlos Starr, Charles Starr, Leo McCown, Ethel Archer, Dole Archer, Lewis Archer, Paul Smith, Virgil Smith, Beddow Smith, Nell Smith, John Smith, Bessie Flinn, Cleo Flinn, Ralph Flinn, Jane Nesselroad, Garnet Ross, Paul Ross, Walter Sands, Arl Williams, Hattie Williams, Gladys Beach, and Pearl Rogers.

About 1930, land was obtained from the Conner family to build a new school. This building was located at the junction of Little Sandy Road and Negro Run. Roland Haught was the last teacher in the old school and the first in the new one. She also taught the last term before the school was permanently closed, September 10, 1958. Others who taught at Cuba after 1930 included: Pearl Sharpe, Martin Archer, Charles Wilson, Bessie Rardin, Faye Wagner, Delbert Rardin, John Shockey, George Lee, and Faye Lindamood.

Pete Gough later bought the school building, converted it into a house, and lived there a few years. Mrs. Teets lived there awhile before it was purchased by Darrell and Marilyn Jett in 1972. Frank and Karen Bobbins moved there after buying the property in 1986. *Submitted by Hattie (Williams) Miihlbach*

DRIFT RUN SCHOOL

The Drift Run School was located on the Drift Run Road, about one mile from Route 21, in Ravenswood District. The building was on the Wick Smith property. The school closed in the 1940s and was torn down a few years later.



Drift Run School, ca. 1928-29

The photograph was taken about 1928-29. *Front Row* Wynoma (Powell) Curry, Marjorie (Hardesty) Williams, Clarestine (Angus) Wilkinson (deceased), Kenneth Griffith, and James Griffith. *Back Row* Dick Lockhart (teacher), Lucille (Angus) Maddox, Fay (Griffith) Hoselton, Linna Lee (Lockhart) Smith, Faye (Conger) Vannoy, Jessie (Smith) Thomas, Edith (Angus) Perdue, Eleanor (Kelbaugh) Griffith, and Robert Hardesty (deceased). *Submitted by Eleanor Griffith and Jessie Thomas*

DUDEON SCHOOL

Mr. Ed Tolley was the teacher at Dudeon in this picture taken about 1914. The Dudeon School was located on Dudeon Road near Goldtown. Shown in the picture are: Row one, left to right: Alvin Duff, Talmage Hammack, Aubery Fisher, Lowell Koontz, Karr Faber, Raymond Faber, Forest Counts, Warren Duff, Dencil Koontz, Ralph Boggess, Okey Hammack, Monroe Counts. Row Two: Lessie Fisher, Oma Fisher, Ivy Walker, Lestie Boggess, Letha Monday, Tennie Koontz, Bertha Fisher, Okla Fisher, Ursula Hammack, Ethel Boggess, Edith Walker, unidentified. Row Three:



Dudeon School, ca. 1914

Warren Koontz, Howard Duff, Hubert Williams, Loshia Walker, Sadie Boggess, Mr. Ed Tolley (teacher). Dovie Hutton, Beddie Koontz, Lessie Koontz, Lessie Walker, Roy Fisher. Row Four: Denver Fisher, Opal Monday Eric Pfost, Goble Monday, Robert Hutton, Rubel Counts, Holland Koontz, Bradford Fisher, Hobart Fisher, Patric Berry. *Submitted by Bertha Fisher*

EARLY HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN JACKSON COUNTY

West Virginia was a part of Virginia until 1863, so its early education was influenced by the laws of that state. The first school legislation was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia in 1796, which provided that "the schools of each township (county) be managed by three able and honest men." They were appointed by the county court. In 1817, the number was increased to five and later to ten. They were called County School Commissioners. The county was divided into school districts. The citizens of each school district assembled to select a site for the school. The expense of erecting the building and paying the teacher was by taxation of the county. In 1809, the Virginia Assembly established a state school fund of the sum of \$45,000 to be distributed among the counties on the basis of white population. The western counties got little. It was known as the Literary Fund. Later it became known as the General School Fund. Schools were free to white children for three years, then tuition was charged. The curriculum was the Three-R's. In 1846, the General Assembly provided the counties with the right to vote upon the question of supporting schools by taxation. Two-thirds of the citizens had to favor the free school system to establish it.

In 1831, Jackson County was formed from parts of Kanawha, Mason and Wood counties. It is difficult to determine the enrollment, amount of money spent, the names and location of schools for the exact area which is now Jackson County, as the records, what few exist, show the date for the whole of the former counties, Wood, Mason and Kanawha. We are not sure that any of the ten school commissioners lived in what is now Jackson County. We do know that in 1833 Jackson County received \$300 from the General School Fund.

The first school commissioners for Jackson County were Henry Shearman, William Shepherd, Thomas Cain, Johnathon Casto, Gilbert Boswell, Thomas Boggs, John Warth, Ephriam Evans, George Stone and Jesse Carney.

The school commissioners selected the county superintendent who served as secretary, treasurer, and also taught school to give him sufficient duties and more pay to attract qualified persons. He supervised instruction, conducted teacher training institutes, and held examinations for certificates, etc.

The first county superintendent was appointed October 26, 1846, 15 years after the county was formed. He was Andrew Flesher, one of the prom-

inent teachers of the time. Other superintendents from that date to 1900 in order were John Armstrong, J.A. Ewing, George W. Moffett, A.C. Tidd, A.F. McMillan, George B. Crow, Louis Young, R.H. Hughes, H.P. Halbert, W.P. Kerwood, Isiah Parsons, W.G. Duer, J.W. Crites, P.H. Rardin, S.U. Rhodes, W.A. Rankin, and W.M. Sallaz (often called the blind superintendent). Under Virginia law they were appointed for a one year term. When West Virginia became a separate state in 1863, the Constitution provided for their election by the people for a two year term. In 1895, the term was lengthened to four years. It remained thus until 1933 with the advent of the county unit, when the law provided for their being appointed by the board of education as at present.

Between 1846 and 1900, the salary of the superintendent ranged from the sum of \$250 to \$450 per year. The teaching responsibility was dropped when the number of schools increased. During this early period Jackson County was fortunate to have had superintendents who were well prepared for their time and who were intensely interested in education for children. Two were particularly outstanding. One was George W. Moffett, the first superintendent under the new state. He was a member of the Constitution Convention, and served as a member of the education committee of that body. He urged the inclusion of provisions for free schools which was done. The Constitution stated that "the Legislature shall provide for a thorough and efficient system of free schools." That provision is still in the Constitution. The other superintendent of distinction was A.C. Tidd of Murraysville who was particularly progressive. He served 1867-69. His letters to the State Superintendent of the Schools recommended better teacher preparation, teachers institutes, better teacher certification examinations, more school buildings, better record keeping, and a more uniform system of distributing state aid.

The first school taught in the county was at Cottageville in 1807 by Andrew Hushan. The second was at Murraysville in 1818 (Teacher not known). The first school at Ripley was taught in 1829 by John Armstrong, who later became a county superintendent. The first school in Ravenswood was in 1837 and taught by "a man named Smith."

Records show that additional schools were established at the following places before the Civil War: Muses Bottom, Sandyville, Fairplain, Lockhart, Parchment, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Olive, Gay, Oak Hill, Staats Mill, Angerona, Evans, Kenna, Silverton, Kentuck, and Toppins Grove. These were the "official Schools" but not the only ones which existed in the county at that time. They were the ones operated by the school commissioners and received some financial aid from the county and state. Several others operated on a tuition basis and were private in a sense, so no records of their enrollment were kept. They were established by the citizens of the neighborhood who erected the schoolhouses at their own expense, or used a church, and paid the teacher. They were open to all children whose parents were able and willing to pay a small tuition, take turns boarding the teacher, or furnishing the wood for the fires. These schools were known by various names, such as "private," "tuition," "subscription" schools, and in some places as "old field" schools.

The typical school building was of logs, hewn or round, chinked with clay and stones. Usually it was 20' to 22' wide and 24' to 30' long. The floor was of hewn logs and in some instances a dirt floor was not unusual. A wide fireplace was across one end of the room; later Franklin and Burnside stoves were used. Desks were of hewn boards; so were the benches. In the 1890s patent furniture began to come into use in some schools. Pins were inserted in logs along the wall on which coats and caps were hung. In cold weather lunches were kept

on the floor or on a bench near the stove to keep them from freezing. Windows were of glass and sometimes greased paper was used to replace a broken pane on a temporary basis (temporary often meant the remainder of the year). Boys and girls were seated and played separately. The schoolhouse was used for community and often for church uses and meetings. The teacher was usually the janitor, or sometimes the larger boys took turns in "sweeping out" as it was called.

School reports show there were five school buildings, all log, in 1865. By 1875 there were 25 log and 44 frame buildings. Statistics in 1865 may not have been complete. Also, by 1875, the school boards had probably taken over many of those built by private citizens. This was a period of an elaborate school building program. This was partly due to the influence of the county superintendents, but such things as pride in the new state, people seeing the need for education, and more contacts with the outside world through the use of the Ohio River and new railroads built across the state had their influence.

In 1870, following the recommendations of Superintendent Tidd, teacher institutes were held. They provided speakers on new and better methods of teaching and gave the superintendent an opportunity to present his program for the year ahead. At an institute during that first year, a County Teachers Association was formed. In 1885, a Peabody Institute for Teachers was conducted with a Dr. Newell from Maryland in charge. It was financed by funds from the Peabody Foundation, a fund established by George Peabody, a merchant in Peabody, Massachusetts, to assist with education in the South through teacher training. This was a sort of normal training school of short duration for teachers.

In 1869, a state report shows 17 women and 67 men teachers in Jackson County. The parents felt it took a man to maintain strict discipline. Discipline was a problem with so many large boys being in the elementary school as there was no other place for them to go - no high schools at that time. Miss Lou Warth, a woman teacher from the Millwood-Ravenswood area, was outstanding. It is said that she helped to influence the public that women could teach as well as men.

In 1866, the average term was slightly over three months. The average salary was about \$30.00 per month. In 1833, parents paid \$2.25 per pupil tuition for a term, called a quarter of 13 weeks. Many of the teachers were what was known as "itinerant teachers" who traveled from community to community and organized a school, taught it, and moved on to another community and organized another school, so the process went on for the year. He usually boarded around with the pupils (an earlier reference has been made to these schools). In most instances the teacher had no certificate; he had to sell himself to the parents. Sometimes he was also a minister. He came, taught school, moved on. If he were good, he was likely to be invited to return the next season.

During the '70s and '80s the term of school, was usually four months or more. This was an increase from three months around 1865. In 1890, the Legislature passed a law providing for more than a four month term, if approved by a vote of the people. In 1903, the law provided for a term of five months. In 1919, the Legislature increased the term to six months with two weeks being added to the term each year until an eight month term was reached in 1923. It remained at that number until 1933, with the coming of the county unit, when the term was increased to nine months. The independent Districts of Ravenswood and Ripley had longer terms during this period if the money was available.

Attendance was not compulsory at first. Around 1900, a weak attendance law was passed, but it was ineffective. Attendance laws were

strengthened somewhat after World War I.

In the early days the curriculum consisted of the three-R's. Subjects were added as time elapsed, especially in the larger schools. German was taught to a few students in Ravenswood in 1874. *In the main, the sentiment of the people determined what the teacher should teach. Schools can easily get too far away from the people by whom they are supported and for whom they exist.*

Some of the books used were: McGuffey's Readers, White's Geography, Harvey's Grammar, Ray's Arithmetic, Goodrich's History and Penmanship by Spencer. Books were a problem as they were scarce, so in many cases the teacher used what the pupils brought. In 1887, a law required hygiene and physiology to be taught.

Until 1874, the schools were of an ungraded nature, each teacher grouped pupils according to their skill levels and there were no formal grades. Some peddlers of pedagogy seem to think they have discovered something new and call it the ungraded school, but the idea is nothing new; it is as old as the school system itself. These persons are really "educational antique dealers." In 1874, Alexander L. Wade of Morgantown introduced the graded school plan. It provided a form of organization for schools and instruction as they increased in size and complexity. The plan was adopted statewide and spread across the nation.

After West Virginia became a state, teacher certification was in the hands of the county superintendent. Our early superintendents were persons of scholarship, high ideals, and were progressive. Examinations were conducted once a month at the home of the superintendent. They could be either oral or written. Superintendent Tidd, having a great regard for good scholarship, established a high level procedure for certification in Jackson County. He conducted only written examinations, open to the public, and named two outstanding teachers to assist in giving the examinations and grading the test papers. The test consisted of "ten written answers of adequate length."

A grade of 90 per cent or above rated a No. 1 Certificate; 80 per cent or above a No. 2; 70 per cent or above a No. 3; 60 per cent or above a No. 4; and 50 per cent or above a No. 5. Test results in 1869 showed that of 100 applicants 16 failed, five qualified for a No. 1 Certificate and 79 qualified for certificates of lesser degree. Salaries in 1873 for the five grades of certificates were: No. 1-\$30; 2-\$28; 3-\$26; 4-\$24 and a No. 5 Certificate \$20 per month. Grades four and five were later eliminated.

Superintendent Tidd recommended the procedure described for teacher certification to the State Superintendent of Schools and much of it was enacted into law.

Summer schools for teachers were organized so teachers could take courses to help them pass the certification test. Sometimes they were called "select" schools or "summer normals." They were the forerunners of the Lee Normal School terms held in Ripley during the early part of this century. The summer normals were taught by outstanding teachers who were holders of the No. 1 Certificate.

Negro education is a part of the story of schools in Jackson County although many of the younger persons will be surprised to learn about it. The Constitution of the new state provided for separate schools for negroes. Reports show that in 1870 there were 28 negro children enrolled in the school enumeration of Gilmore District (now Ravenswood District). Records about them are very incomplete. In 1873, there were 58 negro children in the county school census. The largest settlements were in the Ohio River area of the county, riverfront parts of Grant and Ravenswood Districts. Three or four families were listed in Mill Creek District (now Ripley District). Most of the negro families came by riverboat as slaves. In 1887-89,

there were six negro schools in Jackson County. Reports show that a larger percent of the negro children enrolled in the school census attended school than did white children. Negro families usually lived in clusters, which may explain the difference, or it may have been that negroes saw the need for education, now that they were free from slavery.

The negro teachers were as well qualified as the average white teachers. Of the four known ones, J. T. Stevens, John Meyers, George Male and A. C. Male, three had second grade certificates and one a third grade. Their salary was the same as that for white teachers. Gradually the number of negro children decreased until no negro schools were needed.

There is a record of higher education in Jackson County. In 1858, W.A. Harmon from New York established the Union Academy in Ravenswood. It was a subscription school with tuition being \$3 per quarter term. It operated four terms per year. The school flourished and provided high quality education for the community. During the Civil War Mr. Harmon joined the Union Army, and in 1864 the Board of Education of Gilmore Township purchased the building and opened a free public school.

In 1898, the Ohio Valley College was established in Ravenswood by joint efforts of the West Virginia Methodist and the United Brethren church conferences (now the United Methodist Church). The churches raised \$6,000, and the Town an equal amount to provide \$12,000, for a building. It had an enrollment of 150 to 200 students. The faculty consisted of eight persons, including some well known names. The President was Virgil A. Lewis, a former State Superintendent of Schools and author of "History and Government of West Virginia." Another staff member was Warren Wood, a Ravenswood native, a Professor of Rochester College of Business, and author of "When Virginia Was Rent in Twain" and "Tragedy of the Deserted Isle." Max Polsene of St. John's College, Danzig, Germany, taught foreign languages and music. He married Jessie Fleming of Ravenswood. The curriculum was literary, music, normal training and commercial. Tuition was \$27 for 40 weeks. The school was discontinued after five years when F.P. Harris, Vice-President and the very energetic leader of the enterprise was killed when he fell from the building under construction. Such deep gloom was cast over the school that it, too, died away.

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ECHO SCHOOL

Echo School #44 was located on Stone Ridge, two miles from Ripley. It was situated on one-half acre lot conveyed to Board of Education, 1894. The 30x36 school house was built in center front of the rolling lot with flag pole in front and outhouses opposite back corners. In later years a coal house was built. The Echo school was so named because the sound of pounding hammers echoed during construction. A pot-bellied stove was in center, desk seats at each side; boys on right, girls on left. The windowless side had long fiberboard painted black. The planed "recitation" bench sat parallel to blackboard, teachers desk and chair nearby. "Dinner buckets" that were anything

from syrup or lard buckets to occasional "bought" lunch buckets were kept on shelves in front corner. Coats were hung behind the door. Water carried from nearest house was in bucket on wall shelf with dipper for dipping into individual cups. A large oak bookcase, termed "The Library," built by Frank Hogsett was attached to the wall. Proceeds from annual pie socials were used to purchase books, crockery water fountain with spigot, dictionary and hanging world globe. Students were termed pupils. Mathematics was called arithmetick. Spelling, penmanship and grammar was stressed. The teacher usually had Normal Instructor and Primary Plans magazine for helps in teaching all the grades.

School "took up" at 9 a.m., day ended at 4 p.m. with one hour noon and 15 minutes recesses mid-morn and mid-afternoon. An older pupil was the janitor. He arrived early to build fire and leaving after cleaning the blackboard and floor, earning but a few dollars for the 7-8 month term. Teachers salaries were meager. An earlier teacher was Robert Riley, later Lula Hogsett in intermittent years, D.M. Dorsey, Faye French Bowles, Georgiann Woodard Hutchinson, Mary McGrew Parsons and Lillie Simmons Winter.



Echo School

Echo School was the hub of most community events. There were also Spelling Bees, Literary debates, special occasion programs such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, and last day of school. Last day of school was a picnic event with old and young in families attending. Each school district had three trustees appointed by the Board of Education. A county Superintendent visited every school during the year.

At noon and recess time, the boys played marbles in a large ring, base, ante-over and stilt walking. The rest played London Bridge, blind man's bluff, drop the handkerchief and skip-to-my-lu.

Enrollment gradually decreased. Echo was closed at the end of the 1927-28 term, because the required minimum 12 pupil enrollment couldn't be met. The building was used by Farm Women's Club for meetings, programs and picnics, until 1934, when the Board of Education auctioned the buildings which Fred Hogsett bought. The property reverted to the land owner at that date, Fred Hogsett. *Submitted by Leora Sayre*

EMMA SCHOOL

Before the first school house was built on Lockhart's Fork, the students attended school in a combined log church and school building. This was located at Wiseburg and Providence, sometime in the late 1830s or early 1840s.

The first school house on Lockhart's Fork, in Grant District, was on a farm now owned by Lewis Sullivan. In 1876, one fourth of an acre was given by George Steele for the school. In 1890-91, a second school building was built on the Lincicome farm, replacing the first one. This was built by Charley Barlow and was named for Emma Lockhart Lincicome. The last school was built in 1904 on the Keebaugh farm, at the fork in Niggletytwist



Emma School, ca. 1912-13

and Lockhart's Fork. The first teacher in this building was Geneva Hall.

Teachers include: J.H. Toncray (1908), Jon Morehead (1909), Willis Kelbaugh (1910), James Beymer (1912), Harold Somerville (1914), Roy Palmer (1916), Charles Lockhart (1917), Walter Cline (1918), George Kelbaugh (1920) and Ray Palmer (1921). Other teachers after 1921 include: Delbert Daugherty, Sumpter Archer, Roland Haight, James Bunner, Sam Blair and Hazel Sullivan. The school closed about 1955.

The photo, furnished by Gaynelle Davis, was taken in 1912 or 1913. *Front Row*, left to right, Harry Palmer, Vesta Currey (Palmer), Virgie Currey (Lockhart), Emma Cain (Waller), Joe Palmer, Delmer Somerville, Carl Cain, Willis Sullivan, Victor Hugo Farley, Buster Farley.

Second Row, Glen Reeves, Harley Lockhart, Bradley Currey, Pearle Reeves, Sutton Palmer, Mildred Lockhart (Hartley), Clara Cain (Caltrider), Rex Lockhart, Audrey Boston, James Beymer (teacher).

Third Row, Mary Kelbaugh (Reed), Almeda Conger (Sheppard), Elba Kelbaugh (Buffington), Nell Lockhart (Andrick), Dewey Jarrett, Forrest Palmer.

Fourth Row, Roy Palmer, Homer Cain, Harold D. Somerville, Walter Cline, Charles Lockhart, Karl Somerville, Yancy Lockhart.

Much of the material in this article was furnished from the writings of Harold Somerville, who was a student in the school and then a teacher. Names of teachers were supplied by Herbert W. Palmer. *Submitted by Pauline Smith*

ERA BELL SCHOOL

In 1897, land was obtained from John Burkhardt to build a school for the community which was located at the head of Maul Camp Road, Beech Grove Hill and Gates Ridge Road about one-half mile from the Wood County line in Grant District. The school was originally named New Era but was later renamed Era Bell.

The one-room school had a blackboard across the front of the room with a row of windows across each side wall. A pot belly stove was in the center of the room. The source of fuel was coal, which was hauled in the summer and stored in a small building. During the winter, children placed their two-student desks around the stove to keep warm since the school was not underpinned. Being located on top of a hill, the wind seemed to find every crack in the floor, wall and windows. Water was carried daily from a neighbor's house and stored in a stone jar which was kept on a shelf at the back of the room. Two outside toilets were located behind the school. Some children walked as far as two miles to attend school.

Since there was no area for a playground, the children would play in the road or woods. They skipped rope and played ball, marbles, tag and high jump when the weather was nice. During the winter, the children played fox and geese in the snow, as well as building snow forts and having snowball fights. They also went sleigh riding,

mostly on pieces of boards. Spelling bees and math bees were usually held on Friday afternoons.

At one time the school was closed due to a small enrollment. It reopened in 1933 and was permanently closed in the spring of 1942. Most of the children in attendance at that time transferred to the Beech Grove School. The school building was later bought and torn down by Otho Scarberry. The only thing remaining is the coal house.

Some of the teachers before 1933 were: Alva Archer, Clare Sheppard, Nate McBride, Tony Lockhart, Lucy Lockhart, John Lockhart, Davis Seals, John Holiday, Eunice Moore, Amos Gault, Cecil Holiday and Leona Peters. Children of the following families attended before 1933: Will Young, Jack Hupp, Jim Sheppard, Arthur Anderson, Jake Collins, James H. Boyce, Ernest Bever, Stansberry Bowers, Leonard Holiday, Henry Holiday, Frank Boyce, Taylor Thompson, John Archer, Jim Seals, Oliver Kerr, Audrey Ball, and John Skinner.

Teachers between 1933-1942 included: Grace Vannoy, Alice Depue, Sam Blair and J.D. Cooper. Children from the following families attended at that time: Charley Boyce, John Carothers, Forest Anderson, Tink Skinner, Ernest Bever, Frank Young, Lennie Thompson, Charley Steele, Howard Hamrick, and Bill Brown.



Era Bell School, ca. 1918

The photograph was taken about 1918 on the last day of school. A few neighbors are in the picture. *Row 1* Davis Seals (teacher), Russell Thompson, Ernest Thompson, John Seals, Eldo Seals, and Clinton McPeck. *Row 2* Leslie Thompson, George Young, Cecil Holiday, and unidentified. *Row 3* Otmer Thompson, Frank Young or Arlie Sheppard, unidentified, Lennie Thompson, Oscar Carothers, Sammy Kerr, and Ed Carothers. *Row 4* Maude Seals, Jenny Mills, Edna Young, unidentified, Chloe Young, Missouri Young, Chloe Kerr and Stella Young. *Submitted by Garnet (Boyce) Thomas*

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL #17

The Fairview School (#17) was located near the Fairview Church, on the Garfield-Leroy Road (Ravenswood District), on property donated by Ed Nuzum. When the school was permanently closed, the land went back to the Nuzum heirs who in turn donated it to the Fairview Cemetery. In 1911-12, Flossie Barnes was the teacher and the students were: Ora Mallett, Carrie Mallett, Mincra Powers, Ivy Mallett, Clara Brotton, Thelma Anderson, Ethel Conant, Mabel Brotton, Georgia Brotton, Angie Conant, Isabel Heater, Vergie Conant, Hollie Allen, Frank Brotton, Carl Brotton, Roy Nuzum, Joseph VanFosson, Johnny Brotton, Virgil Utter, Rollie Allen, Clyde Mallett, Homer Nuzum, Johnny Heater, James VanFosson and George VanFosson. *Submitted by Aubry Walter*

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL #29

In 1888, land was obtained from Nathaniel Thomas for the purpose of building a school. The

Fairview School (#29) was located north of Lockhart, in Grant District, on the hill south of Pleasant Ridge. In 1907-08, Samuel Sommerville, Henry Pickering and Willard Archer served on the Board of Education for Grant District. Mersylla Hardesty was the teacher that year at Fairview. Students were: Pearl C. Kelbaugh, Minty Culver, Carrie Balis, Maywood Thomas, Cicero Thomas, Leonard Thomas, Yancy Thomas, Raymond Lockhart, Ester Lockhart, Nettie Thomas, William Wells, Charley Thomas, Earl Balis, Dewey Thomas, Roscoe Lockhart and Roscoe Hardesty. This school was closed in the spring of 1908.

Submitted by Garnet Walter

FIRST STANDARDIZED SCHOOL IN JACKSON COUNTY

Honor Goes to H. Paul Parsons in Being Teacher Who Helped to Make It

One of the most important historical events in the rural schools of this county occurred on Wednesday, April 12, 1922, when the Centennial school of Ripley district, situated on Sycamore Creek about four miles from Ripley and taught by H. Paul Parsons, was scored by Mr. Stewart, of the State Department of schools, assisted by County Superintendent W.C. Casto in the presence of President T.E. Stewart and Commissioner E.L. Cross of the Board of Education and citizens of the entire community and declared to be in an official way the first one room standardized school in Jackson County. Of course the bringing of this very important event to a reality means that Mr. Parsons as the teacher had the solid support of students, patrons, trustees, board and the public in general to accomplish this important task.

The Requirements of Standardization

The public will wonder just what the requirements are for the standardization of a one room rural school. We must say that they are rigid and necessarily must be so since the privileges enjoyed by these schools and their communities over those not standardized are far reaching and mean much to the future citizenship of the community, county and state. A first class standardized school like this one must have scored at least 90 points divided as follows:

- (a) Yard and outbuilding, 20 points.
- (b) The school hours, 20 points.
- (c) Furnishings and supplies, 15 points.
- (d) School organization, 15 points.
- (e) The teacher, 30 points.

The school house, grounds, outbuildings, furniture and interior decorations all meet the requirements of State Board of Education. They also have ample supply of pure drinking water.

The building contains modern apparatus, devices and a library of 60 approved volumes.

Mr. Parsons is one of the county's progressive teachers and too much cannot be said in behalf of the teacher and these good farmer boys and girls assisted by their parents and the board of education in securing this highly prized honor, the first in the county and helping to make educational history in this state.

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FLATWOODS GRADE SCHOOL

Union Sub-district No. 11 — October 21, 1901 to March 7, 1902

PUPILS, Vera Harpold, Early Morrison, Lizzie Mahan, Lula Faren, Edna Rouley, Eunice Mahan, Ethel Dorman, Roy Harpold, Jesse Ohse, Hoyt Kneff, James Hamilton, Lucy Mahon, Mary Hazel Coe, Ethel Ohse, George Custer, David Faren, Jesse

Hamilton, Brady Mahan, Ethel Custer, Hannah Morrison, Sella McCoy, Wm. Carl Ohse, Chester Custer, Linea Mahon, Mazzy Hamilton, Evert Harpold, John Mahan, Harvey Maxwell, Holly Harpold.

TEACHER, Philip S. Hughes. BOARD MEMBERS, Charles Trecise, President; Edward Stanley, Secretary; J. M. Harpold, H. V. McCoy, James McDurmit, Edward Lieving.

Vera Harpold Hamilton (1908-09), Jesse Ferguson Keith (1909-10), Fred Pinnell (1910-11), Mary Parsons Mooney (1911-12), Harry Harpold (1912-13), Harry Harpold (1913-14), Mary Straley (1914-15), Rose Dickerson Henderson (1915-16), Harry Harpold (1916-17), Rose Dickerson Henderson (1917-18), Dora Polsey Abbott (1918-19), Rose Dickerson Henderson (1919-20).



Flatwoods Grade School and Church, ca. 1920

TEACHERS in late 1920, until Abandonment of School were: Etta Hughes Day, Ruby Hughes Sheranko, Virgil A. Dickerson, Opal Evans and Wayne Hughes.

The photograph shows the Flatwoods Grade School and Methodist Church about 1920. *Submitted by William A. Stone*

GAY SCHOOL 1925-26



Classrooms of Arthur Hinzman and William Cobb

The photograph, with a large group of students, shows both class rooms; Arthur Hinzman and William Cobb were the teachers.

William Cobb's class is shown in the other



William Cobb's Class

photograph. *Front row, l-r* — Georgia Tuttle, Otho Whited, Bernice Walters, Cliff Godbey, Mildred Walker, Lizzie Harpold. *Row two, l-r* — Georgia Parsons, Junior Walker, Audith Cobb, Madge Harpold, Gladie Riddle, Opal Godbey, Glenva Morris. *Back row, l-r* — Osbert Cunningham, Harold Riddle, Ralph Board, Lawrence Wood, Dennis Cunningham, Opal Bradley, Elijah Riddle, Clayton Walters, Glada Skinner, Sylvia Bradley.

Standing in the rear are Bill Cobb, teacher, and Arlie Cunningham. *Submitted by Joy A. Rogers Photos provided by H.C. Godbey*

GILMORE HIGH SCHOOL

Gilmore High School, located at New Era, in Ravenswood District, was completed and opened in 1924. The first class completed their studies and graduated in 1927. This class included: Wayne Barnhart, Aurella Campbell, Ruth Critchfield, Yale Hogue, Elizabeth Scyoc, Clara Shimp, Glen Smith and Rex Smith.

The school was discontinued after the 1944-45 school year and reinstated in the fall of 1950, with an auditorium constructed the same year. The Sandyville Grade School and a gymnasium were located behind the high school building. In the spring of 1953, natural gas which had collected in the walls from a leak, resulted in an explosion which destroyed approximately half of the original building and damaged the roof of the new auditorium. After reconstruction, the school continued here until a new building was completed in 1961, about one-half mile north on U.S. Route 21.

Gilmore High School existed until the fall of 1965 when it was once again closed. Students had to transfer to either Ripley or Ravenswood High School. The building was then utilized as a grade school, housing grades five through eight. Later, the remaining buildings at New Era were converted to maintenance buildings and the lower grades were also moved to the newer facilities. The original high school building served as a senior citizen's center for many years until it was demolished in 1987. The old gymnasium, already deteriorating, was damaged by an explosion in the 1960s and was later torn down. *Submitted by Charles Morris*

GILMORE HIGH SCHOOL

The community of Sandyville had needed a high school for some time, but it seemed practically impossible. Taxes were already oppressive in some cases, but on the other hand reasoned the parents, "What will our boys and girls do without the essentials of life which is the second only to religion — education?"

Nearly every parent has a desire for their "Johnny" to have a white collar job so he will never have to wreck his body by hard labor such as his father did before him.

There was a will and with it came a way. There were three patrons who were very influential and persevering, but these people were staunchly supported by the other members of the community.

The Board of Education agreed to sponsor the movement and real work started in the spring of 1924. Pride blossomed forth in the hearts of all people concerned as the foundation was embedded and the buildings began to grow.

By September the building was incomplete but the second floor was almost finished. It was that part that held the first students. To reach the classrooms, each student had to climb a wooden stairway in front of the building which in turn led to a platform where the first landing was.

The first session was held on Monday, September 15, 1924, with Guy Wilson from the Clarksburg school district as principal.

There were just enough students with the proper qualifications to organize sophomore and



Gilmore High School

freshman classes. At the opening of school there were four members of the sophomore class, but the freshman class already large, increased steadily during the first month of school.

During the first four weeks of school, classes were held only between the hours of nine and 12 in the mornings because the carpenters worked in the afternoons.

Helping Mr. Wilson was Howard Johnson of Ethel, Logan Co. Basketball and football were soon initiated into the program of the school.

Soon the building was completed with Forrest Hutchinson, contractor. The general appearance of the grounds was very much improved, including a gymnasium of the first rank, trees planted, a water system installed and laboratories and a library equipped. Among the newer additions was a vocational agricultural dept., and soon after the home economics division. The school purchased a very instructive set of Smithsonian books. A downfall was that the school board didn't furnish any typewriters to teach typing when, at the same time, Ravenswood and Ripley High Schools were furnished typewriters.

The school stepped forward to a very prominent place in both the scholastic field and the athletic field. The quota of students reached an approximate average of 105 per term and the number of teachers was increased to five.

Where is the Gilmore High School building now? A hole was dug and it was buried on the spot by the Board of Education in 1987. Submitted by Chester H. Moore

MEMORIES OF GIVEN SCHOOL

Rosa Carney Boswell (1886-1970) wrote the following in 1961:

"My school years were from 1892-1904 at Given, Jackson County, West Virginia, located nine miles from Ripley.

My first year in the school was in a new schoolhouse. It was the first term held in it. It was a one room, very large house for those days.

The first patented seats in a country schoolhouse in Jackson County were put in it. Up to that time all seats were wooden benches.

As to what we did in the 1890s: all we as



Rosa Carney Boswell

children and young people had to look forward to was our church and school activities. There was nowhere else to go.

Some winters this school would have as many as 60 pupils with one teacher. We could not have all the classes each day. There were certain days for the higher subjects. Primary, first, second, third, and fourth grades had their classes each day. Now for the more advanced pupils' subjects were Ray's New Practical Arithmetic. Book's Mental Arithmetic, algebra, U.S. History, general history, civil government, geography, grammar, and bookkeeping. Those are the subjects taught to prepare one for the examinations who were going into teaching or to higher education in whatever field of work they were going to take up.

Among my classmates were five doctors: Dr. Royal Kessell, Dr. Ray Kessell both of Ripley, Dr. Russell Kessell, a surgeon in Charleston. All are brothers. Dr. Edgar Parsons, Chicago, Illinois and Dr. Everett Starcher of Logan, West Virginia.

At one time there were more teachers from that school than any other one in Jackson County. One of my teachers was attorney J. Luther Wolfe. He was one time prosecuting attorney of Mason County. Another one, Fred Wolfe, was editor of the *Mountaineer* (newspaper) of Ripley until his death. Also one of my teachers was Dr. Everett Kessell, uncle of the three Kessell doctors mentioned above.

In the Given School we always had first grade certified teachers as there were all the advanced subjects taught. Many of the schools in the county didn't have all subjects.

Now as to what we did for a good time: one Friday after recess in the afternoon of each month we would have a spelling match. Two of the best scholars were selected by the teacher to choose up. We would stand along the wall on each side of the room. The teacher would pronounce the words. As we missed we would take our seats. The last one spelled down was the side that won. Once each month there would be a spelling match at other schools, as many schools as were near enough would go. Best spellers from each school would spell.

Then another thing we would have were Literary Societies. At those we would have readings, recitations, little songs such as "The Old Cat Came Back," "The Spider Weaver," "The Old Man Who Chewed His Tobacco and Spit It on His Chin" and many others.

The highlight of the Literary Society was the debate. It was always last. There were two sides of the best students, mostly young men, in the schools. There were three selected as the judges to decide which side won. At the close of the meeting the subject for the next debate was announced. Over weekends we would meet at each others homes and study together whatever we were to put on at the next meeting.

As to how we went, we would walk as many as three miles or more when the roads were good, or ride horses. The horses were broken to carry double, some big draft horses would carry three but the little riding horse just double. When there was snow we would go in sleds and sleighs.

Schools were only five months then. Schools were out while the weather was yet bad. Our father, Alexander C. Carney, was our teacher until spring came. He would give us our assignments and hear us recite every day. He was a teacher when young. Others who were out for higher education did the same." Submitted by Judy Keefer Matheny, Warren D. Keefer, II

HEMLOCK SCHOOL

The old school house by the side of the road. The Hemlock school house is still in use and is one hundred years old. The Jackson County Board of Education bought the land in 1890.

This is a letter from one of the teachers, Dot Rector. "William, I taught at Hemlock two terms — 1947 and 1948. Several years ago when one room schools were numerous in Jackson County, one of the better ones was Hemlock School near Flatwood. At that time some of the young families in the area preferred to have their children go to a local school, while the upper grades went by bus to Ripley or Ravenswood. While I was there I taught first through the fifth grades. Hemlock School was sponsored by a Women's Club in New Jersey. They wanted pictures of each child and their sizes. Each holiday, they would send gifts to the children and things we could use in the classroom. During my first term, 1947, the Board of Education built a kitchen in one corner. It contained a hot plate, sink and cooking utensils, dishes and silverware. I just served one hot dish with what ever they brought from home. Often the home room mothers would bring a big pot of soup or some other hot dish to go with our food. When we had a program for the public we would get permission from the Church just above the road from the school house to have the program up there, so there would be more seats and a piano. The children and their parents always gave their full support to all school activities." signed Dot Rector

I will add that since they discontinued school there, in the early '50s, we have leased the building from the Jackson County Board of Education for a Community Building. It is used regularly for 4-H meetings, family reunions, community gatherings, and a voting place. It has also been a school bus shelter for all of my children and grandchildren.



Hemlock School, 1989

My wife, Frances Lucille Bourgeois, went to school here in 1937. Lucille has been a 4-H Leader for 34 years and is still active in 4-H and Home Makers Work in the community.

Lucille Keebaugh furnished the Hemlock School picture for 1936-37. The names to the best of our ability are: Front row left to right, Gene Harpold, Donald Bosworth, Adell Rector, Gwenlyn Hughes, Betty Salser, Katheline Rector, Inies Salser, Elmer Bourgeois, Gilbert Bourgeois.

Second row left to right, Audra Rector, Lucille Wilson, Duane Salser, Bernard Mahan, Phillis Salser, Juanita Bourgeois, Arlene Rector, Paul Salser.



Hemlock School, 1936-37

Third row left to right, Leon Bosworth, James Salser, Sarah Nichols, Lucille Bourgeois, Pearl Archer, Pauline Rector, Clarence "Junior" Nichols, Charles "Bud" Bosworth.

Fourth row left to right, (teacher) Lawrence Puckett, Earl Nichols, Lemont Nichols, Aletta Archer, Geraldine Rector, Lucille Bosworth. *Submitted by William W. Keebaugh and Dorothy Rector*

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Heritage Christian Academy is a ministry and part of Second Baptist Church. This school is located in Ravenswood, WV on Elwood Street. Grades offered are K-4 through 12.

Rev. Fred N. Lowry is Administrator and Jim Shreve is Principal with the following teachers: Judy Casto, Mike Wright, Roger Hurst, Thomas Perry, Ernie Rapson, Opal Stout, Becky Wright, Deloras Triplett, Trudy Kline, Juanita Leedy, Joan Yoho and Carroll Jarrell, School Secretary.

HOPEDALE SCHOOL

The Hopedale School was located, in Ravenswood District, about three miles east of Silvertown, on the Frank Johnson farm. Near the turn of the century, there was a Negro school about a half-mile from Hopedale. Walter Lemaster, Grace Ables, Monnie Carmichael, Alma Cox, and Blanche Snyder were among those who taught school at Hopedale. Some of the students between 1912 and the time it closed were: Henry, Maudie, Rosie, Lawrence, Denzel, Josie, and Edna Taylor; Mildred, Ruth, Orpha, Ellen, Faye, Clark, John and Joe Carmichael; Opal and Ingoby Johnson; Gordon, Jenny, Don, Dale, Carl and John Shockey; Lawrence and Omer Snyder; Lawrence, Russell, Nolia, Sis, and Clair Bibbee; Freda and Dare Anderson; Bert Ables; and Carl Fridley. The school closed in the 1930s. *Submitted by Ruth Carmichael*

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS 1924-25

(The following information is from the *Directory and Educational Handbook of Public Schools in Jackson County* by Forrest Barnhart, Superintendent of Schools)

Number of teachers — 200, number of all pupils — 4,735, average salary of grade teachers (year) — \$778.09, average salary of grade teachers (year) — \$1,415.75, cost per grade student — \$37.72, cost per high school student — \$81.67, total population 1920 — 18,658, total population 1910 — 20,956.

Grant District

Members of the District Board of Education: C.E. Conner, President, Ravenswood, WV; J.B. Rardin, Commissioner, Sherman, WV; T.L. Farley, Commissioner, Windy, WV; Thaddeus Farnsworth, Secretary, Murfreesville, WV.

Teachers: Ira E. Allen at Mt. Flower, J.D. Jarrett at Morning Star, Noel Beaver at Lone Cedar, J.D. Cooper at Ona, Cecil Beach at Lockhart, Davis Seals at Cavin Fork, Leona Peters at New Era, J.H. Toncray at Emma, Nelle Farnsworth at Cherry Grove.

S.F. Blair at Providence, Jess Jarrett at Rawson, G.W. Kelbaugh at Sherman, Roy Kirkhart at Sunshine, Dessie Archer at Beech Grove, Estella Harris at Muses Bottom, Samuel Battin at Oak Grove, C. Edwin Naylor at Cuba.

Inez Nesselrode at Milhoan, Thaddeus Farnsworth at Liberty, Elma Anthony at Road Fork, Adda L. Cooper at McGraw, Lucy Cooper at Beatysville, Carroll Farnsworth at Shafer, Martin H. Archer at Red Brush, Anna Derenberger at

Center Star.

Total population in 1920 was 2,794. Total population 1910 was 3,276.

Ravenswood District

Members of the District Board of Education: R.C. Hutchinson, President, Sandyville, WV; C.R. Kent, Commissioner, Sandyville, WV; J.E. Battin, Commissioner, Duncan, WV; Mrs. T.A. Lockhart, Secretary, Sandyville, WV.

Teachers: Guy Wilson, Principal and Howard Johnson, Asst. at Gilmore High; J.E. Sweezy, Principal and Kate Chenoweth, Asst. at Sandyville Grades; M.C. Jarrett, Principal and Monnie Carmichael, Asst. at Silvertown Grades; F.L. Shriver, Principal and Ruth Carmichael, Asst. at Wilding Grades; J.S. Taylor, Principal and Nellie Mason, Asst. at Leroy Grades.

Georgia Kelbaugh at Hemlock, J.W. Archer at Klondike, Mrs. H.C. Hutchinson at Meadowdale, Clark Woofter at Turkey Run, Mary N. Smith at Upper Turkey Run, Ruth Keller at Latham Ridge, Anna Hollandsworth at Mud Run, C.W. Owens at Oak Grove, Luther Hardesty at Morning Star.

Ollie Kent at Red Rose, Bertha Lockhart at Trace Fork, John Bachtel at Hope Dale, Georgia Coast at Comet, N.E. Lockhart at Rising Sun, Wick B. Smith at Drift Run, H.C. Fore at White Rose, Dana Woofter at Bar Run, Ethel B. Weekley at Copper Fork, Lawrence Warren at Rush Run.

R.L. Thompson at Odaville, Velma Wilkinson at Sarvis Fork, C.F. Shimp at Duncan, Ray R. Palmer at Fairview, Clyde Hupp at Beaty's Run, Naomi Digman at Crow Summit, O.P. Davis at Pleasant Hill.

Total population in 1920 (including Ravenswood) was 4,463. Total population in 1910 (including Ravenswood) was 4,843.

Ripley District

Members of the District Board of Education: J.M. Landried, President, Ripley, WV; M.C. Simmons, Commissioner, Kenna, WV; C.G. Maddox, Commissioner, Given, WV; G.W. Harpold, Secretary, Given, WV.

Teachers: Carl Good, Principal and Lillian Simmons, Asst. at Barnes Graded; Delmer Good, Principal and Darrell Corgin, Asst. at Stone Lick Graded.

Agee Bush at Bethel, Louise Raines at Coast Supply, Wade L. Casto at Lane, Lessie Fisher at Spice Wood, Fay F. Bowles at Oak Hill, E. P. Casto at Grasslick Chapel, G.W. Harpold at Valley Bell, Ava Higginbotham at Dudeon, C.L. Hunt at Mt. Olive.

Hazel McKown at Mt. Moriah, Lloyd Stone at Evans, Irene Smith at Kenna, R.R. Hyre at Walnut Grove, L.V. Parsons at Cliffside, Mary M. Parsons at Echo, H. Paul Parsons at Centennial, Theresa Ranson at Clendennen, Adele Harpold at Faber.

G.W. Johnson at Salt Hill, Emory Kay at Centerpoint, Georgian Hutchinson at McKinley, Leotus Monday at Fairplain Supply, W.O. Whiting at Sidneyville, Felicia Buchalew at Young, Holly M. Casto at Clay Lick, Gay C. Harrison at Harpold, Harry Crites at Fairplain, King Parsons at Parchment Valley, Lucy Battrell at Victory, Adrain Skeen at Plum Orchard, Clara Costa at Dog Fork.

Arthur L. Carney at Three Fork Sycamore, Boyd Parsons at Round Knob, Freda B. Kay at Oak Grove, O.W. Furguson at New Interest, Hoyt French at Big Pine, Cloyd Brotherton at Lone Oak, Dorothy Woodard at Mt. Flower, Oliver D. Kessell at Given, Allen T. Carney at Willow Grove, Reva Ferrell at Flag Rock.

Total population in 1920 (including the town of Ripley) was 5,092. Total population in 1910 (including the town of Ripley) was 5,992.

Union District

Members of the District Board of Education: Floyd Durst, President, Cottageville, WV; W.O. King, Commissioner, Cottageville, WV; W.H.

Rambow, Commissioner, Millwood, WV; C.T. Meredith, Secretary, Cottageville, WV.

Teachers: Mrs. Anna Lloyd, Principal; C.F. Myers, Asst.; Gwendolyn Maxwell, Asst. at Cottageville Graded, Boyd C. Baker, Principal and Bernice Evans, Asst. at Walnut Grove Graded.

W.E. Evans, Principal at Mt. Alto Graded, Mary M. Miller at Lone Pine, Charles McKown at Flatwood.

Opal Evans at Locust Grove, Victor Rollins at Antioch, John Gorrell at Beech Grove, John Sayre at Ripley Landing, John Hall at Silver Valley, Corda Pullins at Millwood, Blanche Casto at Brown, Harley Donohue at Ewing, E. Fay Walters at Lick Run, James Stalnaker at Pleasant View, Wilma Howard and Scott Montgomery at Lone Oak.

Total population in 1920 was 2,069. Total population in 1910 was 2,326.

Washington District

Members of the District Board of Education: J.B. Harris, President, Belgrove, WV; B.F. Morris, Commissioner, Staats Mill, WV; M.F. Blackshire, Commissioner, Advent, WV.

Teachers: Delmer Casto, Principal and Ruddle Skeen, Asst. at Beechgrove Graded; Ezra Smith, Principal and Dexter Hammon, Asst. at Roosevelt Graded; Corbon Kiser, Principal and Guy Hammon, Asst. at Goff Graded.

Glen Hammon at St. Charles, Robert Hammon at Goshen, Beecher Skeen at Deer Knob, V.L. Skeen at Cedar Grove, Hoyt Skeen at Forest Home, Doy Skeen at Pleasant Run, Velma Skeen at Kentuck Star, Foust Casto at Big Run, Audra Casto at Mt. Hope, Ronald Casto at Beuna Vista, Hobert Casto at Buffalo Lick.

Iva B. Summers at Ashley, Freda Mays at Gassaway, H.H. Parsons at Board, William Cobb at Forked Run, Ova Morris at Rocky Knob, V.T. Morris at Brisco, James Poling at Center View, George B. Jordan at Second Creek, James B. Southall at Strait Run, F.E. Smith at Sand Hill, Otho Scarberry at Lone Star.

C.O. McFarland at Harmany, Brady Westfall at White Pine, Della Murray at Buffalo, O.C. Williams at Beech Flats, Delpha Morris at Siniaville, E.D. Thomas at Pleasant Ridge, L.B. Parsons at Union, E.C. Harpold at Rader, Okey Waybright at Baptist Grove, Thelma Whiting at Victory, Herbert Ashley at Jefferson, A.L. Hinzman at Science Hill.

Total population in 1920 was 4,240. Total population in 1910 was 4,519.

Ravenswood Independent District

Members of the District Board of Education: A.C. Ritchie, President, Ravenswood, WV; Darrell Rector, Commissioner, Ravenswood, WV; Dana Woofter, Commissioner-Sec., Ravenswood, WV.

Ravenswood High School E.H. Flinn, Principal; Teachers, Katherine Bailey, Kathryn McGlothlin, Dorothy White, Ruby Allen, Reed Myers, Daisy Grubb, Rhodapearl Bayha, Evelyn Shaid, Howard P. Stoetzer, Paul W. Watson, and J.R. Shaw.

Ravenswood Grades Fenton T. West, Principal; Teachers, Golda Lerner, Helen Hutchinson, Louise Leppart, Verna Glover, Margaret Tumlin, Esther Hutchinson, Margherita Geren, and Ruth Wolfe.

Ripley Independent School District

Members of the District Board of Education: J.A. Shinn, President, Ripley, WV; F.A. Casto, Commissioner, Ripley, WV; T. Clayton Parsons, Commissioner, Ripley, WV; George E. Straley, Secretary, Ripley, WV.

Ripley High School V.L. Flinn, Principal; Teachers, Lewis Snyder, Elizabeth Wilson, Edith Davis, and Conza Metheral.

Ripley Grades Sattis Simmons, Principal; Teachers, W.C. Casto, Mildred Rymer, Anna Waybright, Bernice French, Bertha Tolley, Madaline Casto, and Madaline Straley. *Submitted by Carolyn Mühlbach*

JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS 1989-1990

Board of Education: Steve Chancey, Kathryn Goodwin, Gary Hill, Ronald Thompson and Jeff Waybright. Superintendent Carroll L. Staats, Assistant Superintendents Delores Ranson and Keith Winter.

Cottageville Elementary has grades K-8 with an enrollment of 218. Principal D. Kathleen Ranson with the following teachers: Linda Board, Denise Casto, Joyce Groves, Shelia Hammel, Julian Hatcher, Rosemary Hill, Paula Hughes, Teresa Kurnot, Linda Mancini, Patricia Myers, Sara Naas, Frank Nester, Sheila Poole, Darlene Saunders, Rebecca Sharp, Sandra Smith, Flora Sutton, Lynne Trovato, and Ollie Warner.

Evans Elementary has grades K-5 with an enrollment of 151. Principal Mary Pat Glover with the following teachers: Carol Ashworth, Victoria Campbell, Tammy Clarkson, Sara Ebinger, Katherine Frazier, Paul Gill, Patricia Griffith, Paul Hughes, Patsy Kerns, Teresa Kurnot, Nancy Lydick, Ann Makris, Pamela Moore, Penny Mossor, Patricia Myers, Sherry Poole, Corby Stalnaker, II, Leslie Stone and Lynne Trovato.

Fairplain Elementary has grades K-5 with an enrollment of 107. Principal is Melissa Walker with the following teachers: Lisa Carnell, Mary Cowan, Sherry Dean, Keitha Graham, Blaine Hess, Mike McKee, Pamela Moore, Tamela Moore, Jacquelyn Rhodes, Camilla Robinson, Corby Stalnaker, II, Leslie Stone, Lynne Trovato, and JoAnna White.

Gilmore Elementary (Sandyville) has grades K-8 with an enrollment of 278. Principal is Paulette Anderson with the following teachers: Trudy Benson, Debra Bradley, Jann Calendine, Kim Costello, Mary Cowan, Virginia Eagle, Patricia Griffith, Linda Hatfield, Phyllane D. Johnson, Barbara Jones, Daphine King, Tammy Morgan Lawhon, Michael Leatherman, Nellie Mellinger, Kathleen Miller, Polly Miller, Melissa Mullins, Sara Naas, Frank Nester, Regina Newlon, Mary Pugh, Margaret Schiefer, Jane Singleton, Catherine G. Stout, Patricia Taylor, and Gail Varney.

Henry J. Kaiser Elementary (Ravenswood) has grades K-2 with an enrollment of 412. Principal is Gary Samples with the following teachers: Karen Anderson, Tonda Atkinson, Debbie Baldwin, Frances Brookhart, Kathryn Camp, Mary Canady, Sue Ann Corder, Patty Davis, Mary Dittmar, Sharon Gouckenour, Helen Hemetek, Dianna Jagers, Dianna Kelly, Christina Landis, Carol Lantz, Nancy Lydick, Ann Makris, Ellen McElowney, Ginger Mullins, Frank Nester, Nancy Nutter, Vida Perrine, Jeri Rector, Debra Rowley, Thomas Teachout, Beverly Townsend, Pelma Wolfe, and Dianna Wood.

Kenna Elementary has grades K-5 with an enrollment of 280.

Principal Janet Murray with the following teachers: Candance Aldridge, Kim Casto, Rosalee Casto, Jan Coppala, Keitha Graham, Radonna M. Hess, Amy Hickman, Gayle Kruk, Sally Laine, Carolyn Lewis, Patricia McCutcheon, Carolyn Sue McLane, Brenda Moss, Ellen Pyles, Alice Raines, Mary Sayre, Marty Smith, Kerynn Sovic, Corby Stalnaker, Leslie Stone, Jesse Thompson, and Jo Anna White.

Ravenswood Grade has grades 3-5 with an enrollment of 382. Principal Gary Cross with the following teachers: Phyllis Beverly, Sherry Browning, Mary Canady, Lucille Cox, Donna Currey, Patricia Davis, Barbara Duranti, Patricia Harvey, Linda Hilbert, Holly Jett, Diana Kelly, Debra Kelps, Felice Koslen, Michael Leatherman, Nancy Lydick, Linda Martin, Jennifer McAtee, Belinda Metz, Frank Nester, Catherine Nutter, Betty Nuzum, Vida Perrine, Belinda Polk, Dee Ann Simon, Corrine Stone, Ollie Stone, Sharon Toothman, and Glenn Varney.

Ravenswood Middle has grades 6-8 with an enrollment of 420. Principal Danny Hunter with the following teachers: Norma Chambers, JoAnn Christy, Violet Cummings, Shirley Ferguson, Diane Franklin, Robert Graham, Michael A. King, Claude Lawson, III, Kim Long, Jim Martino, Audrey Miller, Mary Jo Moore, Roger Moore, Sharon Neal, Steve Perrine, Mary R. Pyatt, Diane Ray, Michael Sandy, Bryan Schirmer, Dee Ann Simon, Donald L. Smith, Lola Smith, Mary Snyder, Michael Stratton, Thomas Teachout, Carolyn Wallen, Shirley Watson, Linda Waybright, Judy Wiseman and Renne Woody.

Ripley Elementary has grades K-5 with an enrollment of 672. Principal Jay Carnell, Assistant Principal James E. Frazier with the following teachers: Ada Casto, Artie Cross, Tina Dilly, Elaine Fries, G. Gilbert Gillespie, Keitha Graham, Janet Hall, Cheryl Sue Harris, Sarabeth Harris, Blaine Hess, Radonna Hess, Constance Hinkle, Mary Hunter, Sondra Jarrell, Karen Jordan, Jane Kennedy, Judy Lieving, Phyllis Lyons, Lori Marino, Julie Marple, Joles B. Martin, Jane Massi, Janet McCauley, Marquite McIntyre, Mildred McKee, Cheryl Miller, Patricia Miller, Mary Ann Mullins, Ann Nester, Linda Nuckles, Cheryl Parsons, Linda Peterson, Jill Rake, Kristel Roark, Melissa Ross, Rebecca Sharp, Vicky Shockley, Carolyn Skeen, Deborah L. Smith, Nancy Smith, Lisa Smolder, Leslie Stone, Ken Swisher, Susan Swisher, Linda Sydeski, Mary Toler and Abbi Woods.

Ripley Middle has grades 6-8 with an enrollment of 714. Principal John Ray and Assistant Principal Jack Yearego with the following teachers: Beth Abshire, C. Wayne Ankrum, Frederick Batten, Patricia Bennett, Ann Casto, Scott Clarkson, Debbie Click, Carol Cunningham, Bernita Epling, Judy Fisher, Diane Franklin, Teresa Gump, Shirley Hackworth, Craig Harmon, Faye Harmon, Patricia Harpold, Patti Haught, Blaine Hess, Elissa H. Holt, Charlene Hutson, Cora Jones, Virgil Kelly, Terry Landis, Helen Morris, Monica Mullins, Shirley Parker, Patricia Pate, Jim Pauley, Sharon Poole, Melissa D. Pugh, Ellen Pyles, Randall Reeder, Loretta Jane Rhodes, Angela Ridenour, Debbie Sisson, Anthony Skeen, Pamela Swisher, Jean Taylor, George Thompson, Larry Thompson, Debbie Thornton, Jerry Wade-Ritz, Richard Westfall, Jo Anna White, Terry Winnell, Lois Winter and Grey Varney.

In the above school other than the regular subjects, some of the others: Science/Health, Speech/Language, Music, Language Arts/Reading, Physical Education, Gifted Program, Math, Industrial Arts, Social Studies, Computer Education. The schools had Teacher Aids, Cafeteria Managers, Cooks, and Custodians.

Ravenswood High has grades 9-12 with an enrollment of 573. Principal Fred Aldridge and Assistant Principal Kent Kennedy with the following teachers: Mark Anderson, Patricia Anderson, Gusta Arrington, Steve Ashworth, Gary Braham, Donald J. Brown, Keith Burdette, Nancy C. Burford, Arlen R. Canady, Bryan K. Canterbury, Howard Copley, V. Diane Crawford, Shelia Kay Duncan, Richard Ferguson, Shirley Ferguson, Phyllis Fox, Diane Franklin, Joyce Good-Pitchford, Pamela Gorrell, Dale Hinkle, Sue Hinkle, Sara Lawless, Michael Leatherman, Jim Mahan, Marcus McPhail, Paul R. Miller, Lannie Mullenax, Frank Nester, Douglas Parrish, Steve Perrine, Karen Poorman, Michael Price, Tim Rector, Margaret Scites, Cynthia H. Shumate, Mark Sigler, Dee Ann Simon, Donald R. Smith, Donald Stephens, Richard Sturm, Thomas Teachout, Fred Taylor, Paul L. Taylor, Shirley Tuttle and Connie Wells.

Ripley High has grades 9-12 with an enrollment of 931. Principal Jack Wiseman and Assistant Principal James G. Frashier with the following teachers: Jana S. Adkins, Debbie Anderson, Wade J. Bailey, Daniel C. Barnette, Martha Boonsue,

David Bourgeois, Steve Buffington, Linda Bush, Michael E. Bush, Sheila Byers, Bobbie Chancey, Shirley Coomes, Mike Deem, Connie Dewhurst, Diane Franklin, Sandra K. Gunther, Shirley Hackworth, Melinda Hamilton, Giacomina P. Hammack, E. Curtis Harper, Vickie Harper, Kathy Harris, Joan Henthorne, Blaine Hess, Frank Hughes, Steve Hunt, Harold R. Hutchinson, Ruth Ann Hutchinson, Carol Hyre, Larry Jordan, David L. Keefer, Nancy Kelly, Thomas M. Kruk, Yvonne N. Lannan, Dianne B. Looney, Frank J. Marino, Barbara McGuire, Suzanne Meyer, Ann Miller, David Moore, Steve Mullins, Diane Nuzzo, Ayse Ocalan, Bruce Parsons, Sharon Poole, Patricia Raines, Paul R. Raines, Alice Sue Ray, Michael R. Reed, Max Robinson, Timothy Ross, Elizabeth Seymour, Lea Ann Sharp, Kathleen Smith, Janet Stephenson, Lora Sturm, Raymond Swisher, Elizabeth Taylor, Myra Taylor, Gayle H. Thompson, Dallas Wallen, Beverly Weekley, Irvin Voltin, William West, Nancy P. Wilson, and Steve Zakaski.

In these schools other than the required subjects, the following were offered: Spanish, French, Music, Chorus, Driver Education, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Ag. Mech., Health, Business, Physiology, Word Processing and the Gifted Program. These schools also have secretaries, cafeteria managers, cooks and custodians.

Other departments in the school system were: Nurses, Beverly Dunlap and Linda Wiggins; Special Education, Janey Gagnon, Susan B. Hardesty, Malinda Ludwig, Elaine S. Max, Louanne McCown, Kathy Showen, Catherine C. Stout and Lisa Wright; Vocational Education, Jerry Grady, Mari Hash. In the maintenance department there are 15 employees, transportation 9 employees, 56 bus operators. Total enrollment in Jackson County 1989-1990 is 5,138 students. (Information from the Jackson County Board of Education)

KENNA AND GARNES SCHOOLS

The first Kenna School was located on Route 34 near the present Warren Chapel Church. The original building was a log structure and was destroyed by fire. It was replaced by a one room clap-board building. This school was closed in 1933 due to the small enrollment and the students were transferred to the Garnes School.

The Garnes School was located below Kenna near Pleasant Valley Road. The Garnes School was a one room, one story building, however about 1914 a second story was added. It was one of the few two room schools in the county at that time. School terms were short, consisting of three or four months in the middle of the winter. Some children compensated for the brief terms by attending until they were 17 or 18 years of age. High school to most students was unheard of at that time and place.



Garnes School, ca. 1942

Normal school sessions were held at Garnes School during summer breaks. These classes were for students to receive a teacher's certification upon completion of the term.

In 1942, a new four room Kenna School was



Kenna School

opened at the present site with an enrollment of 111. Students from the Garnes School were transferred to the new school. The teachers for that year were Estel Simmons, Principal; Margaret Greene and Eunice Harpold. The following year all four rooms were used with an enrollment of 127. In 1950 two additional rooms were added making it a six room school.

In 1960, construction began on a new modern complex of school buildings which exists today serving grades K-5 with an enrollment of 285 students and a staff of 35 professional and service personnel. *Submitted by Dallas W. Skeen*

KLONDYKE SCHOOL

The Klondyke School, near the Ravenswood-Grant District line, was located at the junction of the Wilding Road and the road which leads to the Copper Fork-Drift Run Road.

Teachers at this school included: Walter Lcmaster, Fred Robinson, Ike Johnson, Ed Andrews, Carrie Balis, Orland Crew, Velma Wilkinson, Cliff Hupp, Mr. Archer, Clyde Hupp, Clair Hupp, and Nada Koch.

Children from the following families attended here: Bill Hupp, Arthur Hupp, Dan Hupp, Albert Koch, Florence Walters, Frank Klein, Albert Wilkinson, Bill Griffith, and Sam Cayton. In 1933, the school building was torn down after being sold by the Jackson County Board of Education.



Klondyke School, ca 1914-16

The photograph was taken between 1914-16 and includes: Glen Hupp, Bernice Hupp, Foster Koch, Dale Klein, Nada Koch, Eloise Andrews, Elidean Andrews, Virginia Hupp, Jessie Klein, Hazel Hupp, Clair Hupp, Robert Hupp, Ernest Cayton, Annie Thorn, Helen Hupp, Clair Hupp (two boys at this school were named Clair Hupp), Dale Hupp, Myrta Hupp, Clara Klein, Orpha Hupp, Tencic Koch, Clyde Hupp, Clarence Walters, Hattie Klein, Grace Klein, Perry Koch, and Cliff Hupp. Herbert Klein, Herschel Walters, Vane Walters, and Ophir Walters are probably included in the photograph. *Submitted by Orpha (Cayton) Sullivan*

LEROY GRADE SCHOOL

Leroy Grade School opened in 1898 for its first term of school with both rooms well filled. It was

the first of its kind near about, so it attracted many older students from surrounding neighborhoods.

Martha Sayre was the first teacher of the senior room — I don't remember who the primary teacher was. July 2, 1899 was Graduation Day for 30 students, after two years school work with Martha Sayre instructing.

The graduates were: Ada Hutchinson, Allie Spicer, Bud Hartly, Blanche Buchanan, Cora Hutchinson, Charley Mason, Clarence Knotts, Daisy Mason, Delbert Cole, Daisy Cain, Effie Hess, Ernest Fetty, Flossie Cole, Frank Tatterson, Florence Nuzem, Howard Tatterson, Hattie Nuzem, Maggie Price, Mable Ruble, Maud Cole, Mary Walters, Numan Walters, Ona Ruble, Ora Spicer, Rosa Price, Sell Curry, Verda Knotts, Van Arnold and Wesley Roach.

On Graduation Day or the last day of school, a group picture of the entire school and the two teachers were taken. Martha Sayre gave each graduate a copy of the picture along with a presentation card with her picture and the names of each graduate listed on it. All these graduates are in the picture along with the younger students from the primary room.



Leroy Grade School

My mother was very proud to have been a member of the first graduating class of the new school. My mother, Maggie Price (Shields) and her sister, Rosa Price (Harris), both graduates, are pictured in the first row of the standing students. Their brother William Price, primary class, is seated among the primary students. They are the three eldest children of Henry C. and Delia Price. They lived on Rush Run.

Delbert Cole and his wife Cora Hutchinson were among the graduates and are in the picture. The Coles lived for many years in Ravenswood, where Delbert was a banker. They are the parents of Robert Cole, longtime owner and manager of JCo Lumber Co., of Ravenswood and Ripley.

It's been many years since I have heard my parents discuss the students who are in the picture. I believe Flossie and Maud Cole were sisters to Delbert. I have met Delbert and Cora Cole and I knew Howard Tatterson when I was young. Frank Tatterson was his brother.

I believe Frank Spicer, another graduate, lived his entire life in the area, near the school.

They continued to have class in the Leroy Grade School building until it was discontinued, in 1947. After which the building stood many years empty. The children are now bussed to Gilmore School, at Sandyville.

The building was finally torn down by Clair Hill, in 1985, since it was deteriorating. *Submitted by Darlie Ledbetter*

LIBERTY SCHOOL

The first school at Toppins Grove was located on the Harry Boso property, along the Little Pond Creek Road, in Grant District. Some of the teachers at the old school were: Alice Cather, Fred Smith, Clayton Pilchard, Robert King, Wilma Howard, Ester Barnes, Everett Rawson, Wesley Stephens, Cassel Hale and Thad Farnsworth. Chil-

dren of the following families attended the old school in the 1920s: George Morehouse, Dick Morehouse, Bob Morehouse, William Kimes, William Lambert, George Slaven, Nate Boso, Thad Farnsworth, Frank Pifer, Will Lane, and Charley Lane. This school closed when a new one was built on the William Lambert property in 1929. Pete and Hazel Slaven now own the land where the first school was located.

George Cox and Ulysses Talbott built the second school near the junction of the Little Pond Creek Road and Claylick Road. At the time of construction, Everett Rardin, Philip Miihlbach, Frank Conner and Charley Conner were serving on the Board of Education. Teachers at the new school were: George Kelbaugh, Alice DePue, Roland Haught, Betty White, Russell White, Ann Howell, Jim Jarrett, Jess Jarrett, Delbert Rardin and Jess Flinn. Children of the following families attended the school: Charley Kimes, Ott White, William Lambert, Harmon Reed, Floyd Rawson, Bob Clem, Jim Clem, Everett Rardin, William Smith, Fred Joy, Cliff Milhoan, Bill King, Henry Shafer, Chester Kieffer, and Pete Slaven.

Liberty, the last remaining one-room school in Grant District, was closed about 1960. The school went back to the landowner, Ira and Dora (Lambert) Slaven. Gene and Patty Slaven obtained the property and converted the school into a home. *Submitted by Hazel (Lambert) Slaven*

LOCKHART GRADE SCHOOL

This picture of the Lockhart School was taken in April 1924. Luther Hardesty, teacher, was holding a banner won at Red Brush "School Day." Other pupils (right to left) are: Teddy Weekley, Dale Wilson, Fay Vannoy, Lucy Cooper, Hazel Cooper, Mildred Andrick, Freeda Beymer, Evelyn Burke, Laura Lockhart, Maude Burke, Gertie Weekley, Alice Wilson, Charles Wilson, Russell Vannoy, Clemens Haught, Curtis Vannoy, Doyle Burke, Woodrow Haught, Tracy Kittle, Bruce Burke, Hollis Van Fossen, Cecil Andrews, Edwin Beymer, Clifford Burke, Hazel Andrick, Blanche Van Fossen, Margaret Vannoy, Lois Burke, Virginia Beymer, Inez Hardesty, Robert Hardesty, Dean Wilson, Anita Vannoy, Pauline Burke, Richard Beymer and Lloyd Hardesty.

The Lockhart School, located on U.S. Route



Lockhart School

21 was a one room school house. There were no hot lunches and drinking water was carried from a house close by. There were two out houses and heat was supplied from a pot-belly stove filled with coal which was hauled in by truck from a coal mine, near Charleston. For sports, the students played baseball and dodgeball. In the winter time, they enjoyed sleigh riding, bringing their own home-made wood sleds. There are many happy memories of that old school house! *Submitted by Frank J. Moore*

LOCKHART SCHOOL 1929-1930

Lockhart was a one room school with 37

students. One teacher taught all eight grades from nine o'clock to four in the afternoon, with one hour for lunch and two 15 minute recesses. Students carried lunches from home and water was carried from a well close by. At Christmas time we had a program with Santa Claus. At the end of the year we had field day competing against other grade schools. In 1924, Lockhart received a large banner that all were proud of, even years later.



Lockhart School, 1929-30

Students *front row (left to right)* are: Donald States, deceased; Clifton Butler, address unknown; Junior Lockhart, deceased; Richard Beymer in Michigan; Herald Thomas; Bill Beymer in Parkersburg; Lloyd Hardesty; Bill Burke, Parkersburg; Lionel Thomas; Dale Thomas, killed in World War II; Roy Andrick, Ravenswood; his twin brother, Ray Andrick was absent, deceased; *second row*: Goldie Lockhart Pickens, Parkersburg; Nellie Butler, address unknown; Anita Vannoy Fulton, California; Leona Andrick Compston, deceased; Olive Thomas Miller, New Martinsville; Marjorie Hardesty Williams, Elizabeth; Adeline McGown Huffstutler, Belleville; Nancy Andrick Cunningham, deceased; Cleo McGown, deceased; Mary Elizabeth Thomas Ammons, Parkersburg; Margaret Beymer Houchen; Margaret Andrick Harris, Clendenin; Marguerite Beymer Moore; Martin Archer, Teacher. *third row*: Delore Beymer Doolittle, deceased; Pauline Burke Hawkins, deceased; Virginia Beymer Stanley; Linna Lee Lockhart Smith, Parkersburg; Margaret Vannoy Kent; Kathleen Lockhart, Parkersburg; Lois Burke La Rue, Parkersburg; Robert Hardesty, deceased; Andrew Butler and Cecil Butler, addresses unknown; Leon Thomas, deceased; Dean Wilson, deceased. *Submitted by Marguerite B. Moore*

LONE CEDAR SCHOOL

The Lone Cedar School, in Grant District, was located at Cavin Fork on the Marion Rawson property, behind the house where Buzz Kieffer now lives. The school was closed in 1944. Among those who taught at Lone Cedar were: Delbert Rardin, Homer Archer, Jim Jarrett, Ann Derenberger, Alice DePue, Thad Farnsworth, Jimmy Bunner and Bert Stallings.

Among those who attended Lone Cedar were children from the following families: Charley Smith, Ernest Smith, Earl Allen, Clay Anderson,



Lone Cedar School, 1938

Fulton Anderson, Buck Derenberger, Dock Nohe, Bob Rawson, Lewis Rawson, Obie White, Paul Kieffer, Ernest Stephens, Bob Morehouse, Frank Pifer, W.A. Kieffer, and Mack Young.

The photograph was taken in 1938. *Front row* Calvin Kieffer, Gene Young, Jack Nohe and Naomi Kieffer. *Back row* Ray Allen, (?), Lena Nohe, Paul Nohe, Ina Morehouse and Bradford Young. *Submitted by Daina Stallings*

LONE STAR SCHOOL

The Lone Star School was located on Laurel Run, Washington District, Jackson County, at Gay,



Lone Star School, 1910

West Virginia. The photograph was taken about 1910 and includes: *Front row on bench, left to right* Edith Stalnaker, Nellie McKemy, Martha Stalnaker, Hazel Thomas, Jerusa Stalnaker, Bub Stalnaker, Blonda Thomas, Lester Stalnaker. *Second row* Walter Westfall, Ethel Cox, Rulina Stalnaker, Goldie Stalnaker, Goldie Thomas, Dora Jeffries, Orza Rhodes(?), George Thomas (teacher), Ethel Mankin, Willie Tolley, Clair McKemy. *Back row* Beula Payne, Ora Rhodes, Ella Stalnaker, Icie Cox. *Submitted by Phyllis L. Cline*

LYNN VALLEY SCHOOL

The Lynn Valley School was located along Route 21, near Wiseburg, in Grant District. The school closed in the 1920s and was later used as a voting place. Although the school building has not been used as a voting place for many years, the precinct is still referred to as Lynn Valley. The building is still standing and is on property now owned by Clellie Maddox. Obie Bott was probably the landowner when the school was built. *Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach*

MORNING STAR SCHOOL

In 1876, land was obtained from Israel Nesselroad for the purpose of constructing a schoolhouse on Meathouse Fork, in Grant District. It was located about a half-mile from the Little Sandy Road. Chris Nesselroad was a teacher there for many years. Some other teachers were: Ramona Rowley, Grace McKown, Carroll Derenberger, Israel Nesselroad, Nelle Farnsworth, Pearl Battin, Sam Safreed, Jim Jarrett, Walter Lemaster and Otmer Kelbaugh.

The photograph was taken in 1908 at the Morning Star School and includes: Delma Smith, Lizzie Nesselroad, Clayton Lange, Is Nesselroad, Mollie Argabrite, Margaret Flinn, Iva Nesselroad, Roxie Batten, Lena Argabrite, Virginia Nesselroad, Wesley Howard, Wesley Batten, Evert Hafer, Carrol Derenberger, Bud Smith, Elmer Whitc, Dick Angus, Denzil Derenberger, Joe Argabrite, Charley Nesselroad, Rodney Lange, John Whitc, Wilmer Howard, Charity Batten, Catharine Drenberger, Flossie Smith, Clyde Lange, Oat Flinn, Chub Flinn, Bill Cook, Martin Nesselroad and Russel Flinn. Chris Nesselroad was the teacher.



Morning Star School (Grant District), 1908

Students during 1918-1923 included: Eloise, Ann, Fred and Edward "Kitt" Lemaster; Alma, Charley, Earl and Virgil Hafer; Bernice Marie, Earl and Carroll Howard; Mildred, Edna and Norman Lebew; Madge, Kenneth and Lionel Gough; Jess Flinn; Ann, Mae and Alma Derenberger; Audry and Lewis Stanley; Harold, Ira, Ralph and Clyde Nesselroad; Virginia and Brown Cozart.

The school was closed in the early 1930s. Jay Clem purchased the school building from the Board of Education in 1933. After Jay and Bob Clem tore down the building, they moved the lumber to the Willowdale area and used it to build a house. *Submitted by Earl Howard*

MORNINGSTAR SCHOOL

The Morningstar School was located near Pleasant Ridge in Ravenswood District not far from the Wirt County line. Some people in the area called it the Balderson School. One of the school buildings here was built from the lumber which had been from the dismantled Negro School building on Little Sandy Road. There had probably been a log school here before that time. The last school building was constructed in the early 1930s by Charley Wilson and Logan Beymer. When the school was permanently closed in the late 1930s, the same men tore down the building and took the lumber to Parkersburg to be used in a house.

Some of the teachers were: Ray Palmer, Harry Palmer, Clara Palmer, Minnie Robbins, Nettie Thomas, Walter Cline, Gertrude Campbell and Sumpter Archer. In the 1920s some of the families who attended here were: Palmers, Pursleys, Baldersons, Wells, Cheuvronts, VanFossons, Buchannons and Smiths. *Submitted by Glen VanFosson*

MOUNT MORIAH SCHOOL

The first Mount Moriah School, a modest log structure, was erected before the Civil War on the Gratton Rankin farm on Parchment Creek. Many students, including Fred Hogsett, Lue Chase and Pleasie Bourgeois, attended this school.



Mt. Moriah School

Later, a new school was built on the old Lovell M. Parsons farm. Among the teachers at this school were: Sally Kay, Dora Rankin, Hoyt French, Margaret Harrison, Georgiana Hutchinson, Lloyd Stone, Alberta Hutchinson, Lula Hogsett, Minnie Dery, Clarence F. Myers, Holly Casto, Oley Whiting, Isabelle E. Stone, Odie Stewart, Boyd C. Baker, Melvin Horne, Otho Scarberry and Wilda Barnhart.

Students in 1948 were: Ruth Ann, Charles and Bonnie Stone; Barbara, Carolyn and Samuel Boggess; Dorman Skeen, Farrell (Skeen) Roub, Goldie Marie Kay, Frances Ann (Stewart) Dietrich, Janet (Skeen) Nuckles, Judy (Winter) Perry; Beverly, Brenda, Ronnie and Rodney Ferguson; Wilma, Oshel Edward, Darrell and Genevieve Shamblen; Dencil and Darrell Sayre, Jo Ann Sharp and Millie Jo Woodward.

The school was closed September 1, 1959 and the building sold to Stewart Sayre. Submitted by Isabelle (Stone) Sargent

MOUNTAIN FLOWER SCHOOL

H.J. Caldwell and Jonathan Moore conveyed land, at the head of Cavin Fork, Nesselroad Fork and Little Pond Creek, in 1884, for the Mountain Flower School (Grant District).

The photograph, supplied by Norene Moore, was taken in 1896. *Front row:* Bessie Alexander, William "Bill" Alexander, Rosa Carter, Lottie Hill, Katie Carter, Ott Carter, Nellie Powell, Ruth Holleron, Marshall Shutts, Pearl Moore, Okey Moore, Martin Hill, Den Moore, Claud Moore and Laura Moore. *Second row:* Warren Hill, Carl Alexander, Jack Moore, William "Bill" Moore, Edna Powell, John Powell, Ada Powell, Kermon Moore, Herman Shutts and John Patterson. *Third row:* — Cross, Lillie Carter, Retta Hill, Ebert Holleron, John Alexander, Troy Carter, — Cross, Mable Dunham, Tennie Holleron and Ethel Dunham. *Fourth row:* Lillie Moore, Tenna Alexander, Frank Carter, Homes Hill, Ernest Dunham, Cleve Powell, Otis Moore, Finley Peters (teacher), Retta Patterson, Kate Patterson, Joe Dunham, Hugh Patterson and John Carter.



Mountain Flower School (Grant District), 1896

Students in 1930-31, while Bert Stallings was the teacher, were: Donald Moore, Marie Hill, Eileen Nohe, Evyleen Nohe, Grace Smith, Garold Miller, Gladys Miller, Roxa Baker, Juanita Hill, Lester Moore, Melvin Smith, Dale Nohe, Charles Smith Jr., Michael Holleron, Audra Miller, Eva Hill, Murhl Baker, Eugene Patterson, Helen Smith, Paul Nohe and Burhl Baker.

Jackson County Board of Education minutes list the following teachers at Mountain Flower from 1933-1944: Wilma Snyder, Roland Haught, Bert Stallings, Delbert Rardin, Lahoma Poling, James Bunner and Ira Allen. The school was closed in 1944-45. The building and lot was sold to Ettie Moore, in 1949. Submitted by Carolyn Muhlbach and June Cain

MOUNTAIN FLOWER SCHOOL

About ten years after Appomattox the time had come to put the War into the history books. To build a new one room school was paramount to the community. Land was deeded for the life of the school by Lewis F. and Sarah Parsons, a life lasting approximately 60 years.

It was situated equidistant between two Methodist churches in more or less neutral territory. The division of North and South is reflected notably in the church cemeteries. In the Pleasant Hill Cemetery rests Brooks Kessel and Henry Stout of the 17th Virginia "Wildcat Cavalry." In the Foster Chapel Cemetery are buried Allen Robinson and James Williams — Union men until the day they died.

The building was a replica of hundreds of other one room schools nationwide. Almost square, the interior was painted green — a color supposedly easy on the eyes. Inside the front wall from the door to the corner was a fine slate blackboard and chalk tray.

The furnishings were rows of double desks, shelves behind the door for dinner pails, a common water pail and dipper, a corner cabinet for the meager school library and occupying the center of the room a pot bellied stove sitting firmly in a square sand filled box.

The outside painted white was distinguished by a beautiful bell tower atop the roof to call the students, ranging in age from five to 21, to classes. At times it was rung to bring to attention the community for good news or bad.



Mountain Flower School

One joyous bell ringing was the night of November 11, 1918 when news of the Armistice Signing to end World War I came over the party line. It was rung all night by willing hands and happy young people. One of their own, John Wesley Frey would come home safely from France. The teacher that year was Oliver D. Kessel.

As time went by improvements were made — oil lamps around the walls, American and Stat flags over the blackboard, pictures of Washington Crossing the Delaware, Christ in the Temple, and New England Poets adorned the walls. Also, of memory was a huge and much used Webster's Dictionary. In time the green paint vanished under a coating of cream and buff color. During the regime of W. Perry Pinnell curtains adorned the small paned windows.

Being a community center the building was also used for extra-curricular activities such as pie and box socials, spelling bees, meetings of the Literary Society where weighty subjects were debated by parents and students. There were always programs to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. In time 4-H meetings were added to the list of community activities. Mountain Flower was among the first to organize a 4-H club. No term of school was ended until the last day's big basket dinner. Even the mailman, Mr. Puckett, on Route 2 out of Ripley, always managed to be there for dinner that day.

The generations of children starting their first day of school were admonished without fail, "If you get a whipping at school you will get another when you get home." They were also expected to not lie, cheat or steal. Learning the basic three R's was top priority.

Discipline then and now are vastly different. The term that the late Dr. C. Royall Kessel had the opportunity to educate the students, he arrived the first day with half a dozen supple hickory switches. He placed them behind a picture above the blackboard for all to see — a warning. In due time the school bully got his attention and the young man got the benefit of the hickory tea. It is not known if his father later took him to the woodshed. However, this episode was a great deterrent to crime not lost on the very young in attendance.

This school was blessed with first rate teachers. Countless students became teachers or used teaching as a stepping stone to other professions.

Some of those who chose teaching as a life's work were W. Perry Pinnell, Blanche Williams, Fay French Bowles, Flora Parsons Hoult and Lola French Stone. In fact, at any given term the teacher and generally all or most of the students were related. Brother or sister returned to teach younger siblings. For the life of the school it was not only a community affair but a family one as well.

It is not known the identity of the first teacher but the last term was taught in 1933-34 by Samuel D. Kessel, a former student. Those he taught were swept up in World War II. They all survived into the Atomic and Space Age. Some may see the 21st Century. The building no longer sets by the road but the principles learned there are being passed to future generations.

From the good old days of perhaps 70-plus years ago a picture gives us an idea of those by-gone days. The late Dr. C. Royall Kessel was the teacher in charge.



Mountain Flower School students

First row: C. Royall Kessel, teacher, Omer Slaughter, Hoyt French, Cornelia Kessel Smith, Everette Oldham, Adrian Parsons, Jessie Kessel Kay, Gail Parsons, Otis Pinnell, Walter Pinnell and Flora Slaughter. *Row two:* Bernice French McGrew, Oma Frey Smith, Edith French Moore, Omer Oldham, Paul Pinnell, Lola French Stone, Dollie Oldham Dial. *Row three:* Romeo Frey, Rolla Parsons, George Frey, Perry Pinnell, Russel Kessel, Ethel Oldham Wilkerson, Flora Parsons Hoult, and Wesley Frey.

Of this group at least ten taught school, about half of those were lifetime teachers. Wesley Frey went to World War I. Russel Kessel became a doctor, and others became farmers or went into industry and the business world with equal success.

Submitted by Cornelia Kessel Smith and Ardis Smith Shirley

MURRAYSVILLE SCHOOL

The Murraysville School was located in Grant District, a few miles north of Ravenswood, on the Murraysville Road. The land for the school was obtained from A.C. Tidd in 1869. It was located near the farm owned by Jacob O. Boggs and



Murraysville School, 1935-36

currently owned by Toby and Camilla Gattrell.

According to information written by H.D. Somerville, some early teachers were: John Karr, Nancy Coleman, A.J. Lane, Taylor Douglass, William Archer, Elza Archer, Ruby Wolfe, Tackett Milhoan, Katherine Elder, Davis Seals, Charles Polk, Mack Wallace, Lula VanGordon, David Karr and Henry W. Deem. While Nancy Isabel Skillinger was a teacher, there were more Milhoans than any other families in her school. At one time, there was a two-room school here. F.L. Flesher assisted in erecting the first school after free schools were established.

Teachers from 1933-1946 were: Lettie Gillaspie, Clyde Hupp, Bert Stallings, George Lee, Gay Frashier and Mildred Kirkhart. The school was closed in 1946 and the building sold in 1949 to Earsley Russell. The photograph was taken in 1935-36 when Bert Stallings was a teacher. Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach

MUSES BOTTOM SCHOOL



Muses Bottom School and Coleman Chapel Church, ca. 1915-16 (photo supplied by Dorothy (Bonar) Davis)

The Muses Bottom School was located in front of the Coleman Chapel Church, in Grant District, and was built by Charley Pilchard. A photograph of the school building is located in the Washington Lands Museum, at Ravenswood. The school closed about 1942. Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach

McGRAW SCHOOL



McGraw School



McGraw School, 1898-99

In 1881, land was obtained from Kinsey Johns, to build a schoolhouse, on McGraw Run. The school was located about two miles from Lockhart, in Grant District.

The accompanying photograph, which includes students and some parents, was taken in 1898 or 1899. Row 1: Mart Ball, Ott Steel, Kenna Weekley, Ella Archer, Ada Thompson, — Cheuvront, Ida Harbin, — Cheuvront, Emma Thompson, Effie Morris and Etta Thompson. Row 2: Henry Archer, Charlie Steel, Lewis Archer, John Morris, Oscar Thompson, Rose Barnhart, Rose Weekley, Martha Harbin and Florence Harbin. Row 3: Taylor Thompson, Louisa Weekley, Francis Harbin, Stella Morris, Laura Thompson, Louisa Ball, Mae Steel and Columbia Weekley. Row 4: John Harbin, Ira Archer (teacher), Elisha Farley, Lindsey Thompson, Johnny Ball, Ed Ball, Haze Farley, Than Weekley, Alfred Archer, Homer Morris, Rhoda Ball and Maranda Archer.

Teachers at McGraw included: Lillian Morgan, Luther Hardesty, Willis Sullivan, Bert Farley, Wick Smith, Addie Cooper, Mary Smith Clem, Nole Rardin, Mr. Holliday, Charles Wilson (1933), Grace Vannoy (1934), Gay Cox (1935-36), Noel Shutts (1937), Sumpter Archer (1938), Bessie Rardin, (1939-40), Eleanor Woofter (1941), Ethel Archer (1942), Bessie Rardin (1943), Garnet Boyce (1944), Sumpter Archer (1945-47), Evelyn Archer Wells (1948-50), Jess Jarrett (1951), Ova Hamon (1952), Dale Hoff (1953), Betty Hutchinson and Garnet Thomas (1954), Betty Hutchinson and Garnet Thomas (1955), Garnet Thomas (1956-57), and Gaynelle Davis (1958).

The school was permanently closed in January 1959. The school and land reverted back to the landowner, Richard Corns. About 1970, Carl Ball bought the school, converted it into a house, and lived there until it was destroyed by fire on December 27, 1980. Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach

McKINLEY SCHOOL

Teaching school is an experience that could last one day, one week, one year or a lifetime. At the tender age of 18, I was initiated into the joys, trials and tribulations of this unique vocation. I received a letter from our school board which I opened with mixed emotions. It stated, "You have been selected to be the teacher at McKinley School for the coming year, etc." This was a one room school located in a remote section of the Jackson County hills, on a Secondary road. Later, much to my chagrin, I discovered that in the dead

of winter the only way to reach my school was on foot.

I packed by belongings, and my dad, wishing to further my career, loaded me into our black, top-heavy, Model T Ford, and off we went in search of McKinley School, which we found without too much trouble. A family who lived near by, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith, rather reluctantly agreed to let me board with them for \$25 per month. They became my "family away from home" for awhile, and I'll always remember them.

That first day of school will always stand out in my memory. I arrived early and met my 15 eager students, who were all ages, grades and sizes. After finding a desk to fit each one, I rang the bell and our day began. The first thing on my schedule was the Lord's Prayer and, by then, I was so nervous that I almost forgot it. However, things fell into place, as they generally do, and I made it through the first day.



Elaine Rowley and Isabelle Sargent

The long autumn days were brightened by the scenic beauty around us. The daily changing of the bright leaves was as though mother nature was wrapping us in a rainbow of colors. On one of those alluring days, our Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Reuben Kiser, paid us a kindly visit. No one knew he was coming until he entered the door. At first, his face wore the melancholy expression of one who traveled a wild and bleak road alone. However, a smile brightened his broad, thin-lipped face when he saw my energetic students and our colorful classroom.

He conversed with all of us and, on leaving, remarked, "Everything looks fine except that scrap of paper under the huge, pot-bellied stove!" I didn't worry too much about that unscen wad of paper. I had too many other worries at that time.

We lost the fading beauty of summer's bloom, and soon the multicolored leaves were whipped

from the trees by the raw and biting November winds. Soon the trees grew naked and grotesque, and the gray rocks slept like scaly monsters on the rugged hills. Autumn was passing, and soon the white mantle of "Old Man Winter" was upon us. My thinly-clad students crowded around the fiery, red-hot stove to keep warm, it's glow hurting our eyes. We placed our seats around it like an amphitheater, and that's how we studied and lessons were done.

Outside, we would have periods of sunshine, and then blowing snow would swirl down and cover the earth with a white mantle. When it thawed, we waded through a sea of mud. The hills grew dark ugly, and the hungry birds flew by looking for seeds, chirping their sad winter notes. Looking from the windows at this barren, desolate scene, I whispered a small prayer—"Lord, take me home." I now knew why everybody worked so hard to prepare for winter. My last thoughts before sleep were of the fable of the "Ant and the Grasshopper."

(Written by Mrs. Elaine Rowley) Submitted by Ann Riggs and Elizabeth Stone

NORMAL SCHOOLS

Normal schools had for their purpose the training of teachers. They originated in Prussia, like the kindergarten, but it was the French who gave them their lasting name to this new institution, the normal school (ecole normale). On July 8, 1839, the first normal school opened in the United States at Lexington, Massachusetts.

Jackson County has a historical record for the number of teachers it furnished the profession. In 1903, the legislature passed a law that established the uniform examination for the certification of teachers. The examinations were prepared by the State Department of Education and held on the same days in every county.

The uniform examinations created a need for students to prepare for the test. A.S. and C.W. Lee opened a normal school in Ripley which attracted hundreds of students from many counties over the state. In 1912, it had an enrollment of 202 students of which 69 were from Jackson County and 133 were from 23 other counties of the state. Of the 69 students from Jackson County only one is still living (1990), Dr. Gay H. Duke of Ripley. A few of the counties represented were Wyoming, Mineral, Doddridge, Monongalia, Hancock, Lincoln and Wetzel. Tuition was \$10.00 per term and board and room was \$5.00 per week. The terms varied in length from ten to twelve weeks, or a student could enroll for half a term, five or six weeks. A.S. Lee published a series of 11 books which condensed the subject matter that was taught. They included penmanship, orthography and theory and art of teaching. An entire set could be purchased for \$3.25 (1909). Classes were held in the elementary school building.



Ripley Normal School

Gradually, the emphasis upon examinations was shifted by certifying teachers by approved normal schools, colleges and universities due to higher standards and Jackson County was permit-

ted to have one normal training high school which was for the granting of college credit equal to the first year in college (16 hrs.). In 1922-26, Ravenswood High School added the 13th year which included normal training for teachers. It was under the leadership of Elmer H. Flinn, who was the principal of the school for 30 years. The legislature abolished this type of normal school after 1926.

Compiled by Dr. Delmer K. Somerville, Ed. D., by personal interview with Dr. Gay H. Duke and the assistance of James C. Kessel, who furnished a scrap book containing a newspaper clipping about the normal school in 1912 which belonged to his sister, Alberta Kessel Hutchison.

OAK GROVE-BRUSHY FORK SCHOOL

In the year 1889, John Somerville Sr. gave a plot of ground on Brushy Fork to the Board of Education of Jackson County to erect a school house.



Oak Grove School, 1902

First row, left to right: Karl Somerville on the chair, Harley Somerville, Tom Somerville, Walter Province, Pearl Province, Charley Gaut, Ed Farley, Sadie Province, Rae Somerville, Ret Farley, and Carry Province.

Second row, left to right: John Somerville Sr., Jess Province, Alfred Somerville, Bert Farley, Ben Province, Sank Somerville, Bell Province, Ada Province, J. Province, and Dora Somerville.

Third row, left to right: Sue Province, Della Toncray, Katherine Morgan teacher, Ott Province, Tena Somerville, Ben Somerville, and Arie Somerville.

This picture was taken on January 9, 1902. The custom was for the parents to come to school and have their picture taken with their children. Submitted by Pauline Smith

OAK GROVE SCHOOL

The Oak Grove School was located at the head of Meathouse Fork, in Grant District, on the Flinn property. Roscoe Flinn lived on this farm for many years. The school was closed ca. 1924. Some of the teachers were: Earl Thompson, Sam Battin, Catherine Dernberger, Ann Dernberger, Alma Hafer, Thad Farnsworth and Philip Swain. Some of the students who attended school during the last decade of its existence include: Ernest, Eddie, Asa, Elizabeth, Glen, Paul, Ralph and Margaret Flinn; Sylvia, Rollie Bill, Alta and Dora Williams; Lucille, Ellen, Martha and Hubert Jones; Clay and Hazel Powell; Nolia, Kenneth, Ralph and Rex Miihlbach; Jimmy Cummins and his two sisters; Mary and Johnny Meeker; Lona Dotson and Dora Miller. Submitted by Rex Miihlbach

ONA SCHOOL

The Ona School was located one and one-half miles from Route 68 on Skull Run Road in Grant District. The school house was built in 1915 by

Charlie Pilchard. One acre of ground was bought from the John Gorrell farm for 40 dollars with the understanding that when the school was closed, the land would go back to John Gorrell for 40 dollars. The school closed in 1944 and the land went back to John Gorrell.

The school was named after Ona Tumlin, daughter of Everett Tumlin. Charlie Pilchard stayed at the Tumlin home while building the school. Hugh Flinn now owns the property where the school was located. Jess Wright, of Murfreesville, was the first teacher. Other teachers included: Joe Cooper, Thad Farnsworth, Georgia Kelbaugh, Anna Swain, Rose Swain, Marshall Jarrett, Roy Kirkhart and Alma Anthony.

Between the years 1915-1920, some of the students included: Harry Gorrell, Edison Tumlin, Curtis Tumlin, Grace Tumlin, Johnny Tumlin, Della King, Benny Foggins, Oscar Gorrell, Armour Wheaton, Cletus Wheaton, Raymond Michael, Harold Michael and Ida Thomas.

Some of the students a few years later were: Geraldine Cather, Mabel Gorrell, Troy Gorrell, Don Gorrell, Alonzo Gorrell, Violet Gorrell, Orvetta Cox, Mary Cox, Withrow Cox, Herald Cox, Mildred Gorrell, Virginia Gorrell, Opal Gorrell, June Gorrell, Bell Gorrell, Laura Bigley, Virginia Staats, Orville Staats, Okley Ellis, Grace Tumlin, Alice Gorrell, Denzil Gorrell, Alice Lee, Bill Lee, Vinnie Staats, Burley Staats and Thelma Staats.

Submitted by Norma Delong

ORCHARD GROVE SCHOOL

The Orchard Grove School, located in Grant District near the Little Sandy Road, was about four miles from Medina. The Orchard Grove Church, also known as Watts Chapel, was located beside the school building. Some of the teachers who taught there from 1915 until the school closed in



Orchard Grove, 1899

the late 1920s were: Walter Lemaster, Asa Lincicome and Dessie Archer, Martin Archer, Stella Snyder Harris, Opal Johnson Jackson, Margaret Lemaster and Georgia Kelbaugh. Some of the students at this time included: Ada and Edna Hicks; Gladys, Pearl and Josephine Dunham; Garnet, Ruby and Denzil Lincicome; Florence and Aubrey Patterson; Roland Slaven; Blanche and Jane Nesselroad; Lonie and Una Dotson; Mollie Joseph Dotson; Harvey and Roy Snyder; Pauline Hicks; Bessie, Ralph, Cleo and Lora Flinn; Faith and Bertha Howard; Gussie Britton; Bud, Arthur and Clair Smith. The photograph was taken February 21, 1899 while E.H. Archer was the teacher.

Submitted by Roland Hangle

PARCHMENT VALLEY SCHOOL 1942-43

Front row, left to right: Paul Stutler, Jack Stanley, Ronald Parsons, Billy Southall, Bill Parsons, Helen Casto and Roger Parsons.

Middle row: Eva Stutler and Mary Craft.



Parchment Valley School, 1942-43

Back row: Charles Parsons, Edward Stanley, Charles Stutler, Myrtle Craft, Merle Craft, Bernice Casto and Mable Stanley. Submitted by Ethlyn Parsons

PROVIDENCE SCHOOLS

The Providence Schools were located in Grant District, about two miles south of the Wirt County line, along Route 21. The first school located in this area was a log structure. The following was written by H. D. Somerville and published in the Jackson Herald, July 7, 1950: "In 1858-59, Albert Lockhart taught school at Providence Chapel. Pupils attending this school were: James Sheppard, Tom McPherson, Jess McPherson, Manda McPherson, Jasper McPherson, John Full, Sarah Full, Webster Full, Jesse Full, Harriet Grant, Francis Grant, Will Stephens, Malinda Roush, Elmira Somerville, Isabell Stephens, Susan Somerville, Amos Lockhart, Sam Somerville, Sarah Lockhart, Lafe Somerville, Susan Lockhart, Ellen Somerville, Samuel Lockhart, William Somerville, Isaac Lockhart, Frank Somerville, Clarisa Springston, Virginia Somerville, James Springton, Caroline Somerville, Robert Somerville, Edmond Somerville, Monroe Somerville, Caroline Sheppard, George McFee and Jonathan Lockhart. Clarisa and Joanne Springton both stayed with their aunt, Mrs. Andy Somerville, while attending this school. Miss Emily B. Montgomery taught at this place 1862-63. In 1864-65, Albert taught another term. The pupils were not listed among his papers, but the patrons were as follows: James Somerville, Jackson Somerville, John Nicholson, James Harris, S.K. Morehead, Jackson Full, Andy Somerville, Ab Full, John Somerville, Isaac Lockhart, Aaron Cheuveront, George McFee. Other teachers were: Lemuel Cheuveront, Abe Gandee, George Lent 1867-68; William Dent, Mr. Cora, Levi Stephens and John Kerr. . . In 1870-71, Grant Myers had a contract to erect a new frame school house nearby. The Methodists continued to hold meetings in the log building until 1888-1889.

The second school was built a few hundred yards away from the location of the present building. It was used until another building was constructed by Hamilton Blair, on land obtained from the McPherson family, in 1915-16. Sam Blair was one of the teachers in the 1920s. Some of the teachers after 1933 were: Ray Palmer, Tracy

Kittle, Church Balis, Otho Clem, John Bachtel, Charles Wilson, Marie Hall, and Martin Archer.

The photograph, furnished by Ireta (Holliday) Sayre, shows the students at Providence in 1945. First row: Larry Braniff, James Wines, (?), Rollin Kittle, Paul Braniff, Evelyn Crum, Ireta Holliday and Pauline Braniff. Second row: James Braniff, Patty Corns, Charlotte Kittle, Ellen Archer, Willidena Knopp and Charles Wines. Third row: Beulah Holliday, Norma Braniff, (?), James Cooper, Barney Cooper, James Kittle and (?).

Classes were held at Providence until 1951. The property reverted back to the landowner, Charley and Edna (McPherson) Thomas. They later sold the building and some land to Olen and Lila Thomas who remodeled the school into living quarters. Submitted by Lionel Thomas

RARDIN SCHOOL

The Rardin School, located on Little Sandy Road in Grant District, was about two miles from Sherman. The Board of Education purchased land from William L. and Mary A. Safreed on October 1, 1885. Some of the teachers at Rardin include: Add Jackson, Joe Cooper, Sam Safreed, Earl Williams, Mamie Combs, Virgil Kyger, Howard McGaughy, Roxie Battin, Carroll Dernberger, Mart Nesselroad, Margaret Lemaster, Ann Dernberger, Mae Dernberger and Jess Flinn.

Some of the students were: John, Jess, Carl, Eleanor and Anna Lou Howell; Gail Baker; Jennie, Edith, Harley, Ellen and James Bunner; Virginia, Helen and Thelma Bunner; Elmus Rardin; Grace and Merle Funk; Helen, Mildred, Homer and Edwin Safreed; Harold, Virgil, Oncie, Aulene and Lorene Archer; Clinton, Clifford, Milan, Roy, Hattie, Cora and Francis Rardin; Isaac and Grace Cooper; Ray, Grace, Clair, Ora and Bert Barnhart; Clifford Bogard; Fred and Virgil Black; Mae and Carl Safreed; Darrell, Claude, Jessie, Mamie and Erma Rector; Reuben, Wilmer, Bertha and Elsie Bates; Rodney and Clyde Lange; Brady, Ethel, Lizzie, Mae, Blanche, Alva, William and Paul Lindamood; Freda, Edra, Lena, Arlie, Olden; and Merle Barber.

After the school was closed in the early 1930s, H.E. and Hazel Bunner purchased the school building and lot in 1933. They used the school building for a residence and finally sold it to Harry and Leona Leonard in 1945. It was extensively remodeled by the Leonard family. The high ceilings were lowered and a basement was excavated by using dynamite, since the area under the school was solid rock. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Leonard currently live there and have built an addition onto the house.

Submitted by Ray and Betty Leonard

RAVENSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

From the beginning Ravenswood made opportunities for education of its citizens a priority. The first school house within the present limits of Ravenswood was a log cabin built in the early 1840s by Ephraim Wells. Teachers were paid \$12 a month, and pupils were required to attend 16 weeks each year. This building was soon outgrown and school moved to the "Old Institute," a building also used for a town hall and religious purposes.

In 1858, William P. Hamon from New York built what was known as Union Academy. It opened with two teachers in 1859. Until 1864 schools were funded by subscriptions from interested persons.

In 1870, the Ravenswood Independent School District was established, and in 1883 a levy was laid to erect a new school building. The members of the school board gave personal checks to buy land for the new school until funds were available. On this site the "1887 Building," which was to serve as the first high school, was erected.



1887 Building

A two-year high school course was offered in 1890. In 1892 it was extended to three years and in 1899 to four. Students graduated each year except in 1892 and 1899 when the course was extended.

Just after Thanksgiving in 1921 the high school moved from the "1887 Building" to a new brick structure on Sycamore Street. The new building included a room for manual training. This class saved school funds by constructing tables, shelves, cabinets, and gymnasium equipment. The first band was organized in 1927, and the first yearbook, the Nautilus, was published in 1921.

The depression affected RHS much as it did the remainder of the country. In some years school terms were shortened because funds were not available. However, legislation was passed during the '30s that insured a more stable financial base and school terms were guaranteed.

Concerns with the war monopolized the thinking of many students in the 1940s. Students often left school as soon as age would allow them to join the armed forces. The class of 1945 dedicated a plaque with 180 names to honor the students and faculty from RHS who had served during the war.

Typical of the community involvement that has always been important were the \$5 Banquets that began in 1948. When there was not enough money for football uniforms, a group of businessmen and the football coach decided to raise the money by having a dinner. All food was donated and everyone — speakers, cooks, waiters, dishwashers, and representatives of the press — bought \$5 tickets. Their goal was to raise \$500 but \$950 was raised, and the banquet became an annual affair throughout the 1950s.

In 1954 with the ground-breaking for the reduction and fabrication plants at Kaiser Aluminum, the community and the high school began to deal with the changes that occur when population increases drastically over a short period of time. Crowded classrooms and limited facilities meant a building program.



Ravenswood High School

In 1961 the present high school building on Plaza Drive was completed. As the population increased problems of overcrowding and shortage of funds continued. Once again the community rallied to the cause, and the Ravenswood Education Foundation was organized. With these funds additional teachers were hired plus supplements were



Providence School, 1945

paid to teachers. Funds were also used for equipment and library books.

The largest graduating class was 219 students in 1975. Crowded conditions were finally alleviated in 1978 when seventh and eighth graders moved to the new middle school. The RHS campus grew with the construction of the Physical Education Building in 1978 and the auditorium in 1979.

The football field is named in honor of Elmer H. Flinn who served as principal for approximately 25 years in the early 1900s.

In 1973 the bell from the top of the original high school was erected on a platform on the north side of the school providing a link from the past to the present.

RHS Principals: 1907-1908, W.L. McCowan; 1909-1933, E.H. Flinn; 1933-1936, B.E. Kimble; 1936-1939, James Cox; 1939-1948, Howard Johnson; 1948-1951, Reed F. Myers; 1951-1952, Howard Johnson; 1952-1954, Taylor Cremeans; 1954-1965, Reed F. Myers; 1965-1967, Dorsey Scott; 1967-1972, Carroll Staats; 1972-1973, Jimmy T. Wyatt; 1973-1976, Carroll Staats; 1976-1980, Glenn Morrison; 1980-1985, Alan Harrison; 1985-present, Fred Aldridge. *Submitted by Margaret Scies and Clara Belle Denning*

RAWSON SCHOOL

The Rawson School was located on Little Pond Creek, in Grant District, about a half mile from the Willowdale Church. After the school closed in the late 1920s, many of the students went to the Liberty School at Toppins Grove.

Among those who taught at the Rawson School were: Philip Swain, Jess Jarrett, Thaddeus Farnsworth, Eunice Moore, Wilma Howard, Everett Rawson, Fred Smith and Chester King.

Students included: Philip, Ray, Charles, Lesley and Catherine, children of Philip Swain; Walter, Sam and Minnie Swain; Annie, Maggie, Nina, Inez and Pat, children of Ernest Smith; Sybel, daughter of Harvey Powell; Virgil, Emma, Laila, Lucy and Paul, children of Robert Clem; Frank and Lilly, children of Floyd Rawson; Floyd, Lucille, Lloyd, Boyd and Grace, children of Lee Emerick; Merle and Lona, children of Marshall Rawson; Clair, Ruth and Virginia, children of Samuel Parks; Bob and Goldie, children of Bill Robinson; Nell, Carroll and Norma, children of Thaddeus Farnsworth; Byrne, Rex, Paul, Kermit and Mary, children of J.W. Kelly; Glenn, May, Clay and other children of Jordan Nohe; Hattie, Delma and Marshall, children of Dick Morehouse; Olen and Willie, sons of Ernest Stephens; and Dewayne Fortney. (Most of the information about the Rawson School was from Hazel (Powell) Conner and Catherine (Swain) Moore.) *Submitted by Carolyn Mithlbach*

RED BRUSH SCHOOLS

The Red Brush vicinity is located near Nesselroad Run, about half way between Medina and Lockhart, in Grant District. There was once a log school, near the McPherson Cemetery, on the hill between the two branches of Red Brush above the Hayward farm. Lewis Warth was a teacher here. Another school was at the mouth of Red Brush, in a log cabin, on what was later Squire Robinson's farm. Early teachers there were: Rev. Robert Fox, Mr. Casto, Kate Warden, Mr. Caldwell and "Tickie" Hall. Pupils included children of: Dave and Sim Somerville, Reece Barnhart, William Powers, the Alexanders and others. In 1870, a frame school house was built just above the Robinson home. Teachers were: William Cheuvront, P.H. Slaven, Charles Nicholson, Cornelius Archer, Alonzo Areher and others. (The preceding is from information written by H.D. Somerville.)

In 1901, another school house was erected on Albert Lockhart's farm on the other side of the

creek on the main Nesselroad public road. Students at this school in 1912 were: Elsa Spear, Lucy Lockhart, Bird McBride, Earl Thompson, Martin McBride, Elda Peters, Okey Thompson, Eva Spear, Myrtle McBride, Barbara Nesselroad, Ralph Archer, Ginevra Archer, Minnie Peters, Ila Franklin, Nelta McPherson, Edythe Morrison, Dale Nesselroad, Mancil Morrison, Harald Peters, Elza Thompson, Maude Spear, Muhrl McBride, Ray Alexander, Janet Archer, Marie Archer, Raymond Morrison and Henry Morrison. The teacher was F.D. Robinson and school board members for District No. 13 were: J.W. Peters, C.H. Morrison and W.T. McPherson. The school was permanently closed in the 1930s. *Submitted by Carolyn Mithlbach*

RIPLEY GRADE SCHOOL

Katherine Frey was the third grade teacher at Ripley Grade School in 1914-1915. The students pictured are: *first row:* Charles Starcher, Stuart Armstrong, Edward Yates, Unidentified, Flava Coon, Dale Rhodes, Russel Staats, James McNear, Crayton Noyes, Emmet McGrew, Willie Baker.



Third Grade at Ripley Grade School, 1914-15

second row: Georgia Knowles, Edith Hopson, Mildred Reymer, (?) Conley, Adele Harpold, Anna Casto, Maude Sallaz, Arlene Wolfe, Edna Jones, (?) Hatcher, Doris Anthony, Eva Hinnan, *third row:* Russel Hickel, Russel Parsons, Charles Curfman, Donald Rhodes, Russel Casto, Unidentified, Charles Petty and Elsa McGraw. *Submitted by Mrs. J.D. Mollard*

RIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Ripley High School came into legal existence during the early summer of 1913 when the voters of the Independent District of Ripley established it at a special election held for that purpose. The school opened in one room of the graded school building in the month of September following, with an enrollment of 23 students, most of whom resided in the town of Ripley, with A.S. Lee as the first principal. He remained in charge of the school until the following February, 1914, when he resigned, and Lewis H. Miller was elected in his stead. The following year, Mr. Lee again took charge of the school but, before the school year expired, the high school had practically gone out of existence and was combined with the graded school course in order not to lose its legal right to exist. During the school year 1916-17, the high school practically lost its identity as an educational institution because it had meager support from outside sources and but little interest from within. However, during the summer of 1917,

school spirit passed through a rejuvenation process and a second attempt was made to again set the school upon its feet. Lewis H. Miller was employed as Principal and Miss Marie Sayre as Assistant; new equipment was purchased, a chemical laboratory was installed, the library supplemented and additional quarters provided. Under this regime the school was given a second class rating by the State Department of Schools and local funds were supplemented by State Aid. It was then that the large room in the graded school building was partitioned and made into two rooms for the use of classes.

The school was yet to see trying times in that World War I was on and demands were being made in every direction, both upon the teaching force and upon those who were bearing the financial burden of the institution.

In the fall of 1918, Mr. York was employed as principal but had barely started work with a splendid enrollment when an epidemic of influenza spread over the county completely demoralizing the school. The health authorities closed its doors and the time of suspension was so long that

Mr. York was released by the Board of Education in order to procure employment elsewhere. Thus, the school remained in a dormant state until January 1, 1919, when Lewis H. Miller as principal and Marie Sayre and May Parsons-Mooney again opened school with a complete year's work ahead of them to be finished by June 30 of that year. By teaching from early morning until late in the evening, including Saturdays and all holidays, they were able to perform the task. That year the State Department of Schools gave the school a first grade rating and furnished State Aid upon that basis.

It was soon seen that the old building would not provide quarters for both the high school and the grades; thus a new task confronted the residents of the District. Money was limited and nothing short of a bond issue would suffice, but nothing could be done before another school year. The attic of the old building was converted into a chemical laboratory and library and almost all the second floor of the building was used for classes.

In the fall of 1919, the school opened with Ben W. Miller as principal, Marie Sayre, Herbert P. Long, Ruth S. Souder, Edna Wood-Miller and Helen Hubbard-Caldwell as assistants. It was during this term of school that a bond issue of \$18,000.00 was voted for the construction of the new high school building, with 20 dissenting votes against the proposition. This amount was supplemented by a special levy authorized by the Legislature upon a petition representing 90 percentum

of the voters in the District.

In the fall of 1920, Mr. V.R. McKnight was engaged by the Board of Education as principal with Marie Sayre, Constance Smith, Anna K. High and Cora Lively as his assistants. Mr. McKnight died during the month of December while on his Christmas vacation and Miss Marie Sayre became principal, carefully and skillfully directing the destinies of the institution through a trying period. During that year many of the classes were conducted in the old Morrison Store Building on Court Street while the laboratory work was carried on in the graded school building.

At the opening of the next term, almost a new faculty appeared on the scene. Julian L. Archer, one of the first students of the high school in 1913-1914, was selected as principal, and Marie Sayre, Ruth DeNormandie, Conza Meathrell and Cora Lively, his assistants.

During the time covered by this short history, the school had graduated 62 young men and women. Many of these had entered institutions of higher learning while others embarked upon their careers in one field or another. Enrollment increased from 23 to more than 100 with a large number coming from the country. This showed the benefit of the school reaching those heretofore prevented from attending school beyond the grades.

During the month of June, 1921, work was commenced on the new high school building and the same was completed during the month of September, 1922. Thus for the first time could Ripley rightfully boast of a real high school. The cost of the building proper amounted to the sum of \$31,000.00, with all the furnishings in addition. In the construction of the building, it often became necessary to raise funds beyond the expectation of the Board of Education, but at that moment practically all the business men of the town came to the rescue and provided the means by discounting joint notes for the benefit of the Board. These were later taken up by the Board and indebtedness cancelled. While we cannot name all those responsible for the founding of Ripley High School, this history would not be complete without acknowledging the Board composed of C.H. McKown, President, T. Clayton Parsons and J.E. Carson, members. Upon them fell the task of providing for the high school and this they accomplished in a remarkable manner. Even though they were confronted with almost insuperable opposition at times, they stood the test and performed their duties well.

And so it was begun. It was soon to be known by educators that with increased enrollment and expressed interest, additional classroom space and curriculum was fast becoming necessary. The 1930-40s brought about changes in building structure, added Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics instructors and a marching band. Football was introduced with the team and fans traveling west of Ripley for games played on a field commonly known as a "cow pasture." World War II interrupted this period with some teachers and students answering the call to serve their country. Supplies were scarce, some items rationed. The impact definitely limited the pace that had been set. The graduating class of 1945 could not have their yearbook printed, thus leaving a space in the chain of history.

Once again it would appear that the high school could not provide the space and needs for its students. Teachers, parents, and board members were united in their cause but divided in their efforts. Financial problems prevailed throughout the county. The Greer property, situated on Old 21 had been acquired and was the future site of Ripley High School. A bond levy was needed and the community was called upon to rally support but was met with opposition. The football stadium was used in late 1940 with construction beginning on the new high school facility and occupancy in



Ripley High School

1951-1952. Moving forward from "Old Ripley High," with the wisdom of educators J.E. Harrison, Principal, Elizabeth McGrew, Janet Riley, Raymond Parsons, Lucille Castrop, Marion Parsons, D. Wade Kessel, Morley Parsons, Ida Kathryn Johnson, (to name a few) and graduating 31 classes was quite a thrust into the future. Mid '50s brought about the greatest growth when Kaiser Aluminum made the decision to locate its facility in Jackson County. The school system experienced a sizeable increased enrollment with new families moving into the area. Again, demands were put upon the local people. However, with additional tax income from industrial and residential expansion, Ripley High School met all student needs with an added challenge.

Our present administration with Jack Wiseman, principal, and a staff of 68 professionals and 17½ service personnel, has directed students that have achieved outstanding recognition in academic and athletic competition and proudly boast an undefeated football season for 1989. Today is a computerized society and Ripley High School is on its electronic beam.

Major construction the last five years consist of a new music complex, all-weather track, main office renovation, new entrance and paved parking area. Total enrollment for 1989-1990 is 936 with 244 seniors. Scholarship money available in 1988 and 1989 was \$500,000.00 each year.

It was written in "The Pioneer" — R.H.S. publication of 1922, by Homer Young, that, "Ripley High School is the greatest institution of our town even though its influence is just beginning to be felt. It has weathered its hardest storms and has stood, but the most lasting evidence of its existence will be in the work of those who pass from its halls to enter into the world of work and strife. May each perform his duty well and perform some service for mankind that would not have been done had not such an individual lived and learned."

Submitted by Mrs. Evelyn M. Poling

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL

The Riverview School was located along Route 2 (now Route 68), north of Skull Run, in Grant District. This picture, with Emmet Tumlin as teacher, was taken in the spring of 1889. Other teachers at Riverview were: Marshall Archer, Henry Wilkes, Sam Safreed and J. M. (Roy)



Riverview School, 1889

Howell. Standing in the doorway are Emmet Tumlin and visitor, Lettie Wheeler. Students in the back row (standing): Isora Gainer, Etta Jackson, Zona Jackson, Ella Staats, Mona Tumlin, Dave Staats, Evalena Bigley, Ben Wheaton, Mary Gainer, Myrtle Staats, James A. Staats, Herbie McKinley, Robert Staats, Archer Staats, Everett Staats, Robert Wheaton, Tommy Braham and Jim Staats. Front Row: Dollie McKinley, Josie Jackson, Mamie Tumlin, Lucy Bigley, Myrtle Jackson, Alma Jackson, Bessie Gainer, Lona McKinley, Adaline Staats, Dessie Cooper, Thomas Staats, Oscar Cooper and Luther Jackson. Represented here are the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the earliest settlers in the vicinity of Skull Run: William Smith, Franklin Tumlin, Daniel Jackson, David Staats and Archibald McKinley. (This photograph and article was owned by the late Goff Carder and is now on exhibit in the Washington Museum at Ravenswood.) Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach

ROAD FORK SCHOOLS

The Road Fork Schools were located near the junction of Road Fork and Hog Trail Road in Grant District, a few miles from Sherman. The first school house was built on the property of Everett Smith. In the 1920s, a new building was constructed by George Cox on the land of Joe Reed. This school remained open until the early 1940s. The school was also called Valley Star.

Some of the teachers were: Jessie Alexander, Mary Kelbaugh, Irene Barnes, Joe Cooper, Elma Anthony, Fay Williams and Edith Jackson. Students in the 1920s included: Murhl, Loman, Lena, Orville and Verna Tumlin; Donald, Gladys, Purlie and David Staats; Ernest, Donald and Paul Nesselrode; Nina, Lucille, Charles, Harold and Carl Smith; Oscar, Brud, Inez and Vinnie Staats; Velma, Etta, Holly and Gertie Cox; Ada, Opal, Dale and Georgia Orem; Pluma Nesselrode; Gail Baker; Russell Reed; Marie, Rodney and Gordon Staats; Denzil, Edith, Kathleen, Edwin, Lillian and Parker Jackson. Edith Jackson was the first student from Road Fork to go on to high school and her brother, Denzil, was second.

"School Days" competitions, started by Superintendent Forrest Barnhart, were held with other area schools and the winners would then go on to a county level event at Ripley. Those who won at Ripley would be eligible to go on to Pt. Pleasant for a four county competition. Races, baseball throwing, and math speed tests were a few of the categories of competition. Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach

SAND HILL SCHOOL



Sand Hill School, 1914

The photograph of the Sand Hill School was taken in 1914 and includes: First row, seated from left: Floyd Litton, teacher; Mable (Tolley) Walker; Ethel (Tolley) Rhodes; Goldie (Tolley) Skens; Myrtle (Tolley) Mace; Ona Rhodes; Delmar Rhodes; Ralph Rhodes; Jess Vance.

Second row: Hurshell Tolley; Chris Vance;

Betrice (Tolley) Rhodes; Corda (Rhodes) Coon; Youen Rhodes; Dulcie (Tolley) Anderson; Gertrude (Tolley) Litton; Myrtle (Rhodes) Coon; Armor Rhodes; Olaf Litton; John Harpold; ?

Third row: Emma (Rhodes) Reed; Jennings Tolley; Asa Rhodes; Willie Tolley; Theodore Payne; Mary (Tolley) Hudson; Zerlda (Rhodes) Casto.

The Sand Hill School was located on the Tolley Hill, Gay, W.V. Submitted by Joy A. Rogers

SCIENCE HILL SCHOOL



Science Hill School, 1909

Seated from left: Virgie (Williams) Hinzman; Sybil (Rhodes) Starder; Nita (Rhodes) Tolley; Bertha (Archer) Romine, teacher; Cyril Rhodes; Hollis Board; Waldo Kelly.

Second row: Lora (Kelley) Tolley; Nellie Rhodes; Maudie (Casto) Walker; Harley Board; Effie (Kelley) Conley; Carrie (Thomas) Evans; Myrtle (Thomas) Kelley; Winnie (Board) Rhodes.

Third row: Euna (Kelley) Pringle; Lloyd Casto; Lora (Hinzman) Rhodes; Kenna Thomas; Glenda (Rhodes) Ashworth.

Science Hill Class of 1909, taken in front of the Elk Fork Church, Elk Fork Road, Gay, W.V. Submitted by Joy A. Rogers

SHAVER SCHOOL

The Shaver School, in Grant District, was located at the top of King Hill, between Little Sandy and Toppins Grove, on property which now belongs to Ralph Delong. About 1906, the Shaver family donated land for the school. The Shaver family cemetery is not far from the school site.

Ella Rardin, Evert Rardin, Wilma Howard, Mae Dernberger, Catherine Dernberger and Jess Jarrett were some of the teachers. The school closed in the early to mid 1920s at which time the students transferred to either the Center Star School or the Liberty School. The school building was torn down many years ago. Submitted by Earl Howard

SHERMAN SCHOOL

The Sherman School was located at Sherman, in Grant District, behind the houses of Bob



Sherman School

Sutphin and Mildred Deem. Students carried water to the school from the T.P. Cline house. The school, which had a slate roof, was closed about 1927-28 and was later torn down by Harry Gorrell and Lewis Palmer.

Some of the teachers at Sherman were: Clark Woofter, Joe Cooper, Norma Kelbaugh, Jessie Alexander, George Kelbaugh, Lalia Palmer and Mrs. Sargent.

Some of the students between 1912 and 1926 were: Samuel and Ross Pickens; Kitty, Kermit, William J., Cora and Roberta Salser; Lewis, Richard, Edna and Lalia Palmer; Wilmer, Hazel, Bertha, Roy, Clyde and Elsie Bates; Homer, Harold, and Edwin Saftred; Leslie Anthony, Virginia Saftred Smith; Florence DeBussey; Murl and June Goodwin; Inez and Otho Nesselroad; Dale Alexander; and Wilmer, Richard, Bertha, and Paul Black.

Submitted by William J. Salser and Dale Alexander

SINAIVILLE SCHOOL

Classes at the Sinaiville School, Statts Mills, were first held in a log structure which was also used part-time as a church. Among the earliest students, about 1835, were Nicholas and George Casto, Charles H., Jesse, Jacob H., James M., James C., Joel, and David G. Casto.

This school burned about 1905, and the students went to school in a big barn on the Dr. Virgil L. Casto farm until 1907, when the last school was built, a white frame structure, adjoining the Dr. Casto farm.



Sinaiville School, 1935

Two teachers at the old school were Miss Leota Warner and Adam Casto. Teachers recalled at the new school were Kenna Casto, Virgil Skeen, Marshall Powers, Frank Chancey, Ray Skidmore, Clay Krebs, Hoyt Powers, Delpha G. Rhodes, Carl Warner, Ford Winters, and Ray R. Palmer.

Hoyt Powers taught the 1920-21 term and his trustees were — Okey Casto, Luther Warner and Elijah Tolley. Students were — Delpha, Leo, Rawson and William Rhodes, Genevieve, Mamie, Ruth, Wilda, Ora, Oma, Telitha, Oral, Leonard, Otta, and Hobart Casto, Della and Luella Hite, James and Vivian Cobb, Denver and Opal Tolley, Carl and Masel Warner, and Gladys Shamblin.

The school closed about 1964. Among the last teachers were Clara Mae (Casto) Fisher and Bernice Evans. Submitted by Delmer Hite

SUNSHINE SCHOOL

The Sunshine School was located on Skull Run, in Grant District, near the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The schoolhouse was built in 1906, by Clark White and sons, John and Fred. The land for the school was from the Charles Burdette farm and the playground area from the Willie Buffington

farm. Mr. White named the school Sunshine because the sun would shine on them all day while they were building it.

The teachers at Sunshine included: Delmar Delaney, Alice Cather, Edith Robinson, Earnest Swain, Jesse Swain, Clay Nohe, Pete Jackson, Gene Milhoan, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Logston, Roy Kirkhart, Thad Farnsworth, Jess Jarrett, Ethel Archer, Gay Frashier, Garnet Boyce and Nola Rowley (and possibly a few early teachers whose names are unknown). The school was discontinued in 1955 and dismantled in 1964.



Sunshine School, 1939

After the teacher would ring a bell for school to start, each grade would be called one at a time to the front to sit on a long bench for their lessons. Usually the teacher started with first grade and progressed through all eight grades. Coal and wood was burned in a pot belly stove which sat in the middle of the room. Toilet facilities were outside, one for girls and one for boys.

Water was carried from Willie Buffington's well and also from Clara Pifer's well. Two students would go to get the water in a large bucket. It would then be placed in a large stone jar and everyone would drink from the same cup. In later years a well was drilled and a pitcher pump used to obtain the water. At noon and recess, students would play on the rock cliffs and in caves. Other recreation included swinging on grape vines, playing shinney (similar to hockey) and ball games. In the winter months, marbles would be played on the wooden floor which had holes burned in it by a hot poker.

Some of the teachers and students had to walk several miles to school. In the 1940s, Bill Staats and Ulysess Talbott would use a horse and sled to take children to and from school when the snow was deep. Annual box suppers were held to raise money for the school. The school had its own library and two blackboards. One large blackboard was for the taller students and a small one for the little students. School hours were from nine till four o'clock.

My dad, Lloyd Burdette, and my mother, Cora Milhoan Burdette, and all seven of their children attended Sunshine School. Many happy days of childhood were spent there.

The photograph was taken in 1939. *Back row:* Everett Pifer, Henry Milhoan, Junior Talbott, Janice Burdette, Violet Talbott, Margaret Milhoan, Gladys Salser, Doris Burdette, Phyllis Milhoan, Thelma Talbott. *Middle row:* Virginia Burdette, Lorena Milhoan, Phyllis Lane, Juanita Milhoan, Gertie Talbott, Louise Staats. *Front row:* Paul DeLong, Eldon DeLong, Thomas Burdette, Tommy Pifer, Charles Slaven and Thad Farnsworth (teacher). Submitted by Norma Burdette Delong

TURKEY RUN SCHOOL

The Turkey Run School was in Ravenswood District. It is located approximately two miles up Turkey Run Road which is two miles north of Ravenswood on Rt. 68.

In Minute Book No. 1, at the Jackson County School Board Office in Ripley, W.V., it is recorded, on July 14, 1933, that by a unanimous vote the

Turkey Run School was eliminated from the Ravenswood District.

Among the teachers who taught there were: J.W. Howell, Sallie Argabrite, Jessie Alexander, Mable Ford, Dana Woofter, Dallas Woofter, J.D. Cooper, Harry Hall, Howard McGaughy, Harry Howard, George Lee, and Juanita Ables Crow who was the last teacher at the Turkey Run School.

Some of the pupils were: Orland, Mabel, Frances, Alice, Glazier and Pearl Jones, Florence Wetzell, Cleon and Velma Woofter, Marjorie McAtee, Russell Palmer Jr., Ruth Reese, Carl Paxton, Luther Lee, Effie Lee Ball, Cecil, Clair, Lawrence, Persey, Iva Francis, and Russell Bibbee, Jessie and Thomas DeBussy Saffreed, Abe Howard, Audra and Walter Tolley, Alvin and David Taylor, Robert, Helen and Lillian Campbell, and Evelyn, Ruby and Marjorie Palmer.

The school did not have a water well, so the children went with buckets to John Palmer's place and carried water back to school. Most of the children had their own drinking cups and there was a dipper in the bucket. The John Palmer place was across the road from the school, up on the hill, down the hollow ways.

On a geological survey map, Turkey Run School is shown to be in existence in 1908.

The above information was gathered from Jessie Alexander, Earl and Mary Howard, Delta Hafer, Orland Jones, Lacie Lee and Velma Salser. *Submitted by Betty Jean Fournery*

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Pictured is Union High School at Cottageville. For years, the only high school in the county was in Ravenswood, then later in Ripley. Many students traveled by train to Ravenswood, and many boarded in the town, Monday through Friday. At that time, the districts had their own Boards of Education, operating under a County superintendent. The money to build Union High School was raised by people in Union district, and construction was begun in 1926.

Fourteen students received their diplomas in the first graduating class in 1929. These students attended their first two years of high school in the large elementary school, located in the center of Cottageville, then moved into the new high school building in 1927.



Union High School

The school served a much needed purpose in rural Union district in that many boys and girls, who might not have attended the distant high schools, were able to attain a high school education closer to their homes. There were four teachers at the school, and the student body numbered 80 in 1938-39. There were 35 students when the County Board of Education closed the school in September, 1944. The students were given the option of attending either Ripley or Ravenswood high schools by agreement with the Board of Education, and this agreement is still in effect with high school students in the district, who would

have normally attended the school at Cottageville.

Over the years, the teachers were: Hunter Hardman, Tressie Hacker, Charlotte Muldoon, Betty McGlothlin, Violet Hockenberry, Denzil Jarrett, Lucille Castrup and Dale Hoff.

Several months after the school closed in 1944, the elementary school was closed, and the students were moved to the newly painted and renovated high school building. The building was demolished in 1985, and the remains are covered by a black-top parking lot.

In the 17 years that the school existed, there were only four principals (who were also teachers); Robert Ferguson, C.P. Smith, C. Otis Casto, and Juanita Vineyard. C. Otis Casto was county superintendent when the school closed.

The Union High School Alumna is quite active, and meets for a potluck banquet each Memorial Day Saturday. *Submitted by Virginia Hogsett*

VALLEY BELL SCHOOL

The Valley Bell School was located along Route 21 in Tucker District of Wirt County, near the Jackson-Wirt County line. Many of the families who attended this school lived in Jackson County.



Valley Bell School, ca. 1913-16

The photograph was probably taken between 1913 and 1916. *Row one:* Minnie Emerick, Gene Sommerville, Bula Barnes, Margret Barnes, Gail Burton, Clyde Burton, Floyd Stuckey, Frank Stuckey, Ruby (Emerick) Daugherty (teacher). *Row two:* Harry Moore, Vernie Barnes, Marjorie Sheppard, Diantha Nicholson, Docia Archer, Elsie Emerick, Elsie Stuckey, Clark Sommerville, — Bower. *Row three:* Ester Barnes, Nettie Sheets, Hattie Stuckey, Warren Sheppard. *Submitted by Lenora Low*

VICTORY SCHOOL

Row one (left to right): Ross Hinzman, Jason Gilpen, Lucy Hinzman, Almy Hinzman, Gracy Hinzman, Mary Murray, Alice Hinzman, Nellie Rowley, Ora Winter, Jessie Rowley, Frankie Murray, Eddie Rowley, German Rowley, Freda Winter, Milfred Murray. *Row two (left to right):* Milford Hinzman, Willie Hinzman, Howard Hinzman, Bradford Winter, Everett Hudson, Clara Arm-



Victory School

strong, Iva Winter, Emma Armstrong, Olie Hudson, Charley Miller, (teacher) Walter Rowley, Haul Hinzman, *Boyd Winter*, Leonard Hinzman, Clellie Hinzman, Fred Rowley.

The photograph was taken in 1909 or 1910. Bradford Winter attended Victory School and later taught there. This is where he met his wife, Ocie Hartley Winter. The names in italics were Bradford's brothers and sisters. *Submitted by Marie Easter*

WARD SCHOOL

The Ward School was located on Little Pond Creek, in Grant District. Several years ago, Bill and Judy Pease built a house across the road from the school site. According to the late Shirley Petty, this school closed in 1909. Ella (Rardin) Howard was one of the teachers there. *Submitted by Carolyn Muehlbach*

WILDING SCHOOL

Located at Wilding, in Ravenswood District, the Wilding two-room school was built in the 1890s, on the Francis Marion Stephens property. It also served as a summer school for those adults who wanted to become certified to teach school. Walter Lemaster and James Willard Archer were two instructors who held summer school. After the school was closed in the 1950s, it served as a community building, and continues in that capacity.



Wilding School

Among those who taught at Wilding were: Monnie Carmichael, Zella Howard, Ruth Carmichael, F.L. Shriver, Helen Hupp, Rex Smith, Walter Lemaster, John Bachtel and Dick Lockhart.

Some of the students in the 1920s and following years were: Walter, Ruth, Freda, Emmet, and Francis Hupp (children of Charley Hupp); Harley, Chester, and Violet Shockey (children of Earl Shockey); Juanita, Dorothy and Lawrence Ables (children of Roe Ables); Edwin, Elva, Emma Jean, John, and Evelyn Patterson (children of Lon Patterson); Ruth Carmichael; Leonard and Junior Lemaster (sons of Walter Lemaster); Catherine and Carroll Klein (children of Frank Klein); Eddie, Frank, Kitty, Velma, Jim, and June Britton (children of Bill Britton); Charley, John M., Rodney, Georgia, and Russell Maple (children of George Maple); Milton and Margaret Ellen Lane (children of Jonah Lane); Richard, Warren, and Kathleen Patterson (children of Emmett Patterson); Eivine and Ona Flinn (daughters of Henry Flinn); Wesley Westfall (grandchild of Ike Westfall); Glen, Geraldine, and Bill Ables (children of Frank Ables); Eileen, June and Evelyn Lee Taylor (children of Wilmer Taylor); Rebecca and Henry Cline (children of Chessie Cline); Woodrow Haught (son of C.M. Haught); Robert Maple (son of Russell); Irene, Myrtice, and Phyllis McCauley (children of Bar McCauley); Dorothy, Robert, Jack, and Margaret Gorrell (children of Rube Gorrell). (Information from Georgia (Maple) Hall and Ruth Carmichael.) *Submitted by Carolyn Muehlbach*

CHURCHES

ANTIOCH CHURCH

The early settlers on the right hand branch of Cow Run worshipped in the log Cherry Grove Church until it was too old to be used. Then they worshipped in the log Antioch and Brown school-houses.

The people became interested in a church building and in 1881 Thomas Hartley deeded a lot between these schools to the following board of trustees: Joshua Wright, James Kerwood and Christopher Hartley for a church building.

Men instrumental in building Antioch Church were Stephen A. Hartley, who hauled the foundation stone. "Fish" Hunt, "Pete" Sayre and others hewed the sills from timber cut on the Abijah Sayre farm, now owned by his great grandson Robert Q. Sayre. Carpenters were Christopher Hartley and Theodore Wright. Hanson Hughes made the roof shingles of yellow poplar and Henry T. Hartley helped roof the church.

The building was dedicated July 29, 1883 by Rev. S. J. Graham, presiding Elder of West Columbia District of the United Brethren Church. The pastor was John W. Martin. Some of the first members were the Wrights, Kerwoods, Hartleys, Sayres, Hunts, Hughes, Smiths, Kings and Shinnis.

For 60 years this building served the community until June 24, 1943 when the cupola of the church was struck by lightning. People of the community gathered quickly and succeeded in saving the furniture but failed to save the building. The furniture was moved to the Antioch school building where they continued to worship. Descendants of the early settlers quickly made plans to rebuild and September 20, 1943 ground was broken for a new building at the same location.

The first worship service in the new building was on Sunday, February 13, 1944 at 10:30 A.M. with Rev. Roy Davis preaching from the theme "Victories of the Christian Faith." The building was officially dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 1944, by Rev. E. Ray Cole, Conference Superintendent of the United Brethren Church.

In November 1946 the United Brethren and Evangelical Churches merged and Antioch became Antioch E.U.B. Church. Then in 1968 the



Antioch Church

Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Churches joined to become the United Methodist Church. In the 1970s after the death of many of the older people and the younger ones having moved away there ceased to be any services at Antioch. On November 30, 1987 the United Methodist Conference sold the Antioch property to the following trustees: Quentin Sayre, Claude Finch, Jim Crum and Alvin Hunt who plan to reopen the building as the Antioch Community

Church. Submitted by Mrs. Landon (Betty) Hartley

APLIN METHODIST CHURCH

The Aplin Methodist Church at Gay, W.V., is another one of the old Hereford Circuit Appointments. The Aplin Church was organized in 1910. U.S. Edgel was the pastor of Hereford Circuit in 1909-10 and Rev. W.C. Price in 1910-11. Some of the past members were: Mr. and Mrs. Lon Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Brady Westfall, Mr. and Mrs. Dow Whited, also, Mr. and Mrs. Flao McClain.

Esther (Aplin) Waybright Thomas donated the original land, and the timber for the church that was named for her father William Henry (Billy) Aplin. On November 2, 1914, the sale of this property was recorded in the Jackson Co. Court-house, Ripley, W.V. The trustees at the time were: William Evans, Lon Parsons and J.M. Whited.

Some of the people who helped in the construction of the church building were: Lon Parsons, John Westfall, Bailey Westfall, Charles Pat-



Aplin Methodist Church

rick, J.M. Whited, Pete Lupardus, Flao McClain, Sank Westfall, William Evans, W.H. Westfall, Lou Westfall, Henderson Patrick and W.H. Waybright. Henderson (Sank) Westfall is said to have done the carpentry on the altar railing. The Aplin Church was dedicated on November 8, 1914. Many of the first members worked on the church long after dark on November 7th to have the church ready on dedication day.

The first one to be buried in the Aplin Church Cemetery was Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Westfall's baby boy, Ray Westfall. Then the little Litton baby.

On June 27, 1972, William Dorsa (a great grandson of William Henry Aplin) and Edith (Thomas) Rogers donated about 27,900 square feet of land more or less, for \$1.00 in cash to the Aplin Church. The land was used to extend the church cemetery. On November 23, 1973, William Dorsa and Edith Rogers donated another 8,711 square feet of land more or less, for extending the church cemetery. The trustees at the time were: Orin McClain, Garland Cummings and Roy Stalnaker.

In 1985-86, three rooms were added on to the Aplin Church. These rooms were very much needed for the growing Sunday School classes. The trustees at that time were: Russell Jones, Roy Stalnaker and Junior Westfall.

The present trustees are: Russell Jones, Jimmy Jones and Erman Lupardus. Submitted by Joy A. Rogers

BACHTEL CHAPEL

Bachtel Chapel, near Ripley, had its beginning in 1837, when Joshua Montgomery, Presiding Elder, of United Brethren Scioto Conference of Ohio, held first Quarterly Conference meeting in George Stone's barn on Mill Creek. Peter Appel-

man, minister 1837-1840, preached at Stone's and John McKown's homes (McKown lived just across Mill Creek at the mouth of Parchment). It was first called "Stone Appointment." English was spoken at all the meetings but it is said that the majority of the preachers were also versed in Dutch and German.

Members of first class were: George Stone, Lucinda Stone, John McKown, Sarah McKown, Andrew Slaughter and Tabitha Slaughter. Andrew Slaughter was granted license to preach (first license in Conference territory). He was father of Jonah and grandfather of Rev. Fred Slaughter and Rev. W.E. Crall of West Virginia Conference. A log house was built for U.B. Church and school purposes in 1850 below Elias Stone's residence, 1 1/2 miles west of Ripley on what is now US Route 33.

In 1869, a church building was erected, just west of where Appalachian Power Company building now stands, and named Bachtel Chapel in honor of Rev. Jacob Bachtel, who was pastor. John Ferguson (father of Armor Ferguson), — Barnhart, Elias Stone, George Stone and others were responsible for erecting this church.

Among the early pastors before the construction of the building were Reverend William Miles and Reverend John Perry. At that time and for quite a few years after the building was finished, Bachtel Chapel was still on the Scioto of Ohio Circuit.



Bachtel Chapel

Some of the men who preached at this church either as regular pastors or presiding elders were: Bishop William Weekley; Dr. Davis, who was Dean of Union Biblical Seminary and later a bishop; Bishop Glasburner; Bishop Markwood; and Bishop Wright. Bishops Glasburner and Markwood were pioneer religious workers in the U.B. Church in West Virginia. Bishop Wright was father of the Wright brothers who invented the Wright Biplane.

On June 10, 1921, the Mountaineer of Ripley published an article giving most of the above information and stating "Two weeks ago last Sunday, through the efforts of Rev. E.C. Williams and others, a Sunday School was organized, there being 40 present. And in the near future it may become one of the leading Sunday Schools of the County and Bachtel Chapel again may occupy the position to which her illustrious past entitles her."

However, in spite of the efforts of this congregation, the 1927 Conference Journal published this note, "Bachtel Church of the Ripley Charge sold for \$125.00. Check given to Ripley Church since Bachtel's membership joined the Ripley class. (Another item said lot sold for \$100.00.)"

This historic old church was demolished sometime in the 1940s or '50s and graves removed to other cemeteries, a house and trailer occupying its former space.

(Most of this information taken from material compiled by T. Clayton Parsons and Howard L.

BEECH GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Beech Grove Church is located north of the Medina exit of Interstate 77 in Grant District of Jackson County. The Beech Grove Evangelical United Brethren Church was organized in 1908 and land was acquired from Finley Peters in 1909. Prior to the construction of a church building, meetings were held in the Beech Grove School. The first trustees of the church were: William Rardin, Frank Stanley, Ed Sands, Hiram Sands and F. E. Peters. These men along with other charter members constructed the building of wood which was obtained from trees (mostly beech and white oak) that were on the hillside behind the church. An organ was first used at the church but later removed in the 1950s when a piano was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Martin Archer.



Beech Grove U.M. Church

Until the 1930s, the Beech Grove Church was served by a minister who also served at the Klondyke E.U.B. and Silvertown E.U.B. Churches. Beech Grove was then changed to the charge which included Mt. Hope E.U.B. Church (in Wirt County), Bethel E.U.B. Church (in Wirt County) and the Pleasant Ridge E.U.B. Church (in Jackson County near the Wirt County line). In the 1940s, Gates Ridge E.U.B. Church (in Wood County) was also added to this charge. After the merger of the E.U.B. and Methodist denominations in 1969, the charge was again changed to include Beech Grove, Warden Chapel, Drift Run and Lockhart. In 1985, Wilding and Silvertown were included with the above and called the North Jackson County charge.

The parsonage at Providence which had belonged to the E.U.B. charge was sold after the reorganization of the charges. Later, the parsonage, which was located beside the Lockhart Church, was used for a few years and then torn down. The parsonage beside the Silvertown Church is now used for the current charge.

When Interstate 77 was being constructed in the 1960s, the church members and others in the community rallied together to insist that an underpass be built to prevent the closure of the church due to a lack of access. This was accomplished, and since that time, there have been many changes made in the church building. In the 1970s, classrooms were added to the back of the church along with bathrooms and a small kitchen. Many other improvements have been made to the inside of the church as well as the outside, including the construction of a picnic shelter.

Some of the ministers who have served at Beech Grove include: (1920s) Rev. Lathey and Rev. States; (1930s) Rev. Booth, Rev. Swain, Rev. Gerald Sayre and Rev. Charles Knapp; (1940s) Rev. Lennie Thompson, Rev. C.E. Ruble, Rev. Charles Knapp and Rev. Bryan Lockhart; (1950s) Rev. Carl Hart, Rev. John Nesselroad and Rev. Charles Knapp; (1960s) Rev. Stanley Moore, and Rev. Gayle Ruble (son of C.E. Ruble); (1970s)

Rev. Garfield Prince, Rev. Ernest Marty and Rev. Charles Eaton Jr.; (1980s) Rev. Howard VanDyne, Rev. Roy Stanley, Rev. Allen Johnson and Rev. Jim Pinkerton. Submitted by Carolyn Mithlbach

BRISCO U.M. CHURCH

Mr. Glen Staats, who was born and lived most of his life at Gay, WV, was told by his mother, Eliza (Johns) Staats, that the Brisco Church at Gay, WV, was built by his grandfather, William Johns, and Lou Wolfe in 1864-65.

J. W. and Moriah Shafer deeded the church approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre of land, situated on Elk Fork of Mill Creek, Gay, WV, to John Greenleaf and trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, on October 28, 1871, witnessed by Justice Anderson Staats (grandfather of Glen Staats) and recorded January 12, 1872. The church was named for its first pastor Rev. Briscoe, but down through the years the "e" was dropped from the spelling.

In the early 1900s, school was held in the church because the schoolhouse had burned down. Mr. Jake Staats (Glen Staats' father) was the teacher in 1903-04.

Periodically, the church has been closed, probably due to the number of nearby churches. In the late 1960s or early '70s it was occupied by a Baptist minister under the name of the Victory Baptist Church, but closed again after a couple of years.

In the mid '70s it was reopened and taken into the charge being served by the Rev. Wayne Hinzman, of the United Methodist Conference, to which it remains today.

The building was in such a state of disrepair that much work was required to restore it for worship services. The foundation had to be replaced, the pews from a former E.U.B. Church of Hemlock, WV had to be shortened, hymnals ordered, a prayer bench was hand made and donated by Clyde and Sharon Nutter, and a new roof to replace the old, leaky one.

The Rev. Paul Parsons of Sandyville, WV served as pastor for $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, and enjoyed preaching in the old church, because his mother, Alice (Sheets) Parsons, attended it when she was a young girl.

During the Rev. Parsons' pastorate the congregation decided to build a fellowship hall that would also serve as classrooms, but the fruition of this plan was not realized until after Rev. Hinzman was reassigned to the charge.



Brisco U.M. Church

Most of the labor in the building of the fellowship hall was contributed by one of the trustees, the late Willard (Red) Varney and his wife, Iris Varney. Finally a bell tower was constructed by Roger Casto, for the new bell purchased for the church by Sharon Neeley.

Much prayer, time and effort has gone into many various projects and fund raising activities, to improve and maintain this small country church with approximately eight active members and an average weekly attendance of 15-20.

The present trustees are: Christine Rhodes,

Michael Varney and Ann Casto. Submitted by Gail Rhodes

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The birth of Calvary Baptist Church was during Ravenswood's "boom" period when many new families were moving to town with Kaiser Aluminum. On June 24, 1959 Calvary Baptist Church was organized and later affiliated with the Parkersburg Association of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches, USA.

In August a store building on Sand Street was renovated into a place of worship. Rev. Hillard C. Billups was called as pastor on January 1, 1960 and charter membership was closed at 55. Property on Henry Street was purchased in 1961 and under the leadership of Rev. Billups, an ex-contractor, members and friends built the basement unit which was used as a meeting place until the sanctuary was dedicated on September 15, 1963. The Sunday School annex was added in 1969.



Calvary Baptist Church

From the beginning one-tenth of all un-designated offerings was sent for missions. In 1966 the church went on record to not cooperate in any way with the National Council of Churches.

The Calvary Baptist Women organization and its Circles have been active since 1959. "The Calvary Crusaders," a puppet ministry, was begun in 1978. Junior Church started and the Men's Fellowship was chartered in 1984.

Four men have been licensed to preach the Gospel and are pastoring churches today: Clyde Newman, Darrell Johnson, William West and Bruce McConihay.

God has guided Calvary Baptist Church these 30 years, over mountaintops and through valleys. The church's prayer is that we will be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ until His coming.

Pastors: Hillard C. Billups, 1960-1965; William Fox, 1966; Rankin Roach, 1967-1973; Charles Scott, 1973-1977; Alvin Cox, 1977-1980; Thomas Long, Jr., 1980-1982; Alvin Cox, 1982-1983; Ronald George, Sr., 1984-1988; William Kent Lowther, 1-1-1989 to present. Submitted by Opal Lancaster

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The United Brethren Church had its beginning in 1766 and was formally organized in 1800. It was the first American born denomination with background among the German speaking colonists.

The Reverend Moses Michaels began preaching in Ripley in the old Jackson County Courthouse in 1833. The Stone Class was organized and a church built a short distance below Ripley on what is now Route 33 in 1837. It was known as Bachtel Chapel. The first class in Ripley was organized in 1840.

Our first church building was dedicated in 1888



Calvary U.M. Church

and J.W. Martin was the pastor. The cost of the property was listed at \$1,500. The building stood across Court Street, north east of the present church on the present parking lot of the First National Bank. The present church was dedicated in 1926 with Dr. T.L. Miles, pastor.

A Board of Trustees, composed of Lovell M. Parsons, C.C. (Neal) Staats, Dr. Virgil Casto, Forrest Barnhart, T. Clayton Parsons, Dr. Oshel C. Staats and Fred A. Casto, were appointed to conduct the affairs of the church. They acquired a deed for the property we now occupy in April 1925.

Plans were made by Dr. Miles to build the church and parsonage in one unit. Bids were received on the project and it was decided that the trustees would do the purchasing and supervising. Lovell M. Parsons, Dr. Miles and C.C. Staats were appointed as a building committee. Mr. W.L. Pinnell was given a contract for the basement, which he completed in 1925.

In March 1926, construction was started on the sanctuary and parsonage with Lovell M. Parsons and Dr. Miles supervising the work. Progress was rapid, and in July the dedication date was set for the second Sunday in October.

Dr. Miles had charge of the dedication services and was assisted by Dr. F.H. Capehart, the Conference Superintendent. Dr. W.R. Funk, publishing agent of the denomination, was secured as the guest speaker.

J. E. Harrison organized all classes and teachers. The Senior Choir was led by Mr. C.F. Kerwood, the Junior Choir was directed by Mrs. T. Clayton Parsons and Madeline Casto Parsons. Mrs. C.C. Staats, with the help of many others, provided a wonderful basket dinner for those present at the dedication.

The total cost of the church was \$31,360.

In 1973-74 the interior of the church was refurbished with new carpet in the sanctuary and basement, new altar furniture and new pews. The Conference now values the church property at \$200,000. In 1955 a garage was added at a cost of \$1,500. The pews that were replaced had been in use since their placement in the original building in 1888.

Calvary United Methodist Church, our new name after merging of the two churches in 1969, has continued to grow and serve the needs of our congregation. Its membership numbered about 20 in 1833 and has grown to the present number of about 330 members.

The first child born in the new parsonage was Mary Lou Miles, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Miles. The first wedding was King Parsons and Madeline Casto. The first funeral conducted in the new church was for Fred Robey.

If you will observe the stained glass windows, you will see the family names who sustained this church over the early years. Unfortunately, it cannot show all of the faithful ones who have kept up the good work until the present time.

Our church served as a center for a variety of activities. Ripley High School used it for graduation ceremonies and other school activities.

Civic groups, including Rotary, met here regularly.

The Ladies Aid contributed monies and extensive services.

It has been a center for Scouting over the years.

As we view the past history of this church, we are impressed by the effort and devotion of many people.

We can now be very proud of those in our church today who are busily fulfilling the needs of the total church.

So much is being accomplished by our United Methodist Women, the Men's Brotherhood, Bible Study, Orientation for Membership and Teaching Classes.

It is our belief that all facets of this church will continue to grow and our heritage will have many worthwhile additions. *Submitted by Willard A. Kessel*

CEDAR RUN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The cornerstone for the Cedar Run Methodist Episcopal Church was laid in 1896. The deed for the original lot was made on June 26, 1897, by William F. Blackburn and Lucy A. Blackburn, his wife, to the trustees of the church: J.W. Heck, H.A. Blackburn, L.P. McGlothlin, S.S. Ball, and J.Q. Rowley. Trustee S.S. Ball was the grandfather of Gene, Mark, and Evan Morgan. The William F. Blackburn was the grandfather of William James Blackburn who resided in Ravenswood until his death.

Prior to and during construction of the Cedar Run building, services were held in an old schoolhouse on Latham Ridge on property now owned by Gene and Mark Morgan.

Clay Rowley of Ravenswood remembers some important information about the church. He said the interested men in the community cut trees and hauled the logs by wagon to a sawmill owned by the father of Wayne W. Hughes, who sawed the foundation sills and sleepers. Mr. Rowley further said that Rev. Meadows married his father and mother in 1897. Rev. Meadows, indeed, was pastor and served in 1897 and 1898.

Cedar Run was dedicated on October 31, 1897 with Rev. Meadows and Rev. Upton present. Rev. B.W. Hutchinson from the seminary at Buckhannon delivered the message; he was also in charge of finances. He raised over \$300 during morning services. The beautiful little church was solemnly set apart for the worship of Almighty God. The people were delighted; the building was one of the neatest and best in the county, a real gem for the amount it cost — \$1,000.



Cedar Run U.M. Church

Information on the church is scarce for the years 1900 to 1930. However, Rev. Harry Blackburn said he remembered the great revivals at Cedar Run in the early days and that his paternal grandmother would shout up and down the aisles.

The Claud Adams family came to Cedar Run in 1921 and were devout Christians and supporters of the church. Included in the list of other staunch

supporters were the Hoyt Jones family, the Hart Morgan family, the Wetzel family, the Coit Rowley family, and the Faren family.

Mary McCoy Hughes attended Cedar Run from an early age. She recalled David Gorrell as her Sunday School teacher in the Card Class. Mary later married Wayne W. Hughes, who first came to Cedar Run in 1935, and has been active in the church since 1937. Mary taught Sunday School and played the piano for many years. Gene Morgan remembers Mary as his teacher in the Card Class.

In 1967 the church purchased an additional acre of land adjoining the church property for future expansion. That same year the church began work on a basement and three classrooms. This project was finished and dedicated on October 3, 1971. Rev. Charles Boice was pastor when this addition was started, and Rev. Ernest F. Marty was pastor when it was dedicated.



Cedar Run U.M. Church

The remodeled and enlarged sanctuary was completed and dedicated in 1977 while Rev. William J. Sullivan was pastor. Part of this remodeling involved refinishing the sanctuary entrance doors and the window facings. The handmade lectern in the center of the podium is the original lectern and is now used for a communion table. All labor on the remodeling project was done by volunteers.

Dr. Kenneth Ball from Parkersburg currently serves Cedar Run on the West Jackson Charge.

Submitted by Helen Ethel Reed

CENTENNIAL CHURCH

September 12, 1895, Phillip and Sara Ann Landfried deeded a tract of land to Phillip Landfried, Daniel Ludwig, D.W. Casto, J.J. Wolfe and J.H. Jewell, trustees of the Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church to erect a place of worship. The church was erected by the trustees and members of the community from lumber that was kiln dried. A little incident recalled was that a member was overseeing the drying, fell asleep and let some of the lumber burn. Some of the charred lumber that was usable can be seen in the attic of the church. The building was finished and the little group saw their dream come true as the church was dedicated in 1896.

The main structure of the church is much the same as when it was first erected, with exception



Centennial Church

of what we consider the front of the church was at that time the back. The road went behind the church. Later, when it was changed to go in front, as it is now, the doors were boarded up and two new doors were put in, one on each side. Not too many years ago, a double door was cut and two classrooms added to the back, and new brick siding added. A new steeple and bell were installed in 1966 to replace the original one, which had been taken down for some repairs to be made. During that time, a serenade was being held in the community, and the bell was used as a noise maker during the activities. This cracked the bell and it could no longer be used at the church.

A most welcome change came into being when electricity replaced the oil lamps, and natural gas replaced the old wood burning stove which sat in the middle of the room. The first organ was purchased from Mary Straley. It belonged to her mother, Lucy Straley. The piano now used was purchased with money accumulated from the sale of black walnuts.

Some of the descendants of Phillip and Sara Ann Landfried are still members of the little church today. One of the oldest living members is Lelia Landfried Garrett. Other were the late Audrey Landfried Sayre and Elah Landfried Murray.

Some of the past ministers were H.K. Rife, A.C. Rife, Homer Cummings, also a composer of hymns, John King, Frank Caltrider, Ernest Marty, James Gumm, Joe Hatcher, Paul Parsons, and Christopher Randolph, who attended the church as a young boy. The membership of this church was not many in members, but a faithful few, with much difficulty at times, was able to keep it open and available to those who cared to worship there.

The church was part of the Methodist Conference until 1986, but was abandoned by the Conference and is now known as the Centennial Community Church. *Submitted by Roberta Murray Beckett*

CHAPEL HILL M.E. CHURCH



Chapel Hill M.E. Church

The Chapel Hill Church was built on land obtained from Amos Wise in 1891. It was located on Dutch Ridge, which is between Little Pond Creek and Cavin Fork, in Grant District. The Ernest Stephens family later owned the property around the church. Surnames of the families who attended Chapel Hill in the 1890s include: Kieffer, Greenlee, Beach, Nohe, Sollberger, Smith, Wise, Jordan, Mills and Parks. The church closed in the late 1920s and was torn down several years later. A cemetery is located beside the church site. *Submitted by Daina Stallings*

COMET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Early day church services were held in the log school house located near the Mount Pisgah Cemetery. The cemetery is located on a hill to the right of Cherry Camp Road within sight of the Comet United Methodist Church. This property was known as the Crum Farm before the Civil War. The current owner is Dale Smith, but to several people in the community it is still known as the Roscoe and Helen Smith home place. Early circuit preachers who organized Methodist services were: the Reverend Sam Black and the Reverend Samuel Sheppard.

Around the turn of the century a framed school was built on the present site of the Comet School. Church services were held there until a fire consumed the building. A third school was constructed around 1911. It was during this third construction period that the name was changed from Mount Pisgah to Comet.

The need for a separate building for worship prompted the community to work together to construct the present church. (1920-21) The Luther Cole family donated the property.

The church was built of brown glazed block by members of the congregation. The oak pews and pulpit were made by Sonny Casto of Ripley, WV. The day of dedication, the congregation was so large, there was not room inside for the crowd.



Comet U.M. Church

The first trustees were: D.L. Floyd, R.C. Smith, and W.H. Tallman. Some of the early congregation were: the Dave Floyd family, the Roscoe Smith family, the Joe Haynes family, the A.A. Coe family, the W.A. Stanley family, the S.A. Husk family, the Henry Balser family, the W.H. Tallman family, the Bowser family, the Jim Fisher family, the W.D. Sullivan family, the Charlie Coast family, and the Standsberry family.

Following is a listing of ministers past to present:

Ministers — Lockhart Charge: the Reverends Eskew, A.C. Riffe, J.W. Haught, H.K. Riffe, Albert Poling, Fred Simmons, Ryder, J.W. Idleman.

Ministers — Sandyville Charge: Sarver, Richardson, Atkinson, L.C. Morris, J.W. Hanlon, Jack Sayre, Earl Seaman, Bill Eaton, Paul Morrison, Ulysses Rhea, Marvin Miller, Russell Crawford, William Sullivan, Wilbur Hardin, Melvin Conley, Dan McVey (present).

The rural Comet Church survived the exodus of the ones that moved from the farmland to a more convenient way of life. During World War II the church doors were kept open by a few loyal and devoted members. Older members are deceased — new families have moved into the community from different parts of West Virginia. Improvements of the building continue — a Sunday School room was added in the late 1960s. In the 1970s the tin roof was replaced with shingles. The walls were paneled and a new floor was put in during the 1980s.

In the early 1970s, there was a need for a new parsonage. All of the churches on the charge

helped to finance this brick structure.

Present Trustees are: Robert Raines, George Henry Smith and Patricia Martino. *Submitted by George H. Smith and Rosemary Smith Curry*

COLEMAN CHAPEL

In 1858, Thomas Coleman (1801-1890), an earlier settler of Muses Bottom, proposed to several of his grown children and other persons in the community, his desire to provide a house of worship. He specified that it should be "brick with a good stone foundation," and that on the completion of such a church, he would deed the land to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Persons who gave money and/or labor to fulfill Thomas Coleman's wish are listed as: Franklin Tumlin, Thomas Benton Coleman, William Roberts, Sarah Coleman, Nancy Roberts, Euoth Goldsmith, Mariah White, William Hicks, John Lobdill, M.D. Hicks, Thomas Bruer, Levi Mumaw, P.D. Williams, W.H. White, Allen Bloomfield, Warren White, Adour Starkey, James Goldsmith, George Vagley, H.R. Coleman, Joseph White, Nancy Mumaw, William Goldsmith and William Gardner.

The first service was held on June 22, 1860 and the property was deeded to the church. It has been in continuous service for 129 years, except for a brief period during the Civil War, when it was occupied by Union Troops.



Coleman Chapel

Thomas Benton Coleman inherited his father's home, and he and his family assumed responsibility for much of the care and maintenance of the church. Each Saturday the wooden benches were dusted, the floors swept and the oil lamps, which were placed in brackets around the walls, were cleaned and filled with kerosene. One of my pleasures as a child when we visited my grandparents in the summer, was to take part in the Saturday event. I was allowed to clean the globes of the lamps!

On June 16, 1982, a tornado swept through sections of Jackson County and a funnel cloud touched down at Muses Bottom and tore the roof from one side of the church. Members of the congregation gathered immediately and the roof was replaced. The spirit of community concern that characterized the founders of Coleman Chapel is still present in this active United Methodist Church.

The only known ministers who have served in Coleman Chapel are Reverend McClung and Reverend Gosling, who presided at the funeral of Thomas Coleman, who died February 24, 1890, and was buried in the family cemetery at the rear of the church.

Prior to the construction of the church, Thomas Coleman set aside land for a cemetery with ten sections, one for each of his ten children, with a circle in the middle of the area for the family monument containing the name, birth and death dates of the ten children and for the graves of his wife and himself. Cement walkways lead out from the center to each of the four walls. The wall is



Coleman Chapel Cemetery

made of hand-hewn stone from a quarry in Long Bottom, Ohio, and was floated across the river on rafts and pulled to the site by ox teams. Large trees which were around the outside of the wall are no longer there, but the beauty of the area lives on.
Submitted by Elenore Coleman Marien

COTTAGEVILLE-EVANS BAPTIST CHURCH

The Cottageville-Evans Baptist Church was begun as a mission of the Second Baptist Church of Ravenswood after a tent revival on July 7, 1962, showed a definite need for an interest in a Baptist church in the Cottageville area. The mission was established and began meeting in the house across from the Cottageville Post Office. Services were held on Sunday afternoons by Pastor Earl Miller after his regular services in Ravenswood.

In June of 1963, Fred Mann became the first pastor. A bus route along Cow Run was begun by John Lynn, the first deacon of the church. The mission became an independent Baptist church in July of 1964 with 37 charter members.

As more room was needed the church rented the vacant garage across the street from Hunt's grocery store. A search for property on which to build turned up land available between Cottageville and Evans on the Old Evans Road at Highway 33, five miles west of Ripley. A deed for the Maywood Williams property was signed on October 7, 1964. Church members used their skills and crafts in constructing the building. The Sunday School wing was completed in December of 1964. Eighty-nine people were present for the first service in the new building with two receiving Christ as their Savior.

The auditorium was completed by July of 1966. An addition to the auditorium including a classroom and two offices downstairs was added in the summer of 1978.



Cottageville-Evans Baptist Church

The church has a preschool that meets during the week as well as Sunday School, a morning service and a Sunday evening service. Wednesday evenings there is a full program for children and teens and an adult Bible study and prayer time. The missions program includes support for seven families, a Bible college, and a world-wide radio station.

Pastors following Fred Mann are Carl Dabney, Glenn Watts, Bill Barker, Gilbert Cubbinson, Gary Smith, Mark Broke, Steve Atkinson, Robert Gandee, David King, and the present Pastor David Sanderson.

COTTAGEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The land on which the Cottageville United Methodist Church now stands was deeded September 2, 1871 by Daniel D. Rhodes and his wife, Mary, to the trustees Phineas Stanley, William Crow, A. McCoy, Mr. Rosenberry, and William Christy, for the purpose of building a Southern Methodist Church and a cemetery. July 12, 1878, a second deed was made, adding a piece of land for the purpose of an additional cemetery joining the first piece of land. This deed was made between George W. Gilpin and others to the trustees R. Swan, G.W. McCoy, John Ball, J.H. Rand, S.H. Hayman, J.W. Williamson, and William Sayre. The deed said it was out of the consideration of pure love in the interest of Christianity that the land was given for one dollar.



Cottageville U.M. Church

Over the years several improvements were made. The first one was the digging of the basement in the early 1930s, which was sponsored by the Ladies' Aid. The next improvement was the building of an educational building in the late 1950s, which was under the sponsorship of Rev. Fred Lemon. The final improvement to the Church was the renovation of the inside and outside as well as a vestibule.

In the early 1980s a donation from the Powers family permitted the building of a chain link fence around the cemetery and an endowment policy which made it perpetual care. The Powers family's father was an early minister in the Church. Some other early ministers were J.W. Lambert, A. Mick, Ulysses Pribble, C.R. Shackelford, J.W. Griffith, O.C. Phillips, A.A. Kelley, E.L. Meadows, E.A. Davis, T.H. Hawks, and Cyrus Poling.

In 1969 there was a merger of the United Brethren Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was renamed United Methodist Church and was housed in the Methodist Church because that church was larger and had recently been renovated.

DRIFT RUN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Located near Odaville in Ravenswood District, services were first begun in a log school house on

Drift Run in 1880. As the local population increased, it was becoming evident a church building was needed. In the year 1896 the deed was made and the ground given by Adam Devore and Johnny Daily. George Robinson and Michael Archer hauled most of the lumber while many others donated work. Adam Devore was the main carpenter. This church was located on the point above the existing one. A cemetery is located on the hill near the site of the old church. Several years later the church was once again too small for the growing population. After much planning, it was decided to build a new church down near the highway where it is now located.



Drift Run U.M. Church

In 1943, Orville Thomas donated the ground. E.C. Thrash and Orville Thomas were the main carpenters. The entire community responded with donated work and money. In approximately three months, the new church was completed with a full size basement. The church cost approximately \$3000. The first church service was held November 21, 1943 with 62 present. The Rev. George Caltrider was the last minister to serve in the old church and the first to serve in the new church. Ministers who have served in the new church: George Caltrider, Lawrence Morris, Marvin Freed, Charles Potts, Frank Caltrider, Holbert Melrose, L.J. Lunsford, P.W. Arbogast, John Lockhart, Donald Pegary, Gene Eaton, Clarence Winkler, Hoyt Taylor, Garfield Prine, Charles Eaton, Howard VanDyne, Roy Stanley, Allen Johnson, and Jim Pinkerton. *Submitted by Louise Hutchinson*

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1861 the following persons were baptized by profession of their faith: Sabina Starkey, J.W. Flinn, James Cochran, Mason Orem, Mary Orem, Augustus King, Adorum Starkey, Eliza Starkey and Margaret Cochran.

Four years later in 1865 Rev. J. Swiger baptized: Julia Ann Reed, Caroline Lamp, Rebecca Small, Amanda J. Rawson, Mary Rawson and Mary Landon.

These 15 met with the Council in the Lamp Schoolhouse on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November 1865 at 2 p.m. The Council was called to order by Rev. J. Swiger and on motion Rev. W.M. Wills was appointed moderator and Bro. F.C. Farrow clerk pro-tem.

The moderator led in devotional exercises after which the council proceeded to business. The names of the delegates were then enrolled as follows: Pleasant Valley Church; D.F.C. Farrow, Bethel; W.M. Smitherman, James Romine, James Gray and Rev. Swiger, New England; Asa Pease, D. Whitlatch and Rev. J.D. Leachman, Briscoe Run; Rev. Jordon, Bro. L.D. Hall, Racine; Bro. William Wills.

On motion Deacons J. Stoops of Sinclair Church and Bro. William Smith of Tygarts Creek Church were invited to seats in council. On motion the officers pro-tem were appointed the permanent

officers of the church.

The moderator then stated the object of the meeting that these brethren and sisters desire to organize a church. Pending a motion to that effect the council was addressed by Bro. Romine, Bro. Whitlatch and others, after which the question was put and carried unanimously. The Church then organized by appointing Bro. Wills moderator and Bro. Farrow, clerk.

Brethren and sisters of sister churches were invited to seats in council. Bro. D.F.C. Farrow presented by request of the Church, forms of church government, articles of faith and rules of decorum. Which after having been read by the clerk were on separate motion unanimously adopted on motion ordered that the Church be called "Ebenezer."

Ordered on motion Bro. Farrow be requested to copy the covenant into the church book.

On motion the council then recognized them as a Baptist Church.



Ebenezer Baptist Church

After the organization, they proceeded to build a log church on the site where the present church was built in 1889. John Beary took the contract and built the present one for \$100.00 Submitted by Mildred E. Pifer

ELK FORK CHURCH

The Elk Fork Society of Gay, WV, was formed in 1840. Rev. Archibald David Thomas, his son Rev. William H. Thomas and John Wesley Rhoades were the leading men in the organization. The land, one-half acre more or less, located on the Elk Fork of Mill Creek, was donated by John and Catherine Greenleaf. The building contractor of the church was Rev. Nicholas Casto. The building committee was William H. Thomas, J.H. Westfall, S. Harpold, William Rollins and Watson Rollins. Henderson



Elk Fork Church

(Sank) Westfall did the carpentry on the altar railing. Rev. Joseph Dunn was the pastor at the time. The church was dedicated on July 26, 1875, by Dr. George Nestor.

The membership of the Elk Fork Church grew to over 100 in 1926. Families came from miles around walking, carrying their babies, riding in buggies and in Model T Fords. This congregation was noted for its religious enthusiasm. It was said, that no man could live in this area for two years without becoming a Christian.

In 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church merged with the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to form the Methodist Church. The Elk Fork Church became the Elk Fork Methodist Church. In 1968, when the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church, the Elk Fork Methodist church became the Elk Fork United Methodist Church.

In 1986, the W.V. Annual Conference of the Methodist Church declared the Elk Fork United Methodist Church abandoned. The members of the Elk Fork Church then bought the one-half acre more or less, that their church house is built on.

The present active workers of the church are: Estel and Tressie (Tolley) Skeen and their granddaughters, Jennifer and Samantha Skeen; Okey and Bernice (Waybright) Knopp; Gladys (Coon) Aiello and her great niece and nephew, Tara and Brandon Postalwait; Ellias Hackney; Glen Chancey; William Paul and Joy (Somerville) Rogers and their daughters, Sheri and Tina Cristea. Some of the members of the past have included Benjamin Thomas, John and Alice Kelley. Mrs. Kelly visited the sick faithfully. She was very often seen walking to church carrying a vase of flowers for the altar. Other members were Alfie and Aldie Rhoades. Alfie liked to sing and for a time, there was singing class once a week, for any one who wanted to come. Homer and Mary Evans were also members. Mary Evans was instrumental in organizing the Easter and Christmas programs. Other faithful members were: Lloyd and Virgie Casto, Walter and Minnie Tolley, W.H. and Agnes Tolley, S.O. (Duck) and Nora Tolley, Russell and Dulcie Anderson, Ray and Annie Tolley, Kenna and Jessie Thomas, Dan and Martha Williams, Megary and Sarah Archer, Dennis and Susan Thomas, Bertrice Rhodes, Ray and Faye Archer, Clarence and Bertha Archer, Orsa and Edith Rogers, Arthur and Ethel Rogers, Oshel Thomas. Submitted by Joy A. Rogers

EMMA CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Emma Chapel United Methodist Church located on Route 34 South, across the Jackson line in Putnam County.

A Methodist class had been organized in 1902 holding service in the Lane schoolhouse, on Young Hollow Road. The people of like faith were meeting in the Kermit school in Putnam County.

The two congregations decided that a church should be built to serve both communities.

At a quarterly conference February 25th, 1906 at Rock Spring Church, delegates from the two communities presented and were granted their requests for a church.

Rev. John Beddow was presiding Elder and John W. Good recording secretary.

A building committee of Charlie Pitchford, Perry Casto, J.R. Monday, E.C. Ranson and W.S. Bonnett appointed to choose a location and build the church.

The ground chosen was adjoining the cemetery that had been established in 1884. Work began and progressed rapidly, with volunteer labor and most materials donated.

Dedication service was held November 4, 1906, with Rev. Beddow as presiding Elder and



Church congregation shortly after completion of the first church building, 1906

Rev. J.J. White the speaker. Rev. Marion Taylor appointed first minister. The trustees were: Conrad Fisher, D.F. Hill, John Monday. Perry Casto was appointed School Superintendent and E.C. Ranson assistant.



Emma Chapel U.M. Church

The old church has served its purpose well, but the ravages of time had taken its toll. In 1947, it was torn down and replaced. The new church was dedicated May 29, 1949 by District Superintendent, Dr. Yoak, with Dr. Shaffer delivering the sermon.

Rev. M.V. Fisher was the pastor. Submitted by Troy Fisher

EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

After slavery issues divided the Methodist Church in 1844, the Reverend Samuel Black organized the Methodist Episcopal Church, South during 1845 in what was then Jackson Courthouse. Records show the congregation held worship services in the Courthouse. Reverend Warren Briscoe, the second pastor, continued to preach there until objections were made about the Courthouse being used for church purposes. Then they held services in the Schoolhouse, which was then located at the corner of North and Seventh Streets. The first Sunday School was organized in 1856, by James A. Park, the first Superintendent.

The first church building was erected in 1858, about three lots north of the present site on Church Street, for \$1,400. The land was donated by J.H. Staats. For many years, this building was also used by the Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Episcopalian, and United Brethren. The first church wedding in Ripley was in that church, March 10, 1869, when William Thomas Greer and Mary Virginia Bennett of Baltimore, Maryland, were united in marriage by Reverend W.S. May.

In 1867, the Methodist Episcopal congregation was organized, and in 1869 St. Paul's M.E. Church was built on Bridge Street, being dedicated November 24, 1889, by Rev. E.D.W. King, pastor.

Then in 1899, a lovely brick structure with stained glass windows was erected on present building site, corner of Church and North Streets. The Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, South,



Epworth Church, 1907

was dedicated November 4, 1900, by Bishop H.C. Morrison. Reverend Sam Robinson was pastor. That building cost around \$3,000. In 1914, Pfof Memorial addition, one large meeting room with kitchenette, was donated by Mrs. Flora Pfof.

The Methodist Episcopal congregation of St. Paul's rebuilt on South Maple Street, and dedicated November 4, 1928. This church was named King Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, in honor of Reverend E.D.W. King, and cost \$7,500. Dr. Homer Wark, President of WV Wesleyan College delivered the dedicatory sermon, and Rev. F.V. Arnett was pastor.

In 1939, General Conference voted to combine three branches of Methodism — ME North, ME South, and Methodist Protestant. Under the leadership of Reverend J.J. Loudin, the Methodist Episcopal joined the ME South congregation and became the Epworth Methodist Church.

The adjacent Dr. Rymer property on North Street was purchased in 1949, and house remodeled for a parsonage. The Church Street parsonage was torn down to make room for an Educational Annex which was erected to join the sanctuary. Six Sunday School rooms and a church office is downstairs; Fellowship Hall with kitchen is upstairs. Cost was \$25,000. Bishop Lloyd Wicke preached the sermon at the formal opening, February 15, 1950. Reverend W.W. Harvey was pastor.

Disaster struck Epworth February 9, 1955 — the sanctuary and Pfof addition were destroyed by fire! Worship continued in Ripley High School Auditorium (present City Building) until Fellowship Hall was repaired. Our people responded to the task of rebuilding, and on March 20, 1957, an evening worship service with Bishop Wicke delivering the sermon, marked the opening of a beautiful Colonial type sanctuary which cost \$90,000. Reverend Robert Fuqua was pastor. Rev. R.M. Parker conducted three fund-raising campaigns for building programs of Annex and Sanctuary.



Epworth U.M. Church

A lot on West North Street was purchased and new parsonage erected, being first occupied by Reverend Paul Beal family in 1963, and dedicated by Rev. Rossing Smith in 1971. The present sanctuary was dedicated February 6, 1966, by

Bishop Fred Holloway.

The United Brethren Church had joined with the Evangelicals to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1946. That denomination united with the Methodists in April, 1969, making the present name of the denomination EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. The 1989 membership of Epworth is 562.

All these buildings were dedicated "to the glory of God and the service of men," so that we might worship God and grow spiritually. Our church has a great heritage of ministry to Ripley and surrounding area. Submitted by Ocie T. King

(Credit for some of this material: Perry E. O'Brien and Corinne Staats Fisher)

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

(Located on the Leroy-Garfield Road)

Sometime in the year of 1880 a small number of Christian people met at the Fairview Schoolhouse on the farm of E.L. Nuzum, and organized the first class of the Methodist Church. The following names are but a few of the charter members: Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Nuzum; Mr. and Mrs. E. Crew; Mrs. Mary Baker; Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson; Mr. E.J. Smith. They held prayer service about once a month and preaching service when a preacher was available. These were mostly local men. Mr. D.B. Warren was a great help to the class when time would permit. This small class later organized a Sunday School which was very successful. It continued to grow until the enrollment reached 120. The church finally secured a preacher that came once a month. The first regular pastor was the Rev. J.W. Bibbee, followed by the Rev. George Evans. It was during the stay of the third pastor, the Rev. J.P. Varner, that the church building was planned and construction began early in 1887. Members and other volunteers constructed the foundation and arranged for the building material for the church. The contract was awarded to Mr. William Zahrandt, a resident of Wood County, WV and he employed the help that was needed in the construction of the church. In the meantime the Annual Conference sent another pastor, the Rev. Joe Dunn, who was still pastor at the time of the dedication of the new church, the third Sunday in May 1888.



Fairview Church

The following is a partial list of the many pastors who have served the Fairview Methodist Church.

J.W. Bibbee, George Evans, J.P. Varner, Joe Dunn, Simcon Davis, J.N. Holt, M. Steel, J.J. Mason, J.H. Nestor, T.J. Hickel, J.H. Keffer, W.H. Haft, J.C. Shoak, Rev. McNcal, J.H. Mossburg, Guy Vincent, H.M. McCoy, Ben Simmers, E.J. Harris, Dan Cain, Tom Watkins, J.S. Sarver, Austin Bagshaw, Esker Groves, Harry Isman, J.S. Cunningham, E.C. Clegg, Rev. Armcmtrout, G.W. Princ, Ezra Higgins, C.D. Harris, Charles Boice, Paul Underwood, Jeffery Winter.

The Fairview Methodist Church dedicated in

May of 1888 was replaced with a block building in 1980. Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Walter

FANNIN CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Fannin Chapel Church is located near the junction of Route 68 and the Little Sandy Road at Sherman in Grant District. The ground was donated by Theodore and Nancy J. Cline and recorded on April 2, 1897. Those building the church were: Will Safreed, G.W. Safreed, J.E. Debussey, I.S. Rector, John Barnhart, Theodore Cline, Jim Nesselroad, J.R. Ball and Samuel Palmer. The foundation was set up out of hand carved sandstone. The church building was dedicated December 17, 1896. The first minister was I.N. Fannin and the church was named in his honor. R.L. Rector was the first superintendent and T.P. Cline served as assistant superintendent as well as secretary. When the big floods of 1913 and 1937 occurred, holes had to be drilled in the floor to drain the water out. Will Safreed and his son, Edwin, put stay-bars through the church in three places to straighten the walls that were beginning to sway. A new steeple was built by Tony Blankenship and Louis Sands in 1965. Remodeling and new flooring have also made the church more attractive.



Fannin Chapel U.M. Church

Pastors include: I.N. Fannin (1895-1899), W.L. Reed, B.C. Davis, M.E. Stefford (1912), I. Martin, C.C. Perkins, B.F. Goslin, J.W. Crites, A.L. Bergreen, W.E. Keenan, W.A. Ware, C.C. Newsome, W.B. Corder, C.W. Pugh, Rev. Johnson, Rosing Smith, Homer Cummings, G.T. Caltrider, J.D. Belle, G.W. Prine, Donald Pergory, Wilbur Hardin, G. Eaton, E.F. Marty, J.C. Foster, D.E. Epler, Charles E. Boice, W.H. Sullivan, Jerry Eaton, Calvin Greathouse, Dick Tenant, Myron Gregg and Kenneth Ball. Submitted by Marcella Jones

FISHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Fisher Reunion was organized in 1929 and met at various sites on the fourth Sunday in August of each year. In 1938 members of the Fisher Reunion selected a site at the Old Duddon School grounds at the Forks of Duddon and Fisher Ridge Roads. The reunion and a revival was held at this site each fall.

In September 1942 the following individuals met at this site and formulated plans to build a church in memory of Leonard G. and Hannah Fisher: Ed Fisher, Marco Games, Parvin Cunningham, W. Odra Fisher, and Roy Pfof. Land was donated by R.O. (Bob) Fisher. Construction of Fisher Memorial Church started in the fall of 1942, with the first service being conducted in January 1943. The original church was expanded three times.

A building fund was started for a new church in 1973. When construction began in July 1978, the building architect estimated that total construc-



Fisher Memorial Church (original building)

tion costs would exceed \$400,000. But with church members, both men and women, and friends, donating materials and construction labor, the actual cost was about \$225,000. The church was paid for when it opened for the first service in August 1979. The new church, twice the size of the old sanctuary, seats about 500, including 56 choir seats.



Fisher Memorial Church (new building)

The first officers of the church were: Pastor, Rev. Charles Scraggs; Sunday School Superintendent, Jim Fisher; class leader, W. Odra Fisher; secretary, Loraine Fisher; treasurer, Roy Pfost; trustees, Edward Fisher, Marco Garnes, James Fisher, Corbett Fisher, and Hobson D. Fisher. Present officers are: Pastor, Rev. Al Mendez; Sunday School Superintendents, Bill Griffith, Neal Thomas; class leaders, Jay Carnell, W. Odra Fisher; secretary, Sharon Miller; treasurer, Neal Thomas; board members, Jay Carnell, W. Odra Fisher, J.T. Koontz, Bernard McCracken, Noble Miller, Guy Thaxton, Neal Thomas; trustees, John Paul Boggess, Bill Fisher, Jerry Miller, Jim Pritt and Arnold (Buck) Taylor.

Fisher Memorial Church, an interdenominational church, has been richly blessed through the years and God continues to pour out His blessings on this church: for this, we are humbly thankful.

Submitted by John Paul Boggess

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Ravenswood Baptist Church was organized as the result of meetings held by Rev. J. Swiger, missionary of the American Home Mission Society.

The organization was effected Saturday, November 10th, 1866, with 15 members. Eleven of these, Mrs. Rachel Blackburn, Mrs. Hannah L. Haworth, Miss Alma J. Haworth, Miss Alice E. Haworth, Miss America King, Miss Virginia Long, Mrs. Nancy J. Law, Miss Kate Parker, Mr. John Rudman, Mrs. E.J. Rudman, and Miss Josephine Taylor, had been baptized October 21st. The others, Dr. S.M. Haworth, William Long, Mrs. Sarah Long, and Mrs. Mary A. Parker united with the church by letter.

For a while the meetings of the church were held in the old Ravenswood Academy, but after a time the door was locked against them and the meetings were held in a room in Charles Harpold's Tannery until a room was arranged suitable for

services in the building belonging to Robert S. Brown. This arrangement continued until March, 1875, at which time the building was thought to be unsafe and the meetings were again held in the Academy.

In June, 1875, the church purchased for the sum of \$200.00 the lot on which the present building stands. In the fall of the same year the foundation was laid for a building 36 x 61 feet, and in May, 1876 the frame was erected. In July the church was much discouraged because of the damage done to the building by a storm. However, courage was revived and the work of rebuilding was begun at once. By September 1st the building was enclosed and the work went slowly on until it was completed. The dedication was held on Sunday afternoon, June 9th, 1878.



First Baptist Church, Ravenswood

On April 4th, 1955, dedication services were again held in recognition of improvements made including an educational unit which was built on to the existing church building.

In February, 1954 the church voted to change its name to "First Baptist Church, Ravenswood, WV."

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF RAVENSWOOD

Organized in March of 1895, with 13 charter members and ministered to by J.A. Joyce, then a



First Christian Church of Ravenswood

student at Bethany College, the congregation built and dedicated on December 29, 1895, the present sanctuary. The lot was given by William Milhoan, half of the bricks were given by Anthony and J.R. Keller, cash was given by Esbia Wells, and the large memorial window was given by Mrs. Anna H. Brown. The original building was completed for a cost of \$3,300 and used virtually unchanged until 1958.

Mr. J.R. Keller served for over 50 years as elder of the congregation and superintendent of the Bible School. His influence and memory still are a part of the heritage of the Church. During much of the immediate past, the financial problems of the Church were met with income provided for in the estate of C.E. Mason.

In 1957 when faced with renewed opportunity and challenge in a growing community, the Church decided to work together with the churches of the Disciples of Christ in West Virginia in order to better fulfill the work of the Kingdom. As a result of the resident pastor, B.J. Hannon, working with the congregation and seeing to the needs of the community, a building program was proposed and undertaken. Joining the efforts of the local congregation with the support of other churches across the state, the present educational building has resulted.

Pastors that have served in the last 30 years are the Reverend William Clay Allen, Jr., the Reverend Carl Smith, the Reverend William A. Gerrard III, the Reverend Russell Smith, Jr., the Reverend Charles Guthrie, the Reverend Warren Harry, and the presently serving pastor, the Reverend Earl W. Bailey. *Submitted by The Rev. and Mrs. Earl W. Bailey*

FIRST UM CHURCH OF RAVENSWOOD

Methodism arrived in Jackson County in 1803. Records show that the oldest member of the charge was Eligah Staats, who resided about three miles below the present site of Ripley on Mill Creek. About 1808 Thomas Lasley began preaching at Abraham Staats' dwelling, and also on the Ohio River a short distance north of the mouth of Mill Creek. In 1809, during the pastorate of Lasley, the first class of two members and four probationers was organized.

In 1812 a preacher by the name of Turner came into this section of the Ohio valley from the Baltimore Conference and organized some classes.

The first Methodist services in Ravenswood were held in 1830 in the home of Bartholamew and Hannah Warth Fleming. Mrs. Fleming was the first name placed on the church register.

In 1844 sectional differences in the fields of politics, economics, and slavery caused a split. From this conflict grew the Methodist Episcopal South. There being no Methodist church building in town, services were held in a building which was also used for a school, place of worship for other denominations and for all public meetings. This building stood just above the old passenger depot and was known as the "Institute."

At a meeting on December 5, 1846, plans were made for the construction of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. This building was completed eight or ten years later.

During the Civil War it was used as a barracks for Union soldiers, and at the close of the war it was in a very damaged state; so much so, that it was unfit for use. In time a few faithful members repaired and restored the building. Like most churches in the days of slavery, this had a gallery extending across the front for the slaves.

In 1867 Reverend W.D. Warren organized the Methodist Episcopal Church. Reverend Samuel Ball gave a lot on which to build a church. This lot was located on Mulberry Street between Washington and Virginia Streets. The church building cost \$2,000, and it was dedicated October 1870.

The only time the church was threatened with disunity and had fear for its survival was about 1920 when the Ku Klux Klan was active in Ravenswood. Reverend A.C. Riffe was sent to the church to see if he could bring the congregation together, as this organization had disrupted the church as well as the community.

In 1928 a second and larger church was constructed by the ME South at the corner of Henry and Walnut Streets. It was named Walton Memorial in memory of C.E. Walton, who was the largest contributor.

In Kansas City, April 26, 1939, a Declaration of Union was issued uniting the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, and Methodist Episcopal South. The first union service was held in Walton Memorial Church September 13, 1939. Reverend James P. Hutchinson was the first pastor. The Woman's Society of Christian Service was chartered September 2, 1940.

With the continued growth of our community and the crowded conditions in the church, plans were made in 1957 to construct a larger building. The new church, located on Flinn Street, was completed in 1962. First Methodist Church was the name selected.



First U.M. Church of Ravenswood

In 1968 the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church united forming the United Methodist Church. The Women's Society of Christian Service changed to United Methodist Women. Submitted by Clara Belle Demming

FLATWOODS CHURCH AND SCHOOL

The land was deeded, March 15, 1897, from James H. Mahon and Mary M. Mahon to John Hamilton, R.D. Custer, James H. Mahon, W.H. Mahon, L.M. Coe, A.C. Rowley, and John H. Mahon, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Flatwoods, the deed said, the lots on which the new church at Flatwoods is being built and the Flatwoods graveyard with a small portion of land adjoining.

A deed made April 25, 1903, from H.V. McCoy and Myrtle (Hartley) McCoy and Hugh Hamilton to the Trustees of Flatwoods M.E. Church for more graveyard, additional land for burial was obtained September 13, 1981, from Dorsie Mae Workman, now Kerwood, and the cemetery is under perpetual care.

The beautiful wood work of the building inside, with its curved ceiling is really unique. In May 1971 a letter of intent was sent out asking for donations to build a church addition of a basement and two rooms upstairs for classes, with the cooperation from community and friends the project turned out well.

Some of the names appearing on the books were Dickerson, Stone, Custer, Weekley, Harpold, Kneff, Hughes, Rowan, Gillaspie, Matthews, Balser and Ankrum. Present day Trustees are Adrian McCoy, Roy Boggs and Howard Robinson.

Our accompanied photo of year 1919-20, had a school house, the building was removed and the



Flatwoods Church and School

School Lot was deeded September 11, 1939 from F.W. Dickerson and Indra S. Dickerson, to the Trustees of the M.E. Church. The school house building makes part of the home of Mrs. Frances (Workman) Mahan today. Submitted by Wayne W. Hughes

FOSTER CHAPEL

For some time prior to the year 1887, a small class of Methodists had been using the Cherry Grove schoolhouse on Long Hollow as a place for worship and Sunday School. Early in this year they decided they wanted a church in consequence of which, through the leadership of E.D.W. King then their pastor, they built the Foster Chapel Methodist Episcopal church on land donated for that purpose by L.M. Harpold, and it was dedicated by Bishop Warren, December 4, 1887, with an all day service and basket dinner. The first members were R.M. and Nancy Duffield, James A. and Rachel Williams, John M. and Nancy Parsons, Samuel and Samantha Knox, Harrison and Lydia Hill, Lewis F. and Sarah Parsons, Wesley Harpold, Elizabeth Stewart, Rebecca Doyler, Sarah Smith, Roxey Harpold.



Foster Chapel

These were soon followed by Emory Duffield, W.H. and Dora Parsons, R.E. Williams, Addie Parsons, Noah Parsons, Helen Smith, and many others till the class reached 86 active members all of whom are gone to their reward.

Julia Knox was the first convert in the new church and James A. Williams sang the first song.

This land being in woods, after the men had cleared it, the women and children met there on a Saturday afternoon and burned the brush.

The first few Sunday School sessions were conducted before the floor was laid.

The following pastors served the early church and did much through their leadership to make this a prosperous little church: E.D.W. King, W.R. Hennen, J.F. Arnold, Dell Lyton, W.T. McCutcheon, A.J.L. Curtis, O.A. Kelley, W.P. Gwinn, P.D. Fisher, C.A. Whippo, M.H. Cummings, W.R. Eskew, H.A. Riffe, Grover Johnson, A.C. Riffe, W.T. McCarthy, John Cumberledge, Rev. Idleman, Rev. Fiber, Rev. Nuzum, Rev. Caultrider, Rev. Harpold, Rev. Cunningham, and Rev. Earl Seaman.

Due to so many leaving the community, there was insufficient attendance, and the church was

closed in the 1940s.

From time-to-time people went back for a homecoming. In the early 1960s the old church needed so much repairs that it was decided to build a small cinderblock one to replace it. The last homecoming in the old church was held August 1961 with nearly one hundred present. At this time it was decided to rebuild just north east of the old church so the timbers could be used. In the afternoon session officers were elected: J.O. Casto, president; Georgia Grady, secretary; Harry Kay, treasurer; and a building committee of Harry Kay, William Davis, and James Barnes.

J. O. Casto said he would match all contributions for the new church. By evening \$1,566 had been collected or pledged. The new church was dedicated June 24, 1962. It was presided over by Rev. Earl Seaman, pastor of the Cottageville Methodist charge of which Foster Chapel was a part. The District Superintendent of the Parkersburg Charge, Rev. Charles Goodwin, delivered the dedicatory address.

Due to lack of attendance, the United Methodist Conference wished to dispose of their abandoned church properties. Foster Chapel was one of these since it had not been used as a church for several years.

April, 1977, the W.V. Annual Conference of the U.M. Church made it known that for \$275 they were willing to transfer this property to three willing trustees. Oris Lathey, Adrien Parsons, and Dorn Grady took the responsibility since they were interested in the upkeep of the cemetery.

Since that time money was collected, the cemetery is well cared for, and a chain link fence has been installed. Submitted by Georgia Grady

GOODWILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

The original founders of Goodwill Community Church were George and Christina Hall, Carl and Eva Parsons, and Kermit and Pearl Skeens, who desired to build a church sanctuary for the people of the community in which they might worship freely. The land was donated by George Hall and was cleared by George Hall and Kermit Skeens. The building was constructed by Delmer White and Newton Rhodes. Before the building was completed, the original founders were joined by Guy and Oma Parsons, and French and Opal Groves. Upon arriving at the Jackson County Court house, Mrs. Christina Hall discovered that a name for the church had to be listed at the time of recording the deed. After prayerful thought she was impressed to write GOODWILL COMMUNITY CHURCH.



Goodwill Community Church

Through the generosity of many people, the new structure was furnished. Carl Parsons provided the hand-made pews which he had acquired from an old abandoned church building. The first piano was delivered by French Groves who received the donation from the Ripley Tabernacle Church of Ripley, W.V. Loreen Skeen gave the chandelier

which hung over the pulpit. And Carl Parsons built the first pulpit. To complete the sanctuary for services, a pot-belly stove stood near the center of the room and kerosene lamps hung on the walls to provide the light for evening devotions. Then to call the people to worship, an old bell was found by Toy Smith in a school house that was being demolished. Toy sold the bell to the church for \$50.00.

In November of 1957, the building was ready for use. Many progressive changes have taken place in the little church by the road through the years since its humble beginnings. Electric lights were donated by O.J. Morrisons of Ripley, W.V. Gas heat came in 1964. Classrooms were added to the back about the same time. By 1986 additional classrooms, entry, plumbing for water and sewage were added to the front of the sanctuary. This and many other improvements were made thanks to the generous friends, members, and citizens of our community.

Today the church continues to grow in number and spiritual blessings due to its early founders and community members who remained faithful to the Work of God and the Lord's great commission to "go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). The church's ministry has grown to include a YOUTH program, visitation ministry, storehouse ministry, choir, missionary support, and a ladies' community outreach ministry. Some of the early founders' descendants remain in the membership and continue the work begun by their ancestors.

The first secretary-treasurer was Pearl M. Skeens and the original trustees were George Hall, Kermit Skeens, Guy Parsons, Victor Skeens, and French Groves.

Former pastors of the church include: Macel Raines, Lincoln Jones, Junior Casdorph, Stanley Skeens, Noble Harper, Anton Hager, Jacke Reynolds, Columbus Hackney, Thomas Young, Wilburn Lucas, and Clyde Syner. The current pastor is S.R. Parsons, Jr.

The church is located one mile east off I-77 Kenna Exit, on Kentuck Road. Morning services are 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Evening services are 7:00 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday. *Submitted by Judy Taylor*

GOSHEN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Goshen Baptist Church, of Kentuck, W.V., was organized June 9, 1877, by Rev. Swagger, with the following charter members: Franklin Skeen and Phebe Skeen, his wife; Isaac Counts and Margaret (Peggy) Counts, his wife; Abednego B. Kiser and Rebecca Kiser, his wife; John Henry Skeen and Margaret Skeen, his wife; and Henry Kiser. The members built a log house near the residence of C.C. (Canaan) Counts, for a church, and called S.M. Farrell as pastor. He resigned after two years, and the church was without a pastor for a while, but had meeting every month, the Rev. A.B. Kiser preaching for them occasionally. On August 4, 1884, J.C. Richardson became pastor, and served until July 3, 1886. A council meeting was called to ordain John H. Skeen, and license him to preach. The council consisted of the following ministers, Jonathan Smith, J.C. Richardson, W.A. Cadle, J.C. Stump, P.S. Chandler, and a Dr. Bond, a deacon of the Ripley Church. On August 3, 1886, J.H. Skeen became pastor and served for many years. On December 2, 1899, W.H. Maddox became pastor, and during his term of service, scores of members were added to the church. After he resigned, the church was without a pastor for some time, but still had their regular meetings, with J.H. Skeen, moderator pro-tem.

On January 21, 1921, Rev. Skeen passed away. The church then called D.D. Smith, of Roane County, who served for one year. Then a P.C. Moore, of Kanawha County, served for a short

time.

On July 5, 1909 the members met and voted to build a new church house on a lot that had been secured from the late J.P. Kiser, on what is known as the Cleek Flats, near the residence of Adeline Poling, and the following committee was appointed to secure funds: S.J. Smith, Henry Kiser, F.P. Skeen, W.K. Skeen, W.B. Smith, J.P. Kiser, C.C. Counts, M.S. Smith, Cora L. Smith, N.A. Skeen, Clara Skeen, Ida Counts, M.E. Skeen, Martha Skeen, Mary Skeen, Rebecca Lee, and Maggie Skeen. Funds were soon secured, the building completed, and dedicated the following September. A Rev. Summers preached the dedication sermon. Joshua Skeen, F. Skeen and W.B. Smith were made trustees of the church. S.S. Rhodes was called as pastor, and during his term he held a protracted meeting, assisted by Rev. T.O. Powers, that was very successful. After his resignation, Rev. Powers was called as pastor, and he served approximately 14 years, and was much loved and respected by the members. Rev. Jack Slater, of Fishers Ridge, followed Rev. Powers as pastor, and served five years. After him came Ed Hutton, who served three years, followed by Vairl Winters who served five years; a Preacher Ross, who served only a short time; then Mr. Hutton came back for two or three years. Then a period of time elapsed in which there was no pastor, but the many young people in the area had young peoples meeting every week. Then, from 1946 to 1950, Clessie Casto served as pastor. He was followed by Herbert Anderson, for one year. Then Orville Walker served one year, followed by Ott Smith for two or three years, and he was followed by Noble Harper, for two or three years, then Orville Walker came back as pastor, in 1960. During his tenure, Warren Anderson, of West Charleston, substituted for him while he had eye surgery. Walker resigned in September 1983, and was followed by Buck McClanahan who served till July 19, 1984. Jim Jordon served from August 9, 1984 to July 1986. Gary White, the present pastor, began his tenure August 4, 1986, and is still serving at the present time, January 1990.

Submitted by Regina Skeen and Kennad L. Skeen

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RAVENSWOOD

From 1836 Mr. Henry Fitzhugh held the Episcopal service in his home. Rev. Mr. Wheeler held services from 1842-1844. The first Episcopal visitation was made in 1843 by Bishop Johns.

Grace Episcopal Church was built in 1851 on Washington street between Walnut and Sand streets. The church building was consecrated on November 4, 1851 by Bishop Meade of Virginia, who at the same time confirmed a class of eight persons. The selection of a name for the church had been referred to Mrs. Henrietta Fitzhugh, who called it Grace Church. Ravenswood Parish was admitted to the diocese of Virginia at the Diocesan Council of 1852.



Original Grace Episcopal Church

In 1881, while Rev. Jacob Brittingham was vicar, the first steps were taken toward securing

funds for building a vicarage upon lots donated by the Fitzhugh family, at the corner of Walnut and Ann streets. The vicarage was sufficiently completed for occupancy in July 1884.

In 1895 the (Washington street) Church was beautified by the addition of a tower, removal of the gallery, new pews, new carpet, and redecorating of the walls and ceiling. This work was made possible by a legacy of Mrs. Henrietta Fitzhugh Barre.

On Sunday night October 7, 1900, the church building was totally destroyed by a fire which originated in a nearby store. Most church furnishing including the new organ were lost.

The thousand dollars received from insurance together with \$360 secured from the sale of the lot gave a start on the building fund for the new church, which was to be built next to the Vicarage on Walnut street. It was completed within a year for the sum of \$3,134.90 which included the cost of the bell and memorial windows. Mr. Henry Progler, the contractor, deserves much credit for the simple church building with its excellent acoustics. The stained glass windows were probably made in Wheeling.

On July 27, 1902 the new Grace Church was consecrated by the Right Reverend George W. Peterkin, the first Bishop of West Virginia.

In 1946 extensive repairs and improvements were made on the Vicarage. That fall the Rev. Frederick F. Valentine, Jr. came to Grace Church as Vicar.

From this time on the church has had various vicars but there has always been a small but active congregation, with regular services and church school.

In 1948 the decision was made to build a Parish house. A building plan and method of financing presented by Rev. Valentine and the Vestry were unanimously approved by the congregation on Sunday, February 13, 1949. Groundbreaking services were held on Sunday April 3, 1949. The Parish House was dedicated by Bishop Strider on December 17, 1949.

To mark the 130th anniversary of Grace Church, in 1981, the floors and pews were refinished, new carpeting put down, and a memorial garden planted.

Service records of the church since 1852 and other historical documents are preserved at the church. For information write Grace Episcopal Church, 404 Walnut Street, Ravenswood, WV 26164. *Submitted by Edwin D. Rauh*

GRASS LICK BAPTIST CHURCH

The history of the Grass Lick Baptist Church, of Kenna, WV, began in 1853 when the North-Western Virginia Baptist Association appointed the Rev. Joseph A. Wright as a Missionary; his salary was \$25.00 a month. According to records preserved at the West Virginia Baptist Historical Archives at their Parchment Valley Camp, near Ripley, WV, the Rev. Wright's job was to go to the western counties of Virginia that bordered the Ohio River, and bring together at various points the Baptists scattered throughout the country, organizing them into new churches. The work was very hard. In a report to the Virginia Association he writes that in 1854 "he preached 99 sermons, baptized one convert and collected \$8.52 for the Board." He also notes, "the moral condition of my field is bad, but not hopelessly so. The cause is slowly but steadily progressing."

In 1854, the Grass Lick Baptist Church was organized by Rev. Wright, with nine members as follows: Abraham Litton and Barbara, his wife; Zadock Goodwin and Mary, his wife; Matthias Goodwin and Amanda, his wife; Alphius Armstrong, Thomas Power and Rachel Greene. By 1857, the membership of the Grass Lick Baptist

Church had increased to 29.

For the first 20 years after the church was organized, services were held in the members homes because there was no church home. Then in 1874, according to an account by Mr. Alonzo Maddox, "the good Lord put into the minds of the people to build a church house. Soon the ringing of axes were heard in the woods; the finest poplars and white oaks were felled, scored, hewed and hauled to the site and a house was soon erected."

The first church stood about in the center of what is now the main church parking lot, and served as church home until the church was destroyed by fire on November 23, 1916. At a meeting on November 30, 1916, the membership decided to rebuild on the same site where the first church had burned.



Original Grass Lick Baptist Church, built 1874

The work moved along slowly due to a lack of money and materials, but finally the second building was completed and on Sunday, October 20, 1918, a dedication service was held. As the years went by, the church membership grew and in the late 1940s the congregation decided the time had come to build a new and larger church home. The new masonry building was constructed by the side of the old church and contained a larger sanctuary, classrooms, kitchen and fellowship hall. This present structure was built in 1949 and was dedicated June 25, 1950. The old church was then dismantled to make room for a parking lot for the church.



Grass Lick Baptist Church, 1989

As the church continued to grow additional space was needed and in 1973, three more classrooms, a pastor's study and a baptistry were added to the back of the church.

From its inception in 1854 to the present date of October, 1989, our church has had 29 pastors. The Rev. Vairl C. Winter served the church longer than any other pastor. Rev. Winter pastored the church from 1930 through 1943; and also from 1960 to 1971, for a total of 24 years.

The attendance for Sunday morning worship is between 100 and 110, while the Sunday School attendance averages about 90.

The church is also open for Wednesday Bible Study and Sunday evening worship service.

The Grass Lick Baptist Church is located 1/4 mile West on Pleasant Valley Road from its inter-

section with Route 21 at Kenna, West Virginia.
Submitted by William M. McGrew, Church Moderator

DEDICATION OF HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Editor Herald

The largest crowd of people that ever assembled in this part of Jackson County met at the dedication of the Hickory Grove M.E. Church near Rev. W.B. Parson's farm and near W.T. Paxton's store, about one mile southeast of Kenna on November 5, 1916. The crowd was estimated to be from 2,500 to 3,000. Rev. Riffie preached a very able sermon, and the best of order was maintained all day and 40 or 50 wagons were in evidence loaded with fine things to eat. Everybody was made welcome and there was plenty of food taken away after everybody had eaten, and everybody seemed to be well-pleased and a great many spoke in the highest terms of the progress of this section in Christianity.

The church is supposed to be worth 2,000 dollars and stands on an ideal mound about one and a half miles east of the Ganes Knob, which is the highest elevation in Jackson, Putnam and Mason counties. The church can be seen a distance of 20 miles.



Hickory Grove Church

This section, including upper Grass Lick, Kenna, part of Duddeon Fork and Kentuck is as fine a country as can be found anywhere, the people are prosperous and cattle can be seen on a thousand hills; the people are well up in farming, education and refinement. Rev. W.B. Parsons deserves great praise for over-seeing and pushing to completion this fine church. He gave it his entire time and contributed from 260 to 300 dollars in various ways. Brother Parsons is well liked and respected by his people.

I am informed that 70 or 80 years ago this section was almost a wilderness, no roads, only the old Indian trail as they traveled from the Great Kanawha to Fort Randolph. No schools, no churches, the scream of the panther and the howl of the wolf was very common; the country abounded with wild hogs which fattened on acorns. John Parsons, grandfather of Rev. W.B. Parsons, was the first settler of Stonelick, about three miles from this new church. He was the first white man to cut a tree where Ripley now stands; he climbed an elm tree and cut a bear out of it, near the little bridge just above Ripley on Mill Creek, at the present Walton farm. Adam Ganes was the first settler at Kenna near the spot where Dr. F.S. Casto's house stands. Jack Lanham was the first settler of Duddeon and built a house near the mouth of Rock Hollow over 80 years ago, about a mile from the new church. John Good was the first settler in Kentuck and built a log house near where G.P. Kerns now resides, about three miles from this church. He killed a panther in a cliff of rocks just above John H. Skeen and Sons present store. Then a few years later Hiram Faber, John Duff, Francis Good, Isaac Counts, James Garrett, Peter Cleek



Hickory Grove Church

and others settled within from three to five miles of the new church, and they would all meet with their hunting dogs and kill wild hogs for their bacon. Think now of the toil and hardships those old pioneers underwent that we could enjoy roads, schools and civil government. Think of the pioneer mothers way back in the early dawn toiling and the schutching knife, schutching flax and at the spinning wheel to provide clothing for her children and then think of our conveniences of today and it will cause us to repeat the great words sent on Morse's telegraph, "What hath God wrought." D.L. Skeen Reprinted from Jackson Herald Submitted by Pat Smarr

INDEPENDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

McGee Chapel, Methodist Episcopal Church South, also known as Independence Church, was organized in 1872 on land deeded to M. Crow, J.G. Crum and other trustees by J.D. Custer et al., Elizabeth Custer, his wife, George W. Blake, Mary J. Blake, Ursula Starcher, Levi Hopkins, Rebecca Hopkins, E.E. Starcher, A.G. McGee and A. McGee, and later named for Minnie Crum McGee, sister of T.C. Crum.

This area was sparsely settled at that time but donations were received from surrounding communities. Men donated labor and the women brought baskets of food and carried buckets of water to the men who were working.

Since there were no hard roads at the time the Church was organized, people came from Sandyville, Beattys Run, Copper Fork and surrounding communities often filling the house. Many of the charter members were from some of these communities. The first Women's Society organized on May 24, 1896.

Then about the year 1901 the Sandyville Church was build and dedicated. Since many of the Church members belonged to the Sandyville Community, they transferred their membership to Sandyville leaving only about nine members to carry on at McGee Chapel. From 1901 until 1903 the records and stories indicate that the Church fell into disuse. Many windows were broken and the roof and floor was in bad condition.

Then with donations from Charles B. Howes and C.E. Crow and others, the Church was repaired about the year 1905. The Church was papered, lamps and an organ was purchased. In 1909 the Methodist Conference decided to reinstate old McGee Chapel and to supply one sermon a month. The First Minister after the reinstatement was Rev. T.C. Davis and the first elder was J.H. Jackson.

Since that time many improvements have been made to the Church: the Church walls were plastered, a basement laid, a vestibule added, dropped ceiling, a stairway to the basement was built inside the sanctuary, furnace replaced little gas stoves, carpeting, storm-windows and a bathroom. The big pulpit Bible was donated by Mary



Independence U.M. Church

McElroy.

According to the records, services have been held regularly in the Church since 1909. The proximity of the cemetery has occasioned many funerals but it was not until 1953 that the first Church wedding was performed. Since then there have been many such happy occasions.

The Church and grounds are in good repair and it sits on the knoll ready to welcome any one who cares to come.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was founded in Seneca County, New York on April 6, 1830, and in 1832 missionary work began in what is now West Virginia.

James Jacob Riggs was born in 1842 in Greene County, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Jobes in 1865. Years later the family moved to Wetzel County, West Virginia where in 1893 both James and Margaret were baptized in the Mormon Church. During this time, they raised nine sons and one daughter with five of their sons joining the church. In 1902, the family moved to Jackson County.

Charles was their sixth child. He was born in 1879, married Sally Estep in 1900, and in 1901 was baptized. They had two daughters and one son before Sally died in 1906. Charles married Mamie Daily in 1907. They had five daughters and four sons.

Their oldest son, John Matthew Riggs, was raised in the Mormon faith. He was baptized in 1909 and became a priest in 1917. John married Goldie Cayton in 1929 and eight months later was ordained an elder. Johns' brother, William, married Goldie's sister, Wilma, in 1930. Wilma and Goldie both converted and were baptized.

John and Goldie raised five daughters. Because they wanted their daughters raised in a gospel atmosphere, they attended a nearby church. However, they wanted to teach their daughters about their own faith, so in 1952, they started a Home Sunday School. Two years later, they became a dependent branch of the Charleston Branch.

In 1955 a number of new families started to attend the Home Sunday School. Noble and Evelyn Adkins were one of the new families that joined the group. The group had met in the Riggs home for 8½ years but had outgrown it. The Sunday School was moved to Ripley over the Farmers Feed Store on Court Street. Several fund raising projects were begun at that time that have become traditions for church members in Jackson County. One is the making and selling of candy Easter eggs. Another is the booth at the courthouse for the fourth of July celebration.

In February 1962, the saints in Jackson County were officially named the Ripley Branch. There were 110 people in the congregation, and Noble Adkins was sustained as the Branch President. Sister Ernestine Tribett was called as the first

Relief Society President.

In October 1962 work began to build a chapel. Church officials instructed President Adkins to locate three places with at least two acres for a chapel site. A site on Ritchie Avenue in Ravenswood was selected. During this time, the saints continued to meet over the feed store. With no chapel available, funerals were usually held at the Independence Church near Sandyville. Sister Eva Cochran relates: "We had wonderful times over the feed store. Nothing fancy; none of the lovely facilities which help to make a church comfortable. But the spirit of the Lord abided in those three rooms and in the hearts of the people who met there." After five years over the feed store, the branch rented the old Silverton School house and moved in on December 4, 1966.

President Adkins and his counselors were released in May 1968, and Seldon Angus was sustained as Branch President in June.

The summer of 1969 brought the realization of a chapel closer. Bids were let in August. The low bid of \$96,400 was submitted by Grim Construction. On October 8, 1969 ground was broken. Many of the older people in the branch were about to have a dream come true. Goldie Riggs had said on several occasions, "I'll never live to see us have a chapel." Sister Riggs happily conceded that she had been wrong.

The first sacrament meeting in the new chapel was held on August 9, 1970, and the new chapel was dedicated on March 21, 1971.

The Ravenswood Branch

On September 27, 1971, the name of the Ripley Branch was officially changed to the Ravenswood Branch. By 1972, the Ravenswood Branch members were well settled at the new chapel. Kaiser Aluminum had an impact upon the Branch. New families would move into the area only to see others transferred. This had been the pattern almost from the beginning as a Home Sunday School.

In February 1976, President Angus and his counselors were released. He had served in this capacity for seven years and eight months.

Brother Troy Rhodes was sustained as the Branch President the day brother Angus was released. Under his leadership, the branch purchased ten acres of land on Sandy Creek to be used as a welfare farm.

During the next two years, because of transfers, there were a number of changes in the Branch presidency. Brother David Janke was sustained in March 1977, Brother Seldon Angus served again as president in October of 1977, and Brother William Engels was sustained in March 1978.

Brother Engels was instrumental in the creation of the Spencer Branch. In June 1980, the Spencer Branch was organized with Brother Jerry Jensen as Branch President. President Engels started work for the building of a second phase to the chapel.

Brother Engels was released in September 1980 with Brother Tony Beardsley being sustained as the new president.

1981 saw several occurrences that would change the branch. In October, a new bridge spanning the Ohio River between Ravenswood and Great Bend, was opened, and in December ground was broken for the second phase of the Ravenswood Chapel. Phase II would double the classrooms, add a baptismal font, and a cultural hall.

In February 1982, Brother Steve Orme was sustained as a president, and in June the work on the chapel was completed. The chapel was dedicated in February 1983. Once again, the saints in Jackson County had reason for rejoicing.

The saints in Jackson County would long remember to praise God for the restoration of the gospel, and to thank those early settlers who first brought the church to West Virginia. They would long remember the difficulties they had encountered throughout the years. They quote the words

of Paul in the New Testament: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

KLONDYKE E.U.B. CHURCH

The Klondyke Church, also called Mt. Olivet, was located at the head of Wilding Road about two miles from Nesselroad Run, near the Ravenswood-Grant District line. This church was built, in 1892, during the pastorate of Rev. I.N. Smith and dedicated by Rev. J.M. Conaway. In 1895, the Walters, Patterson, Stephens, Doolittle, Carmichael, Maple, Hall, Wilcox, Snyder, Miller and Brown families were members here. A few of the ministers who served at the church were: Rev. Simpson, Rev. Haught, Rev. Combs and Rev. Roush. Church services were last held there in the 1940s. The building, which had been purchased by Vane Walters, was destroyed by a tornado in the late 1950s. A small cemetery is located nearby. The Klondyke School, which was torn down in 1933, was also located in the same vicinity. *Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach*

LIVERPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

The village of Liverpool was named for Liverpool, England, in the mid-1800s. The Harmony School Building served as a Church of the community.

Being a thriving village, a need for a church arose there. In June, 1890, the first Methodist Protestant Church was built and pastored by Rev. Joe Dunn, the builder. The church was a one-room structure, located on the hillside, near the Liverpool Cemetery, which was laid out in 1862.

The original building stood until the 1960s, when the people of the church and the community joined together to build a new building. The new building would be larger and contain Sunday School Rooms and rest rooms, as well as a sanctuary.

They practiced the old idea of "Tilling the Lord's Acre," and all turned out to produce two acres of sorghum cane. The molasses were said to be the best and cheapest available.

The officers for the project were: Ronald R. Smith, Chairperson; Jennings B. Tolley, Secretary/Treasurer; Francis F. Ball, Project Leader; Holly McVay, Bookkeeper.

The Ladies Aid Society of the church made delicious apple butter to sell also.

This church was definitely built on a sweet note! It was completed in 1962.



Liverpool Methodist Church

Later on the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged and the church is now known as The Liverpool United Methodist Church.

After 100 years, The Liverpool United Methodist Church is open for worship and we welcome you to join us.

Over the years many people have passed

through the doors of this church and have been blessed for having been there. Many good pastors have led the congregations in this place.

This church was built on faith, prayer and work. Let us, the people of this community, unite to keep it active for another 100 years. *Submitted by Mary K. Hill*

LOCKHART UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In 1886, Peter and Jane Archer deeded land to the Methodist Episcopal Church and the first church was built in 1887, by William Thomas and Valentine Cooper. It was located at Lockhart, in Grant District, a short distance up the creek on the north side of McGraw Run. Before the construction of the church building, services had been held at the schoolhouse with Rev. Kelley as minister. Trustees for the church were: John Thomas, W.H. Beymer, Levi Weekley, John Ball and Stephen Robbins. Rev. Grose was the first pastor in the church building and it was named in his honor. The circuit at this time was comprised of Warden Chapel, Wilding Church, Providence Church and Simpson Church. Later, White Church and Sycamore Church were added. John Ball was the first class leader and continued in that position 50 years. The first parsonage was built up McGraw Run a short distance above the church. The church was moved to its present location and rebuilt in 1921 on land deeded by Lawrence and Lillie Burke. At this time, the church was named Lockhart. The parsonage was also moved and rebuilt closer to the church. The trustees at that time were: John Ball, W.H. Beymer, J.G. Beymer, L.C. Burke, C.D. Cooper, Enoch Black, Albert Morris, N.B. Thomas and T.A. Wilson. Later, the old parsonage was torn down and a new one built by Ed Thrash and A.L. Beymer. It was used many years and was dismantled in the 1970s. In the late 1950s, Rev. John Lockhart with the help of the young people's Sunday School Class and other members of the community remodeled the church. William Beymer served as an organist for over 50 years until 1961. Mrs. James Currey gave the church a piano and Sharon VanFosson Wilkinson served as a pianist for many years. Homecomings have traditionally been held in September with a covered dish dinner and special services. Christmas programs were organized by Christine (Moore) Rasel and Easter sunrise services have been held at the home of George and Margaret Houchen.



Lockhart U.M. Church

Ministers who have served Lockhart include: Rev. Kelley, Rev. Grose, Rev. Jenkins, Rev. J.J. White, Rev. W.W. Hammond, Rev. Wallace Guinn, Rev. C.J. Price, Rev. J.W. Engle, Rev. H.K. Riffe, Rev. A.C. Riffe, Rev. I.N. Smith, Rev. Stephan, Rev. Hunter, Rev. Allen Ball, Rev. Fred Simmons, Rev. Butler, Rev. Aldine Poling, Rev. Albert Poling, Rev. Johnson, Rev. Greynolds, Rev. Hofelt, Rev. Jack Faison, Rev. Goodman, Rev. Lawrence Morris, Rev. Ryder, Rev. Potts, Rev. George Caltrider, Rev. Frank Caltrider, Rev. Richmond, Rev. Hobert Melrose,

Rev. Idleman, Rev. Lumsford, Rev. Pearl Arbogast, Rev. John Lockhart, Rev. Donald Peregory, Rev. Gene Eaton, Rev. Clarence Winkler, Rev. Hoyt Taylor, Rev. Garfield Prine, Rev. Ernest Marty, Rev. Charles Eaton Jr., Rev. Howard VanDyne, Rev. Roy Stanley, Rev. Allen Johnson and Rev. Jim Pinkerton. *Submitted by Marguerite Moore*

LONG HOLLOW CHURCH

Long Hollow Church is near the Jackson and Mason County line in Ripley District, two miles beyond Foster Chapel. The deed for the Long Hollow Church property was made October 12, 1889, between Obediah Woodall and Mary Woodall, his wife, to the trustees consisting of T.A. Casto, Philip Ward, William A. Cadle, J.W. Woodall, and Obediah Woodall. A Baptist Church was erected on this property. It was dedicated December 1, 1889.



Long Hollow Church

This continued to be a thriving church for many years until most of the people had moved out of the community. A picture which appeared in the Jackson Herald was taken in 1914 and showed an attendance of 54. One of the early ministers was a Rev. Haught. To the best of my knowledge, the last service held there was during World War II when Rev. Fred Harmon held a revival service. Mrs. I.J. Smith and I walked over the hill from her place and attended the services.

Just above the church on a steep hill is the cemetery where I went a few years back and recorded the names of those buried there. Nobody had been buried there for many years until 1988 when Edna Woodall Kay was buried there. It was interesting to note that the ones donating the land, Obediah and Mary Woodall, are buried there.

Those buried there are: Fox, Arnold Lee, son of Lee and Bertha Thornton Fox; Fox, Leroy; Lathey, Emily (Ward), wife of Joseph Lathey; Lathey, Myrtle (Smith); Lathey, Mary, daughter of Myrtle (Smith) Lathey; Lathey, Marie, daughter of Myrtle (Smith) Lathey; Hysell, Alice; Kay, Edna (Woodall), wife of John Kay; Norris, Malinda, wife of Cornelius Norris; Whaley, two infant children of John Whaley; Woodall, James; Woodall, Obediah; Woodall, Mary J., wife of Obediah; Woodall, Willie (French), wife of William Woodall; Woodall, Bertha, daughter of William and Willie Woodall; Woodall, infant son of Boyd and Viva Woodall.

The picture shown of the church which is still standing and in good shape was taken by my husband a few weeks ago (Fall of 1989). *Submitted by Georgia Grady*

LONE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

The Lone Oak Baptist Church building is located at Rockcastle, WV near the forks of the two streams which unite to form the headwaters of Thirteen Mile Creek. The church received its name from an immense black oak tree that stood near the front of the building. The church organi-

zation was constituted in 1895. On February 4, 1899, Perry and Ella Barnett deeded one-eighth of an acre of land, more or less, to be used by the Lone Oak Baptist Church for church purposes. The original deed named J.A. French, Levi Moore, J.M. McCroskey, Amos Riffie and J.M. Eskew as trustees. The original deed was written and notarized by T.I.C. Parsons, Notary Public. In 1897 Rev. T.E. Wallis was pastor and W.A. French, church clerk. In 1899 the Rev. B.F. Redenon, pastor and the clerk was T.M. Riffie. In 1902 the Rev. T.W. Drinen was pastor with F.M. Riffie, clerk. In 1914 the church clerk was D.B. Casto. The church was a member of the West Virginia Baptist General Association which is now the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

On August 11, 1951 the church organization appointed the following trustees: Clyde Barnette, Corda Paxton and J.C. Casto with Auline Barnett as church clerk. There is no organization of the church in existence today. *Submitted by Lorraine Barnette*

LONG VIEW CHURCH



Long View Church

Long View Church was dedicated September 14, 1914. The land for the church and cemetery was donated by Isaac and Delda Barr, deed dated, July 19, 1913. Trustees appointed by Methodist Episcopal Conference were: B.F. Sayre, Jr., George W. Sayre, Elijah Casto, John W. King, William H. Staats, John Fox, Mattie Flowers, Benjamin S. Sayre, and Isaac Barr. Architect: William H. Staats. Main Carpenters: John King, John Fox.

William H. Staats is buried in Long View Cemetery.

Long View was deeded back to the current trustees of the church and cemetery November 26, 1986. *Submitted by Lena Sayre*

MEDINA CHURCH OF GOD

The Medina Church of God met at the home of Lee and Patty Ramsey on Sarvis Fork on April 19, 1981. There were 35 men, women and children. The congregation then got busy and built a concrete block building on the Larry Thomas property. The building was completed and the first service there was on August 5, 1981. Larry Thomas was the first pastor.

Property was bought from Lewis Morrison, and

a larger brick building was built on the Medina Road. The congregation moved into the new building and had their first service on January 6, 1985.



Medina Church of God

Larry Thomas resigned as pastor and Bernard (Bud) McVey was elected pastor in 1987.

The Medina Church of God is an independent and non-denominational church. The King James version Bible is used. *Submitted by Lucy Howerton*

MEDINA GOSPEL MISSION



Medina Gospel Mission

The Medina Gospel Mission was built in 1972, on Rush Run, at Medina, WV. The non-denominational church was built on land donated by Rev. Enoch Pursley, who has pastored the church since it was started. The first service was held on September 14, 1972, with 28 people present. The church has no membership. The doors are open for all to worship within its walls. While Rev. Pursley has pastored the church, there have been several assistant ministers. At present, Lee Pursley is Assistant Pastor. *Submitted by Linda Pursley*

MILHOAN RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Milhoan Ridge Baptist Church is located on Route 68 north. The old Milhoan Ridge Church located on Milhoan Ridge Road is where the Church was first started in January 1962 with Rev.



Milhoan Ridge Baptist Church

Charles Parsons as pastor. Preacher Richard Batten then became the pastor of the Church asking all to build the new church on Route 68. In August 1977 we had our first meeting in the new church. The church was built by the members all taking part in helping out. The men cut the timber donated by Roy Hackney for the church. All wives helped by bringing food to the men and doing the work at home to help so the men could work on the church. Gene Waybright was pastor for a few years and Cecil Marlow was, too. Darrell Johnson has been our pastor for the past nine years. Our piano player is Deloris Alfred. Three of our oldest members passed away recently: Richard Hoselton, Bob Sams and Glen Alfred. Preacher Morris, from Ravenswood, who attended the Church, died and his funeral was the first in our new church. We invite all who do not have a church to attend to come worship with us. We usually have from 75 to 100 in attendance. *Submitted by Gertie White*

MILHOAN RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The church building is located on Milhoan Ridge in Grant District. It was built in 1880 by John Anthony on land obtained from William Howell. The first trustees were George W. Milhoan, John Delaney and Thomas Piatt Jr. The Milhoan Ridge cemetery is located in front of the church building and the Howell Cemetery is located across the driveway from the church. Church services have not been held there for many years. (See photo in Milhoan family history.) *Submitted by Carolyn Mithlbach*

MILLWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

In 1897 a Methodist Church was planned for the village of Millwood, Jackson County. It was to be built on land donated by Matthew Blackburn. The church was completed in 1899. The first trustees were: Lafayette Sayre, W.C. Batten, and James Holstein. From 1899 until 1966 uninterrupted services were held in the church, i.e.,



Original Millwood Methodist Church, built 1899

uninterrupted except for acts of God over which the good folks of Millwood had no control. We're speaking of the floods of 1913 and 1937. Only we who have lived through such calamities can understand the loss and trauma associated with them. The two above-mentioned floods were of such magnitude that they took several houses, a hotel and other buildings down river as the great Ohio overflowed its banks. In the late 19th century, just as today the Millwood Church was the focal point for many community activities.

On October 25, 1966, the members, with their pastor, Reverend Armor Sayre called a meeting to discuss building a new church. Reverend Sayre was the last pastor in the original church and Reverend William Sullivan was the first pastor in the new

church.

Work on the new church was begun in 1967 and completed in November 1968. Many hours of labor and planning were given by the good people of Millwood. Many were not members of the church but were interested in having a new church that would be both sound and beautiful. It is of block stone construction and hardwood flooring with a full completely-furnished basement that is used for classrooms, church social functions and community activities.



Millwood U.M. Church, built 1968

During the time the church was being built, Sunday School and worship services were conducted in the basement rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowen of Millwood. In 1970 a dedication service was held at which time the church building with beautiful furnishings was dedicated completely debt-free.

Present day trustees are: Erma Burge and Mrs. R.L. Handley of Millwood and Clair Roseberry of Ravenswood. Fred Bowen is Sunday School Superintendent and Reverend Norman Wilcox is the pastor. *Submitted by Mrs. R.L. Handley and Mrs. Thomas Combs*

MOUNT HEBRON CHURCH

This church is better known as the Jackson Chapel Church. It is located two miles from Mt. Alto, WV, on what was then known as the Clarksburg Turnpike.



Mount Hebron Church

The dedication program reads: "Be it remembered that on Sunday July 10, AD 1887 this church was under the name of Mount Hebron dedicated to the worship of God our redeemer according to the rites and ceremonies of the United Brethren in Christ." Dedication by the Right Reverend Bishop Weaver. The Bible for the church was presented by Andrew Click, farmer. The Pastor was John Martin. The builder was J. Purdy. The

land donor was John Gerlach, and the trustees were, John Gerlach, J. Fulgert, George Click, J.I. Wedge and Andrew Click.

The property for this church was bought by John and Dorothea Gerlach from Jackson Smith on September 2, 1859. The deed says there were 169½ acres for \$750.00. It also states that Jackson Smith reserved 1½ acres as a burying ground known as Jackson Chapel Cemetery and School House lot.

The school house sat beside the cemetery and was also used as a church when the roads were too bad to go elsewhere. Some of the preachers at this church were, Rev. John Martin, Rev. Wilson, Rev. Waltz, Rev. Roush, Rev. Blessing and Rev. Rader.

This Church is now closed for regular services but is used for homecomings once a year for family and friends on the Sunday before Labor Day. Everyone is welcome. *Submitted by Velma Gerlach Burris*



Original Mt. Carmel Baptist Church



Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, built 1958

0.212 acres was donated by Bessie Harpold, Asa Harpold and Dorthy Harpold for additional classrooms.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church has been a soul-saving station for many, many souls. All of the older people who organized and founded the first church have gone home to be with the Lord.

May God's blessings rest eternal on this church and its members. *Submitted by Rev. Orville Walker*

MT. OLIVE E.U.B. CHURCH

The Mount Olive E.U.B. Church is located near Rockcastle, was organized in 1856, and was originally named Barnett Chapel. Mrs. Lucretia Barnett was the first member of the church and the presiding elders were Moses Michaels and the Rev. W.H. Miles. In later years the church became part of the Rockcastle Circuit and the church organization is no longer in existence. *Submitted by Lorraine Barnett*

MT. MORIAH CHURCH

The Mt. Moriah Church sits on a hill, overlooking beautiful Parchment Valley.

The church now stands on a lot that was deeded May 16, 1891, for the sum of \$15.00, paid in hand, by S.J. Lewis, R.W. Scott and G.L. Stone, trustees, for and on the behalf of the church of the United Brethren in Christ, by the late Frank Sayre and his wife, Belle Sayre.

This Church is never to be sold, as long as it



Mt. Moriah Church

is used for a meeting place.

This Church was built and dedicated in 1896.

To my knowledge, this church is the only one around that has tiered seats. There is no problem seeing who is in the pulpit speaking.

The former log Church stood down in the lower section of the cemetery.

Some of the older families that attended Church at Mt. Moriah were the Stones, Stewarts, Scotts, Freys, Parsons, Lewis's, Hogsetts, Sayres, Castos, Woodards, Winters, Morrisons, Harts and Kessells to name a few.

In April 1887, the Superintendent of Sunday School was G.M. Morrison, the Assistant Superintendent was T.J. Rankin, the Secretary was N.M. Stewart and the Treasurer a Miss Williams.

Sunday School on Sunday, May 8, 1892: Song, Walking in the Light; Prayer by N.M. Stewart; Total Attendance, 35; Collection, 55 cents. The weather was fair.

We still have Sunday School at Mt. Moriah.

The attendance is small, but from the first Sunday in April until December we gather at the little Church on the hill to have Sunday School. The reason for closing in the winter months is due to the lack of good heating. *Submitted by Mrs. Stewart (Virginia) Sayre*

MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH

The following is from *The Methodist Protestant Church in West Virginia*, written by Rev. I.A. Barnes, in 1926, "This is one of the appointments of the Rockport (old Wadesville) circuit, but is located in Grant District. This church began its official existence as the Lee Creek mission, then changed to Lee Creek circuit; later to Wadesville and now as Rockport circuit. Mount Zion class was organized about 1861 by Rev. D.H. Davis. It is located near the ford on Pond Creek.

Isaac Cross, James Swain, James Buckley, S. Anderson, Peter Mills, Sarah VanHorn, Lucretia Boso and Riley Wilson were charter members. The church was built during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Dunn in 1877. Dr. J.J. Mason held a gracious revival here in 1899. There were 50 converts and additions to the church. In 1920, Rev. L.W. Loudon had a fine revival at this church in which there were 53 conversions and 46 additions to the membership of the church. This society is now in a very prosperous condition with a membership of 123."



Mt. Zion Methodist Church

In 1903, the church building, which was located near the site of the present church, was destroyed by wind. Sometime later, a new church was built. At this time, James Mills donated land for a cemetery. In 1903, the church trustees were: T.J. Mills, Hezekiah Swain and Isaiah Swain. David Swain donated land for the newer part of the cemetery in 1919. Trustees at that time were: W.S. King, B.H. Petty and H. Swain. In 1932, the church building burned and two years later, it was rebuilt on the same site, by Wilbur Keiffer, Jess Swain,

MURRAYSVILLE CHURCH

The Murraysville Methodist Episcopal Church (North), was located at the end of the Murraysville Road, in Grant District. It was about 150 feet from the railroad crossing and near the Murraysville Post Office, which was operated by Norma Polk Snyder for many years. There was probably an earlier Methodist church at Murraysville, as indicated by H.D. Somerville, in information written about the Peter Hoselton family. He stated that Peter Hoselton was one of the first trustees of the Murraysville Methodist Church, in 1850. In 1878, a Murraysville Methodist Church was built on land obtained from A.J. Flesher. The trustees at that time were: A.C. Tidd, S.S. Bigley, and A.J. Flesher.



Murraysville Methodist Church (Northern)

The church was dismantled in the late 1940s and the usable material went into the construction of a parsonage, in North Ravenswood, for the use of the minister serving Coleman Chapel and other churches on that circuit. There is a cemetery on the flat above the church site. The picture shows Mrs. Harkins on the left, and Mrs. Leona Bonar (wife of Perry M. Bonar) on the right. *Submitted by Daniel Bonar and Carolyn Muhlback*

MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church was organized and built in the year 1912, under the leadership of Rev. T.O. Powers, who was the first pastor. The trustees were as follows: L.M. Sheets, J.M. Winters, Robert Young, Goldie Sheets was appointed Clerk. Rev. Powers served as pastor for several years.

Later on, there were several pastors until 1950 when Rev. Orville Walker came as pastor, and during his ministry, due to the deterioration of the old church, a new church was built which now stands where the old building was. The land was donated and on record by E.H. Parsons and Janetia Parsons and J.E. Hodge and Lola Hodge. Later on

Ira Mills, and others in the community. The church closed in the early 1960s. John Mills serves as the trustee for the large cemetery located beside the church. Buzz Kieffer, Ira Mills and Dale Morehouse serve as trustees for the church building. A Mt. Zion Homecoming has been held the third Sunday of August for the past several years. The photograph, furnished by Opal Meyer, shows the Mt. Zion Church at the 1984 homecoming. Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach

NEW MOSS CHAPEL

The New Moss Chapel was built and dedicated in the year 1924. The dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. C.C. Perkins. The trustees at that time were Frank Casto, Theodore Bowles and W.A. (Bill) Carney.

The New Moss Chapel was built on the site of the first Moss Chapel. The first Moss Chapel was named for the Rev. R.H. Moss. It was torn down and the new church built.



Moss Chapel Church

The timber for the new church was furnished by Howard M. Gore, who was a former Governor of the State of West Virginia. The farmers logged the timber, sawed and planed the lumber, and with the help of Rob Bush, who was the carpenter, they helped to build the new church.

At the time the church was built, the Rev. J.H. Bailey was the minister.

Moss Chapel is located on Jim Ridge near the Jackson, Putnam County line. Submitted by Alberta Hunter

NORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The First United Brethren Church in Christ was organized in 1923. The Reverend R.L. Kelbaugh organized the North Ravenswood branch of the church in 1923. That same year it was placed on a circuit with the following churches: Silverton, Mt. Olive, Pleasant Ridge, Beech Grove and Hemlock, with the parsonage in Silverton. Rev. G.W.



United Brethren Church, North Ravenswood

Simpson was assigned as pastor with a salary of \$800. There were ten charter members in the North Ravenswood church and the total enrollment of the Sunday School was 22. George W. Kellbaugh served as the first Sunday School Superintendent.

The merger of the United Brethren and Evangelical churches took place on November 16, 1946, becoming the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The membership at North was then 95.

By 1955 the church realized a need to expand because it would soon become a station church. The Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation had located south of Ravenswood, bringing many newcomers to the area. Attendance continued to grow and the church became a station church in 1958. The congregation purchased two lots on Virginia Street and built a parsonage at a cost of \$15,000. Robert Lawson of Sandyville was the building contractor.

Reverend Denzil Proudfoot, who had served the circuit as pastor since 1956, accepted the Ravenswood charge in 1958 and moved his family into the parsonage in August of that year. He remained there until 1968. Under Reverend Proudfoot's leadership, the educational unit was constructed during 1959-1960. The addition was completed at a cost of \$31,000. Winifred Barker was the official builder.

Continuing growth made it necessary to build a new sanctuary. Reverend Proudfoot presented outlines and plans for the sanctuary to the congregation and conference for approval. In August 1965 the sanctuary was completed. Bishop J. Gordon Howard presided at the dedication ceremony on October 17, 1965. Harry Gorrell was the official builder and supervisor. The note burning was in September 1975.



North U.M. Church

In 1968 The Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Church merged into one estate and was placed under the control of a single body, becoming The United Methodist Church.

A total of 22 ministers have served the three churches that have made up the North United Methodist Church. They are the following, with the date they came to the church in parentheses: Rev. R.L. Kelbaugh, who organized the church in 1923, Rev. G.W. Simpson (1923), Rev. W.M. Combs (1924), Rev. Roy Alkire (1928), Rev. Earl E. Roush (1929), Rev. C.G. Knapp (1930), Rev. J.C. Swain (1933), Rev. R.L. Clark (1936), Rev. C.L. Sayre (1937), Rev. C.E. Ruble (1939), Rev. L.R. Collins (1942), Rev. V.F. Williams (1945), Rev. Wiley Baker (1950), Rev. Wilburn Ray (1953), Rev. Joseph Zeigler (1955), Rev. Denzil Proudfoot (1956), Rev. Russell Crawford (1968), Rev. Paul Fortney (1970), Rev. Robert Holland (1972), Rev. Hobert Prunty (1978), Rev. Arden Dean (1981), Rev. Donald (1983). Submitted by Edith Kerns

OLD CHERRY GROVE CHURCH

The Cherry Grove Church was built at an early

date. From information I can get it was in the 1850s. The lot was given by Jobe Hughes. The Church was located on Cow Run about four miles from its mouth, in Union District, Jackson County, West Virginia. It was used for Church and Subscription School until the Antioch school house was built in 1861. It was built of hewed logs. Two windows on one side and part of a log cut out on the other side and greased paper put over the open place to make more light. The pulpit was a frame made of rough lumber large enough to hold one candle and a Bible. The seats on each side of the pulpit were made lengthwise of the house — one length of lumber 12 feet long. These seats were rough plank laid on trussels made of logs split in two, round side down with legs on under side. This was the Amen Corner. I can remember my little body got awful tired as my feet would not touch the floor.



Cherry Grove M.E. Church (South), 1900

The seats in the back of the building were cross-wise, made same as the front seats. This lumber was whipped-sawed.

There were pins put in the logs to hold a plank for a desk so the children could learn to write on the window side. Candles were used for lighting this Church.

I can remember when this Church belonged to what was called the Mason Mission. The ministers came from near Point Pleasant. The first preacher I remember was Rev. Rue. He always lined the hymns two lines at a time. So well do I remember him, singing the song "Let the Lower Lights be Burning." Then told of the writer and about this hymn. The next minister was Rev. Verdin, who was a very large man. When father introduced him to Henry Greathouse, he said, "Greathouse and he isn't as large as I am." When asked how large he was around the waist he replied, "I am 59 inches around the middle. I have no waist."

When this Church was too old to be used, the people of this neighborhood went to Antioch school house to worship. The Antioch school house and the Brown school house were used for worship till 1883, when the Antioch Church was built between these two school houses which housed both congregations. Father wanted a new church built at Cherry Grove. A committee was appointed and gave Thomas Hartley, Jr. the contract of building the new church for \$400.00. It was completed and dedicated as an M.E. Church South in 1894.

Cherry Grove got its name by being built in a wild cherry grove. This church served that neighborhood until May 11, 1913, when one Sunday a trash fire was built in the stove and the shingle roof caught fire and the building burned to the ground. That was the end of the Cherry Grove Church. However, the cemetery is still being used. Members of the Hartley, King, Kerwood, and other families are buried here.

This church was the first building built for a church in that part of the country and the only one built for a church and a subscription school that I ever heard of. Until this building was built, the people had their services at people's homes, I have

been told long ago. (Written by William M. King in 1953 at age 88.) Submitted by Ada Ruth Sayre

OPEN BIBLE CHURCH

Under the leadership and direction of Jesus Christ, Open Bible Church was started in 1971. It was started as an independent, inter-denominational, full gospel church and today that description is still accurate. The name, selected by Raymond Skeen, is meant to describe a church where the full and complete word of God is opened for study and individuals are free to come and go as God directs. For this reason, the church has never initiated a formal membership program.

The founders of the church were Raymond and Ann Skeen and Frank Ashworth. In 1986, Raymond Skeen who had held the office of pastor and co-pastor for several years voluntarily resigned. He now holds the office of an elder. Upon his resignation, Ann Skeen, who had previously served as co-pastor, accepted the full responsibility of the pastoral duties. Presently, in 1989, she is assisted by Ben Skeen who serves as the assistant pastor. Both Raymond and Ann Skeen are ordained ministers through the Calvary Evangelistic Association in Hagerstown, Maryland, and Ben Skeen is now completing the ordination process.

Frank Ashworth served for several years as an associate pastor and was ordained through the Assemblies of God. In 1975, he left Open Bible Church to pursue an evangelistic ministry. He is missed by all who knew him.

The first church services were held in a small building owned by Mrs. Ella Rhodes. The building was located at the beginning of Straight Street in Ripley, West Virginia, and is the current location of the Mason Glass parking lot. Mrs. Rhodes was gracious and charged no rent for the facilities. So, the church's only expenses were electricity, water, and supplies. All of the ministers worked at other jobs in order to support their families. Pews, a piano, and a pulpit were all purchased for approximately \$270.00. The building was small, but for a period of time it was able to house the fledgling congregation.

Then, as the church grew, property was purchased and construction started on a sanctuary. The new property, approximately one-half acre, was located at the end of Straight Street. After many hours of joyful labor provided by the congregation, services were held in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, 1974. Throughout the years, there have been renovations and additions to the building. In the early 1980s, a foyer was added and the church's front entrance was extensively landscaped. In 1986, a full basement, located directly behind the original sanctuary, was added. In 1988 and 1989, the upper level of the sanctuary was extended to cover the new basement. Presently, the facilities provide over 5000 square feet of space. Future construction plans include a separate building behind the church to conduct teaching seminars and minister to the needs of the poor.



Open Bible Church

When the church first started, services were offered on Sunday morning, Sunday night and

Wednesday. Now, the church offers a variety of services and is involved in a number of ministries. On Sunday morning, there is a worship service and classes for all ages. On Sunday night there are services and once a year for a period of three months there is a class offered before the evening service on Bible foundational truths. Also, on Sunday night, there is children's church for ages three through fourth grade. On Tuesday morning, there is a service for the ladies in the area. On Wednesday night, there are services for the adults, younger boys and girls and teenagers. Also, every other Saturday night, the church offers a Bible study. Over the years, the number of services and the types of services have changed, and as the Lord directs, we expect additional changes in the future.

In addition to the services offered, the church is also involved in other ministries. Every Saturday since September, 1976, a radio program, the Blessed Hope Program, has aired on WMOV, a radio station broadcasting from Ravenswood, West Virginia. Also, most messages given at the church are taped and made available for others to purchase or use. Another ministry is the article entitled, "And So It Is," which has been placed in *The Jackson Herald* each week since 1987. In 1989 a new endeavor was launched, the Open Bible Church Pre-school. This is a non-profit operation which provides instruction to pre-school children three mornings each week. Along with these ministries which impact the local church, ten percent of all church funds are set aside for contribution to missionary works and many individuals in the church also support foreign missionaries.

This history has provided one with some facts and figures related to events at Open Bible Church. However, the events of eternal significance are fully known only by God and are recorded in heaven. Therefore, as we look back at the past and forward to the future, we recognize our dependency upon our Father God and like the Apostle Paul we press on.

ORCHARD GROVE CHURCH

In 1895, W.W. and F.O. Slaven donated land for the Orchard Grove Methodist Episcopal Church (South). Also called Watts Chapel, it was located about four miles from Medina, in Grant District, near the Little Sandy Road. The first trustees were: W.L. Rector, P.H. Slaven, W.T. Dernberger, P.W. Johnson and W.W. Slaven. The church was permanently closed, and the building destroyed, when the construction of Interstate 77 began in the 1960s.

Among those who attended Orchard Grove from 1915 until the 1960s were: Jeff Hicks and family; Ernest Dunham and family; Dave Patterson and family; Jenny and Roland Slaven; Blanche and Jane Nesselroad; Sam and Bessie Flinn; Bill and Ann Howard and children; Iva Nesselroad; Charley and Laura Dotson; Delia and Una Dotson; Clarence and Allie Lemaster and family; Bill and Cora Smith and children; Walter and Katie Lemaster and sons; Swazy and Amanda Lincicome and family; Charley Flinn and family; Joe Hicks and family; Dig and Leveda Flinn; Charley and Dessie Rardon; Murl and Burl Baker; Hubert Jones; Bill Dotson; Halford Conner and family; Anna Derenberger; Alma Derenberger; Jess Flinn; Norman Lehw; Wayne and Faye Keebaugh; Cecil, Clay and Boyd Knox; Glenville Kessel; Ray Caplinger and family; Gladys, Audrey, Harry, Carl and Gerald Miller; Hobart Britton and family; William Britton; Earl and Eleanor Hafer; Hazel Nesselroad; Mary Agnes Nesselroad; Oat and Margaret Flinn; George and Sally Cozart; Frank and Laura Stanley; Ack and Flossie Lincicome and family; Robert, Warren, Fred and Dick Patterson; John and Lizzie Williams and family; John Snyder and family; Harvey Snyder; Okey Snyder; Charles Conner; Mollie, Ethel and Joyce Gough; Bob and Mildred Morehead;

Jessie, Lester and Doug Sands; Ruth Balser and children; Hazel and Wanda Conner; Art and Blanche Kieffer; Ben and Pearl Naylor; Ray Mullin's children; Rex Mihibach and family; and Kathleen Seals. Submitted by Roland Haught and Kathleen Seals

OTTERBEIN CHURCH

According to records, earliest members of the United Brethren denomination in the Angerona Community were Rev. Joseph Sayre, Mrs. Adaline Stutler, Anna M. Ong, Rachel Sayre, Rev. and Mrs. William Cunningham, Kate Parsons and likely others. In 1864, William and Elizabeth Cunningham deeded to a Board of Trustees, consisting of Elias Stone, Joseph Sayre and others, a tract of land on which the first Otterbein Church was built.

After 30 years, while G.W. Pringle was pastor, it was decided to tear down the old church building and erect a new one. The present Otterbein Church was dedicated October 25, 1896, by Bishop N. Castle. The following is a description of the dedication: (taken from files of "Religious Telescope," WV Wesleyan College, November 4, 1896) "The house is a beautiful frame structure, 30 x 51 ft. It is the most beautiful country church in the bounds of the Columbia District, an honor to the community in which it is located, and an honor to the denomination. It was completed at a cost of \$1,144.78, there being a debt of \$430.00 to be provided for on the day of the dedication. The weather being pleasant, there was a large audience present, and after a very interesting sermon by the Bishop, he proceeded to provide for the debt. In a short time we had reached over half the amount when we adjourned in the afternoon. Preaching began again. After hearing a noble sermon the debt was provided for, having reached the sum of \$453.50. After singing the hymn "The Crowning Day," the house was solemnly given to God. Another victory has been won. Let us thank God and take courage." Those who were instrumental in building the church were Sayres, Staats, Hunts, Crows, Stewarts, Harpolds, McKowns, Norrises, Witherows, Greers, Kings, McIntyres, Castos and Cunninghams.



Otterbein Church

In 1986, the building was purchased from the United Methodist Church Conference (the E.U.B. and Methodists having joined denominations in 1969) by friends and community residents who repaired the building to its present condition. The Otterbein Memorial Cemetery Corporation now has a Board of Trustees that is responsible for the upkeep of the church building and cemetery. In 1989, those trustees were Adrian Parsons, Geraldine Parsons, Golden Raines, Chardean Cunningham Hutchison, and Hazel Sayre Johnson. Submitted by Chardean Hutchison

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

With the construction of the Kaiser Plant and

the start up of operations a number of persons accustomed to Lutheran worship practices moved into the Ravenswood area. The majority of these people were from the west coast. Due to the combined efforts of these people and the Lutheran synodical leaders, worship services were begun and eventually a congregation was formed.

Worship services were first held in the fall of 1957 in the Ravenswood Community Building by visiting Lutheran pastors. In the summer of 1958 the worship services were moved to a rented store room on Sand Street and Sunday School was added. Also, beginning in 1958 the worship services were conducted by seminary students in the summer and during other months by the Rev. Dr. John Pettit, professor at Marietta College. Starting in the fall of 1960 Daniel H. Bennett was sent by the Lutheran Synod of West Virginia to serve as lay pastor.

In the fall of 1961 the building of the Walton (now First) Methodist Church at the corner of Walnut and Henry Streets was purchased with the help of the Lutheran Mission Board and worship services were moved to that location. In January 1962 the congregation was officially organized and the Rev. George C. Weirick was called as the congregation's pastor. He began his ministry on June 1, 1962. Improvements made to the building at this time included new rest rooms, new kitchen cabinets, new electrical wiring and an additional stairway. The property behind the church building was purchased, the house removed and the area paved for a parking lot.



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

As Kaiser transferred its employees in and out of the Ravenswood Works so the membership of Our Savior Church moved. The average length of stay was four or five years. In the meantime local residents joined the congregation and helped to make the membership more stable. During the period from 1962 to 1970 a number of educational and social ministry programs were provided by the congregation. Also a Cub Scout Pack was sponsored by the congregation. As the community became more developed some of these needs were provided by government resources and the need for the congregation to provide these programs diminished.

In May, 1976 Our Savior Church became part of the Mason-Jackson Lutheran Shared Ministry with Pastor Weirick continuing as pastor. In 1983 the indebtedness on the church building and parking lot was completely paid. In January 1984 the old furnace broke down and a completely new heating system was installed with air conditioning in the worship areas. Pastor Weirick retired at the end of February, 1989. The Reverends Richard and Patricia Bonds-Krug accepted calls to the shared ministry and began their work on September 15, 1989.

Our Savior Church continues to provide a confessional witness to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, worship and educational programs according to the practices of the Lutheran Church.

Submitted by George C. Weirick

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

The Pleasant Hill Church is located in Parchment Valley about seven miles southwest of Ripley on a high point overlooking the valley in both directions.

The first settlers of the community were natives of Franklin County, Virginia, and arrived here about 1818. In the year 1844 a circuit rider named Sam Black came through Jackson County. With the help and encouragement of Jabel Bowles, a class of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized at the Bowles home. Charter members were Jabel and Nancy Mason Bowles, Job and Frances Bowles Kessel, Samuel and Melinda Simmons, Mason and Sarah Stout Bowles, Joseph and Mercy Carney Stout, Henry and Mary Elizabeth Simmons Parsons, Jephtha and Rachel Lewis Mason.

Jabel Bowles was the leader in building a log church a few yards from his home. The new church was called the Bowles Church for many years, sometimes Parchment, then later Pleasant Hill. It was located about 300 yards down the hill from the present church. Jabel Bowles was licensed as a local preacher in 1860 and was continued in this status until his death.

The congregation grew and by 1875 the little log church had become inadequate. The present building was started in 1876 and was dedicated September 1, 1878, with Rev. F.L. McGee as pastor. The building committee consisted of L.W. Bowles, James M. Kessel, Ammon H. Boswell, George R. Casto and William A. Kessel. Land for the new church was given by George R. and Margaret Casto. The church was built adjacent to the cemetery which had been established some 50 years earlier. The first person buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery was Miss Susannah Parsons, who died in 1826.



Pleasant Hill Church

During most of its history Pleasant Hill was a part of the Ripley Circuit. For many years the circuit consisted of Ripley Epworth, Mount Olive, Briscoe and Pleasant Hill.

In 1887 Rev. S.F. McClung reported that Pleasant Hill Sunday School was organized and lessons for 60 persons secured. We do not know whether this was the first Sunday School or simply a reorganization.

With outstanding leadership and an energetic membership, Pleasant Hill became one of Jackson County's outstanding rural churches during the latter part of the 19th and the first part of the 20th century. In 1944 in spite of wartime travel restrictions, more than 160 people attended the centennial of the church's founding. At that time a memorial to Jabel and Nancy Bowles was dedicated.

Unfortunately, by the late 1960s, declining population of the community brought about dis-

continuance of regular worship services. However, an active board of trustees makes sure that the church and adjoining cemetery are kept in good condition. A homecoming is held annually the third Sunday of August. *Submitted by James C. Kessel*

PLEASANT RIDGE E.U.B. CHURCH

The Pleasant Ridge Church was located two miles from Route 21 on the Dewey Thomas Hill Road (also known as Pleasant Ridge), in Grant District. Land for the church was obtained from J.M. and Bedilia Cheuvront in 1880. The first trustees were: A.W. Sutton, J.M. Cheuvront and Jacob Midkiff. Land for the cemetery was also obtained from J.M. Cheuvront in 1899. The trustees at that time were: J.M. Cheuvront, Silas VanFosson, James Smith and John Kelbaugh.



Pleasant Ridge E.U.B. Church

Pleasant Ridge was on a charge of churches with Beech Grove, Gates Ridge, Mt. Hope and Bethel for several years before the church was closed. Church services were discontinued in the late 1960s and the building was dismantled in 1980. The cemetery is maintained by the following trustees: Glen VanFosson, Russell Wells, Henry Sullivan, Elzie Palmer and Eugene Pursley. *Submitted by Carolyn Muhlback*

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As early as 1836, Rev. Francis Dutton, who was then stationed at Pt. Pleasant as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, also preached at intervals in the homes of Presbyterian families in Ravenswood.

In 1847, a Presbyterian church was organized under the Greenbrier Presbytery. In 1857, a church building was erected. It was a plain square building and was provided with simple gothic windows. When first built, there was a slave gallery in one end of the building, that was later removed after the Civil War.

The church lot was given for a small sum by William Harmon, a teacher and preacher from New York. He owned the entire half square later occupied by Nowells Drug, M.E. Church, South, Presbyterian Church and also Union Academy was built on lot adjoining Presbyterian Church, and conducted by Harmon, who was a brother-in-law of C.M. Rice, member of the Presbyterian Church and original trustee of the town of Ravenswood.

This church building is located at the corner of Mulberry and Virginia and is now occupied by the Church of God.

The first minister who served the church as an installed pastor, was Rev. W.C. Neely.

Church growth was so wide spread after Kaiser Aluminum Plant was built here in the '50s, that the Presbyterian Church started making plans for a new building. Three acres were purchased on Kaiser and South Ritchie and a new church was dedicated June 1962. *Submitted by Madalene McMaster Crum and Hazel Williamson*

PROVIDENCE M.E. CHURCH

In 1889, Thomas and Cornelia Hughes deeded land for the Providence M.E. Church, which is located at the junction of Route 21 and the Brushy Fork Road, in Grant District. Before this time, the Methodists met at the old Providence School. The trustees in 1889 were: John M. Archer, M.C. Thornton, Jesse McPherson and George Steel. A church building was constructed by Stacy Harbin and was to be dedicated on July 20, 1889. Tragedy struck the area on July 17th in the form of a devastating flash flood. The church was washed from its foundation and heavily damaged. Mrs. Cornelia Hughes and four of her children were drowned in the rushing waters. Mr. Hughes managed to cling to a tree and was saved. (For more information about this flood, see *The Disastrous Flood* by Lenora Low.)

In 1891, Jesse McPherson deeded land for a new church near the same site, but further away from the creek. At this time, the trustees were: J.Q. Archer, Norman Dowler, John Sheets, M.C. Thornton and W.L. Archer. Services continued in this church until it was closed in the late 1960s. A cemetery is located beside the church.

Records show the following people were members of the Providence Church in the 1890s: John, Lydia, C.E. Rebecca, Thomas and May Miller; Catherine Wiegall; P.D. and Lizzie Myers; George McFee; Elisha and Josephine Ball; Margaret, Mary, James, Laura, Anna and Joseph Barnes; Rosa Collins; Mary Cheshire Thomas; William, Annie, Samuel, Mariah, Frank and Winnie Cheshire; George Crandall; Mary, Norman, Frances, Charles, George, Rebecca, Minnie and Jane Dowler; Samuel, James, Mary, Columbia and Virginia Farley; Catherine Gault; George and Drusilla Hughes; Lyda Hupp; John, Hester, William and Carrie Karr; David, Abigail, Elisha, Anna, Nancy, John W., Elizabeth, Henry and Emma Lincicome; Jess, Isabel, Minnie, Gula, Charles, Lillia, Jane, John and Matilda McPherson; Rev. E.L. Nicholson; John M., Matilda, W.L., Sophia, John Q., Alcenia, Peter, Sarah, Alva, Millard and Mary Archer; Walter and Fannie Steel; John and Viola Sheets; M.C. and Viola Thornton; Frank Cheshire; Madison and Martha Harris. James Harris and B. Harris were listed as probationers but were never received into the church.

Those listed for the year 1914 were: J.M. and Rebecca Archer; Sylvester and Dora Balderson; Peter and Sarah Archer; Jesse, Isabel, John and Minnie McPherson; Nora Adkins; Quinter and Virginia Whitlatch; Edna Thomas; Minnie Shepherd; Columbia, Grace and Homer Farley; Joseph, Jennie, Bertha and Audra Barnes; Don, Glenna and

Mary Dowler; Melissa Boston; Michael, Hattie and Clara Archer; Mabel Collins; Audra and Hubert Ball; Grant, Mary, Samantha, Greta and Roy Myers; Maggie, Marie and O. Given.

The photograph was taken in 1902 during a daytime revival. Those in the picture include: Sade Farley and infant (Ethel), Mrs. Charley Pepper and infant, children in the front row are unidentified, Gertie Cox, Rett Farley, Glenna Dowler, Charley Gates, Bert Farley, Evert Morehead, John Province, Till Myers, Lucy Somerville, Allie Sheets, John Archer, Sophia Archer, Jennie Farley, Annie Archer, Catherine Wiegall, Ben Somerville, Teenie Somerville, Marybelle McPherson, Leeper Archer, Jim Beymer, James Farley, Sam Farley, Ida Somerville, Willie McPherson, Charles McPherson, with infant (Grace), Guy Thornton, Josie Barnes, Rev. Riffe, Ben Steele, Della Toncray, Stella Morehead, Ott Province, John Cox, Molly Morehead, John Morehead, Sheer Steele, Lina Somerville, Belle Province, Grant Myer, — Province, Alf Thornton, Millie Archer, Gula McPherson, Charley Barlow and Elsworth Farley. Submitted by Lionel Thomas

RIPLEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Ripley Church of the Nazarene got its start in the early part of 1974. The first meetings were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simpson on Third Avenue in Ripley. These were Thursday evening meetings and different pastors from other Nazarene churches came to speak and encourage. It wasn't long before they found a more adequate meeting room behind Mendy Dawn's Beauty Salon on Church Street.

On the first day of March, 1974, the Ripley Church received its first pastor, Rev. Raymond Pyle was called to launch the work in Ripley.

The Thursday evening meetings continued until March 17, 1974. It was on that day, St. Patrick's Day, that the first Sunday Morning Worship and Sunday School session was held.

By this time, land had been located off Cedar Lakes Drive and negotiations for the property began. Shortly thereafter the land was purchased and plans were under way for a new church.

On Mother's Day, May 12, 1974, the Ripley congregation officially became the Ripley Church of the Nazarene. On May 22nd, 1974, the contract on the property at 209 Cedar Lakes Drive was closed.

Ground-breaking followed nine months later for the new church. With a five-handle ceremonial shovel, Dr. M.E. Clay, Rev. Raymond Pyle, Jarrell Snodgrass, Vernon Jones, and George Pittman turned the first shovel.

On March 31st, 1975, Rev. Pyle resigned as pastor. Rev. Kenneth Morton and family arrived as new pastor on June 18th, 1975.

Progress continued on the new church building and the big dream came true on June 29th, 1975, when the congregation moved their furnishings into the new church building on Cedar Lakes Drive. Three months later, on October 5th, the congregation was able to move from the downstairs level into the new sanctuary upstairs.



Ripley Church of the Nazarene

When Rev. Morton accepted a call to the Man Church of the Nazarene in the Fall of 1978, Rev. David Miller of Columbus, Georgia, accepted the Ripley church's call and arrived with his wife in January, 1979.

The church continued to grow. In the Fall of 1985, property for a church parsonage was purchased at 402 Cedar Crest Drive. Construction began, with Jerry Southall acting as contractor. Rev. Miller and his family moved into the beautiful new parsonage in 1986.

In June, 1987, Rev. Miller accepted a call to pastor the Warner Robbins, Georgia, Church of the Nazarene. In July, 1987, Rev. Eddie Estep and family arrived to pastor. The church is alive and growing, and still proclaiming a message of "Holiness Unto the Lord." A mortgage burning service on the present building is being planned and a building program involving a new sanctuary and expanded parking facilities will be launched in the near future. Submitted by Mrs. Laura Pittman and Rev. Eddie Estep

RIPLEY TABERNACLE CHURCH

The bell rang for the first time at the Ripley Tabernacle church on February 6, 1949. A special series of meetings began with the pastor, Delmar C. (Dutch) Guthrie in charge. He was assisted by Rev. Orland Reynolds of Looneyville, WV.

Rev. Guthrie and the building committee, Herbert Rawlings, Charles Tolley and Lew Hanna along with trustees, O.A. Brooks, Mrs. Herbert Rawlings and C. Walter Tolley met in June 1948. At this meeting Orville Thomas was given a contract to build at the cost of \$20,000.00. The harmony and spirit of cooperation shown by the people was magnificent as they worked shoulder to shoulder to see their dream of this church come true.

The land was donated by Walter Tolley and the seats were donated by Dr. C. Royal Kessel and his son Charles Enoch Kessel.

For the first sermon delivered in the new church on Sunday, February 6, Rev. Guthrie, pastor, chose the words uttered by Jeremiah after the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, using that portion which says, "For the people had a mind to work."

June 6, 1949 the Ripley Tabernacle was dedicated with Rev. Hobson Fisher, President of the West Virginia Tabernacle delivering the message. Featured singers were the Crown Quartet, Dunbar Mountain Mission Quartet, Orma Chapel Quartet and the Barber Four.

The Ripley Tabernacle was founded and dedi-



Providence M.E. Church, 1902



Rev. D.C. Guthrie, Ripley Tabernacle Church



Rockcastle E.U.B. Church

cated as a non-denominational church where people of any denomination could feel free to attend and worship God.

Money and jobs were scarce and income was low but the people worked diligently to pay the church debt. Their faith never faltered or failed and there was always a way to provide our needs.

Rev. Guthrie was a friend to all. He was always on call when someone needed a friend to talk to about a problem or to be introduced to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Tabernacle has seen many changes. The latest being the demolition of the original building and a new and larger church was built in 1987. New Years Eve 1989 the lights of the beautiful new steeple were turned on. The pastor at this time is Rev. Bob Hodges. *Submitted by Roy B. Guthrie and David C. Guthrie*

RIPLEY UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Pictured is the United Brethren Church in Ripley under construction in 1925.

W. L. Pinnell and family were living in Topeka, Kansas, and while visiting his parents in Cow Run, he entered a bid on the construction of the church, and was awarded the job.



Ripley United Brethren Church

Some of the men working on the project were: W.L. Pinnell, contractor (Cottageville); Bill Chancey (Ripley); George Stone (Ripley); Greg Parsons (Ripley); Alva Patterson (Cottageville); Claude Maxwell (Cottageville); Alva Whiting (Ripley); Jake Jordan (Ripley); and M.O. Horn (Cottageville).

The Ripley United Brethren Church (now Calvary United Methodist Church) was dedicated in 1926, and the first minister was T.L. Miles (now Dr.). *Submitted by Joann Hoffman*

ROCKCASTLE E.U.B. CHURCH

The Rockcastle E.U.B. Church is located in Mason County near the Jackson County line. Land for the building site was donated by John West Sayre, the timber and lumber for the building was donated by John Stone and sons, S.P. Stover and

sons, William Cain and sons, and the lumber was whipsawed. J.B. Dunham and sons were the carpenters and William Cain furnished shingles for the first roof which was later replaced by a tin roof. The church was dedicated, November 2, 1879, and the first trustees were Johnny Stone and Jess Dunham. The church building is now 111 years old and there is no church organization in existence. *Submitted by Lorraine Barnette*

SANDYVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

On July 2, 1896, George C. Owens, L. Owens and Oby Owens deeded a parcel of land to Warren V. Woody, Samuel Hostelle and W.S. Johnson, Trustees of the Church of Christ at Odaville, Jackson County, West Virginia. The land was located about a quarter of a mile east of the village of Odaville, between Turkey Fork Road and Turkey Fork Creek. The land was to continue to be the property of the church until it ceases to be used strictly for legitimate purposes, at which time it would revert to the grantors or their heirs.

The meeting house was erected that year by local members, including George Owens, Charles E. Morgan who was a carpenter by trade, and possibly Bill Johnson. Other members included Mrs. Bill Johnson, Edward E. and Judith Ann Smith, J.A. and Allie Duke, Riley and Nora Smith, Tom and Nettie Gibbons, Bill and Maggie Gibbons, Louie and Mable O'dell, and Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Miller. Words placed over the door read: 1885, Christian's House of Worship, Odaville.



Christians House of Worship

Membership grew for a time and then fell off as some of the older members moved to town and others passed away. In May of 1948 only seven active members remained. At that time the Camden Avenue Church of Christ in Parkersburg sent their minister, Ross Swindler, to hold a series of Gospel Meetings at Odaville. The results were four men and women baptized into Christ. Baptisms took place in Turkey Fork Creek in a deep hole of water below the bridge, even though the temperature at times was quite cold.

Camden Avenue continued to support their preacher in gospel meetings at Odaville for the next year or two and the membership grew. By

1971 the building was no longer adequate for the growing membership. The need for classrooms, baptistry and other facilities prompted the men to seek a new location along a better road and with more adequate parking facilities.

In the fall of 1971, property was purchased from Fannie Murray, one-half mile north of New Era on Route 21. Construction of the new building began in the spring of 1972. A contractor was hired to do all the outside and rough work but the members did all the inside finishing of the building.

Construction was completed and a series of gospel meetings were held in the fall of 1972. Since that time, two extra rooms have been added to the building and a house for the preacher was constructed in 1983.

The first full time preacher of the Sandyville Church of Christ was Nick Deiger, January 1972-September 1979. Eugene Conger was the preacher from November 1979 to September 1980 and Denver Haught from January 1983 until the present. The membership now stands at 93. They help support two other gospel preachers and other mission work and benevolence as they are able, have a weekly radio program and regular newspaper columns. *Submitted by Denver E. Haught*

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Second Baptist Church was organized as a New Testament Church February 21, 1957, in Ravenswood, West Virginia. The organizational meeting was held at B&E Trailer Court attended by Rev. and Mrs. Earl Miller, Jr., Don Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dotson. Rev. Miller, founder and first pastor, set forth the following principles upon which the Church would be built: Baptistic in doctrine, separated in practice, and evangelistic in approach.

In May 1957, the Church was officially chartered by Earl and Gloria Miller, Elva Dawkins, Charles and Nellie Dotson. That fall, aided by Ruth D. Morse, this group purchased residence on corner of Ann and Elwood Streets, which is present location. A new A-frame auditorium was built in 1962.

As an outgrowth of a tent meeting in 1962, Second Baptist established Cottageville-Evans Baptist Church under the leadership of John Lynn and family. Rev. Fred Mann was their first pastor.

Rev. Ken Derrington was called to Second Baptist in 1963. With a rapidly growing congregation, the additions of two-story west wing and east wing became necessary and the present auditorium was started. The WMOV radio ministry was expanded to five days a week and Sunday morning worship service. The bus routes transported many to services and grew to include Jackson, Mason, Roane, Wirt and Wood Counties under the direction of Jack Carroll. A.C. Cooper is now Director.



Second Baptist Church

In 1972, Rev. Max Clifton came as first Minister of Youth. He and wife Jean were able to reach many youth for Christ. They left for another position in 1975 leaving behind a greatly expanded Youth Department. Rev. and Mrs. Cleve Smith served in this capacity 1984-89. Our present Youth Minister is Rev. John Jones and wife.

Heritage Christian Academy was established 1975 and moved into new building 1976 with John Henry as Principal.

Rev. Larry Applegate served as pastor 1977-78.

Our present pastor, Rev. Fred N. Lowry, was called 1978. He is a vital leader faithfully spreading the gospel of Christ through our many ministries. Our church supports 110 missionaries.

Mr. Billy Wayne Priest was added to the church and school staff and served from 1977-1981.

On September 29, 1979, Dedication Service was held for the completed 1200 seat auditorium and since that time progressive renovation has enlarged the older auditorium and wings to increase space needed for Sunday School classrooms, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, choir room, etc. A bus garage and additional classrooms for HCA have also been built.

Rev. Fred Lowry, Jr. came to assist his father, serving as Assistant Pastor and Principal of HCA for about five years. He and wife Vickie contributed much to the music program of our Church and HCA during their stay in Ravenswood.

There have been many others who have assisted and served Second Baptist and HCA through the years. At present Bill Bartlett is S.S. Superintendent, Jim Shreve is Principal of HCA and eight deacons serve. Souls are being saved and baptized into the Body of Christ and the Lord is blessing. To God be the glory! *Submitted by Judy Casto and Dorothy S. Rardin*

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

One summer, in the late '30s, Elder Moffitt and a Brother Herlinger, from Parkersburg came down to Ravenswood and held a series of meetings explaining Seventh-day Adventist's beliefs. While the meetings created a stir among those who attended, nothing permanent resulted. Later, in the mid-'50s, another group from Parkersburg tried to arouse an interest in the area. They rented a church building on Trace Fork and conducted Sabbath School each Saturday for a number of weeks, but, again, nothing of a permanent nature resulted.

Finally, in 1985, Elder John Oddic, pastor of the Charleston Church, along with members of his church living in Jackson County, decided to conduct in Ripley, a series of studies based on the book of Revelation. Attendance was good and as a result, a weekly Sabbath School was started in the old Senior Citizen's building on Rt. 21. Not long afterward, February 22, 1986, a Company was organized with 16 members. Two years, April 16, 1988, the Ripley Seventh-day Adventist Church came into existence. Among the charter members were Marion and Ruby Parsons, long time members of the Charleston Church and who had attended the earlier meetings in the '50s, and Garnett Howell, who first became interested in the Seventh-day Adventist's beliefs as the result of having attended the meetings in Ravenswood back in the '30s.

A lot on Rt. 33, west of Interstate 77, has been purchased as a future building site. Until then, however, the congregation has converted a former shoe store, one mile north of the stop light on old Rt. 21, into a suitable chapel. The present pastor is Elder William F. Hawkes, a native West Virginian, who took charge in November, 1989.

SHEPPARDS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Sheppards Chapel Church is located on Route 21 at Wiseburg in Grant District. The Sheppards Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church (South) was established in 1845 with the deed

recorded February 21, 1852. The land was donated from the farm of James and Mariah Harris. The first trustees were: Henry Sheppard, John Lockhart, Joseph Full, Jr., William Sheppard and Samuel Sheppard. The oldest records currently available are dated April 12, 1896. A Mr. Rowan conducted the services with his subject being "The Great Supper"; the weather was fair, attendance was 56 and the collection was 38 cents. A Sunday School was organized April 5, 1903.

Some of the early families were: Obbie Bott, J.B. Myers, Barlow, Blair, Lockhart, Curry, Somerville, Sullivan, Thornton, Cooper, Sheppard, Kittle, Blair and Holbert. Ministers include: B.H. Davis, Rev. Pugh, Rev. Rinehart, G. Caltrider, Raymond Keeper, Charles Wilkinson, George Taylor, Amos McVay, Holly O'Brian, Jack Turner, Davis Stephens, William Anderson, Robert Sybolt.



Sheppards Chapel U.M. Church

In 1935 a basement was added. Now some social events could be held to help with the expenses. The ladies of the church formed an aide society. Over the years, ice cream and box socials as well as chicken suppers have been held. Soft drinks have been sold at the Arts and Crafts Fair in Ripley for the last 15 years with all funds going for repairs on the church. *Submitted by Barbara Sullivan*

SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Located at Silvertown, east of Ravenswood, the Silvertown Church was first a United Brethren in Christ Church. The land was given by William B. Flesher in April 1884 to trustees Robert West, Abraham Bennett and H.L. Poling. A white frame church was built and dedicated in September 1884, with Rev. T.H. Rymer as pastor.

A new tile block church was built and dedicated in 1927 by Rev. G.W. Burdette. The trustees were C.L. Digman, Theodore Suck, E.F. Suck, Cyrel Hutchinson and A.L. Ashcraft. The local pastor was W.H. Combs.



Silvertown U.M. Church

In 1965, the State Road Commission took the entire church lot in the construction of Interstate 77. A lot was obtained from W.H. Moore and the church building was jacked up, put on low-boy trucks and moved to the new lot. The interior of the church was completely remodeled. A full basement was added and the exterior bricked.

The old parsonage was sold. The house formerly owned by Shirley McMurray was bought and also moved to the new church lot. It was completely remodeled and bricked to match the church. In March 1967, the newly remodeled church and parsonage was dedicated by Rev. Harry Eccles, Conference Supt. The local pastor was J.C. Foster. The trustees were Bernard Finley, Fred Divers, Charles Sebert, W.H. Moore and Otis Furbee.

In 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged with the Methodist Church. In 1989, the church is on a charge with Wilding, Beech Grove, Lockhart and Drift Run. The local pastor is James Pinkerton. The current trustees are Charles McKay, Debbie Boggs, Earl Thompson, Robert Boggs, Zelma Meadows and Everett Crow.

Submitted by Pauline Gorrell

SIMPSON M.E. CHURCH

The Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church, at Beatysville, was built on land obtained from B.W. and Martha Brown, in 1883. It is located in Grant District, about a half-mile south of the Wood County line and about a mile north of Nesselroad Run. The first trustees were: William Grandon, Wesley Martin, J.B. Beaty, A. Coen and F.P. Martin.



Simpson M.E. Church and Cemetery

Records show the following people attended the Simpson Church in the 1890s: John, Eliza, Frank, Josephene, George, Hannah, Ida, Lusa, Nancy and Alverson Martin; William, Matilda, Charles, Hattie and Laura Stallings; John and Trephina Smith; John, Minnie, Lillia, Katie and Laura Beaty; Anna Wiegler; Jessa Brown; William, Mary, Robert, Abraham, Hattie, Lucy and Anna Burditt; George, Cary, Bertha and Elizabeth Caltrider; James, Oliver and Dianna Caruthers; John, Hester, William, Cora and Eliza Karr; Sarah Groves; Eva Hartley; Elizabeth Moore, Jacob, Mary, and Rebecca Brown; David, John and Tebitha Kester; George Steel; Vida Archer; Eliza Rogers; Ida Thompson; Alfred, Charles, Fannie and Annie Pepper; Nathan Anderson; Eva Franklin; George and Missouri Mills; Matilda Miihlbach; Annie Trendle; Swane and May Lemley.

In 1904, the following names were added to the records: Julc Coen; Etta and Nellie Stallings; Emma Grandon and Grace Shepard. The listing for 1914 included: G.T., J.H., Ada and E.J. Caltrider; William, Charles, Alma, J.H., Ray, Ettie, Clark and Nellie Stallings; Jacob and Mary Brown; Eva Franklin; Lillie and Nellie Hartley; Tillie Miihlbach; Alice Pepper; Julia Coen; Elizabeth and Dora Holliday; John and Hester Karr; Alice Skinner; Nellie, James and S.E. Williams; Lethie Skinner, Inez Moore and Vaddie Smith.

Rex Stallings serves as trustee for the Simpson

Cemetery and for the church records. Hoyt Taylor served as the last minister before the church closed in 1968. Those attending the Simpson Church before it closed were: Rex and Daina Stallings, Davis and Maude Seals, Clarence and Goldie Stallings and May Lemley. *Submitted by Rex Stallings*

SINAIVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our church, the Sinaiville United Methodist Church, is one of the oldest church congregations in Jackson County. It was established in the late 1830s, over 150 years ago, shortly after the new county of Jackson was delineated on the map of then Virginia in 1831.

The church was long known as the Sinaiville Methodist Protestant Church. It was only a few years after the Rev. Asa Shinn, of Harrison County, and other members of the Methodist Church had broken with the mother church and organized the Methodist Protestant Church in 1829, that the Rev. George Nestor, a minister of the new church, met at the home of the Rev. George Casto, of this community, and established a new congregation.

The church was officially organized as the Sinaiville Methodist Protestant Church, in 1840. Among the probable first members of this church, in addition to the Rev. George Casto and wife, Sarah (Ours) Casto, were their children: John G., George Jr., David G., Joel, Nicholas, James C., Mary Magdalene, Phoebe, Sarah, Elizabeth, Louisa and Matilda Casto; Rev. Elijah J. Rollins and wife Lucretia (Casto) Rollins, and sons, James, Harrison and Jabal B. Rollins; John J. Casto and wife, Gracey (McDade) Casto, and sons, John M.D., James M., and David L. Casto; Eliakim and Mary (Slaughter) Warner; Joseph and Mary (Hill) Tolley; William Jr. and Martha (Parsons) Casto; James and Sarah (Parsons) Cunningham; Isaac and Ann Eliza (Tolley) Staats; James and Polly (Staats) Chancey, and Henry H. & Catherine (Westfall) Price. All of these early settlers were residing in the Statts Mills area at that time.

The Rev. George Casto served the church until his death in 1845. Other early ministers were Elijah J. Rollins, Archibald D. Thomas, Nicholas Casto, J.N. Smith, and others whose names are lost.

At first, services were held in the settlers homes. Later, a little log church, which also served as a schoolhouse, was built. This was a crude structure, with a huge fireplace occupying one end of the building. Poplar logs, about six feet long, split down the middle, and smoothed with an axe or adz, with four holes bored in the bottoms and wooden legs inserted, served as seats. Oiled paper or hides scraped thin and oiled were placed in small openings cut in the sides of the building to let in a little light.

Still later, a somewhat larger log structure was erected on a small bottom about the center of the Sinaiville community, which served until 1892, during the ministry of Rev. J.N. Smith, when the large, wooden, white-painted church, which most of us "old codgers" fondly remember, was built on a lot behind the Old Sinaiville Cemetery, on Tug



Old Sinaiville Church

Fork Road. Some ministers at this church, in addition to J.N. Smith, were: James F. Cunningham, Arthur Harpold, known as "the little preacher," "Dutch" Guthrie, Arnett Wyatt, Basil Pursley, John S. Sarver, the Revs. Zinn, Ray, Nestor, Cartwright, and Ernest F. Marty, the last minister there.



New Sinaiville Church

In 1962, the present church was completed on a lot donated by the late Foster F. Morris and his wife, Delpha G. Morris, on the Statts Mills Road. The first homecoming was held in June 1962. The bell in the belfry of the old church was placed in that of the new one, and is still as clear and melodious in tone as we "old residents" remember it being in the golden days of our childhood. The old pulpit and several old pews were also placed in the basement of the new church for nostalgia's sweet sake.

The Rev. Ernest F. Marty, the last minister at the old church, was also the first one here. Some others have been: J.B. Gum, James Perdue, Paul E. Parsons, "Little Joe" Hatcher, George McCline, and Wayne Hinzman, our longtime, present "bringer of the good word."

The church is now a member of the East Jackson County Circuit. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal services may have been held as early as 1855 in the Jackson County Court House by the clergy of Grace Episcopal Church, Ravenswood. It is evident, from a Court House record of 1869, that they were held at this time. But the oldest Church record in existence is the Vestry minutes of December 1, 1872, showing that St. John's Church had been established. The meeting of the Vestry was called in the law office of Major Henry C. Flesher to determine the salary of the minister, C. Randolph Page. Vestrymen present were: James A. Park, Edward Maguire, Col. Ferdinand R. Hassler, Charles H. Progler, George B. Crow and Major Flesher. St. John's dates its official establishment as 1872.

Pioneer families of Ripley had become Methodist through the influence of Circuit Riding Missionaries of the Methodist church and had built a House of Worship dedicated to the Methodist Church, South, on a street which came to be known as Church Street. A short distance South on the same street, the Episcopalians bought, for \$250.00, a lot to build a church, but it was slow in materializing. Its small congregation was made up mostly from first and second generation immigrants from England, Scotland and Switzerland, who had come from churches with a liturgical background and did not feel their needs were met in the Methodist Church. Mainly, they were professional people but they had little money. Episcopal churches in West Virginia were still under the Diocese of Bishop Mead of Virginia, too far away to be interested in giving financial help. A cornerstone was laid ceremoniously but the contributions continued to be too small to build the small weatherboard church which was needed. The com-

municants of Trinity Episcopal church, in Parkersburg, had outgrown its building and erected a new one. In 1878, they gave to St. John's its old windows, communion table, lectern, and pulpit. The building was not completely furnished when its first service was held there by the Rev. Jacob Brittingham on May 7, 1883. The church bell, manufactured in Baltimore, Md., especially for the church, rang from a cupola above the roof in 1884. West Virginia now had a Bishop of its own, the Rt. Rev. George W. Peterkin who consecrated the church April 21, 1887.

In 1909 the church was made more attractive with Memorial stained glass windows, and the addition of a new bell tower and Vestry room. Still later a Parish Hall was added but the basic structure, now almost 100 years old, needed so much repair that the congregation decided this was impractical.

In 1971, the church Trustees (James Robinson, C.E. Goodwin, Robert Lester and Donald Flesher) sold the church property and purchased ground to build a new church on West Main Street. Ground was broken ceremoniously, August 29, 1972.



Saint John's Episcopal Church

Leaving the old building was such a sad experience that a decision was made to incorporate into the new building as much of the old as possible, the stained glass windows, altar, pulpit, lectern, even the boxwood shrubbery. Architect Clinton Bryan was employed to build the new church. Henry King was the contractor. Before the church was completed a service was held by the Rev. Arthur J. Morley. The church was dedicated October 17, 1973 by Bishops Wilburn C. Campbell and Robert P. Atkinson. *Submitted by Genevieve Starcher*

TEMPERANCE CHAPEL

The Temperance United Methodist Church is located at Cavin Fork, in Grant District. In 1892, land was obtained from J.B. and Amanda Merydith and also from Solomon and Martha Allen for a Methodist Protestant Church. At this time the trustees were: Isaac Cross, David Markley, John Brown, Jacob Lemley and J.B. Merydith. Tradition says that the church was named for Temperance Anderson, wife of Rev. Cyrus Anderson.

Ministers at Temperance include: Ben Simmer, Lawrence Loudin, Cecil Cottrill, Alexander Hersman, Robert Martin, Sylvester Bennett, Joseph Cunningham, Thomas Spiker, John B. Cumberledge, Vernon Cale, Harry Nuzum, Everett Clegg, Marvin Freed, Lowell Legg, Hollie Thompson, Armour Doddrell, Charles Eaton Jr., Retis Dent, Lawrence Morris, W.G. States, Blaine Marks, Marvin Eaton, Clayton Hornbeck and Joseph Jarrett, who was the last minister when the church closed in 1974.

Church records show the following people attended Temperance Chapel between 1895-1897: W.I. Boso, Charles Smith, Cummings Smith, Emmet Hartley, J.P. Merdith, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yoho, Ira Allen, Elsa Hartley, Tillie Allen, Jennie



Temperance Chapel

Allen, Johnny Alexander, Herman Alexander, Jimmy Hartley, Cora Cross, Eva Hartley, J.P. Hartley, Joe Cox, Miss Boso, G.W. Boso, W.B. Smith, G.W. Cross, John Cross, Dora Cross, Grace Cross, Beck Gray, Eva Dillon, Girtie Dillon, M.L. Dillon, Aldo Gray, Lily Gray, Minnie Allen, Hod Allen, Yancy Yoho, Bertha Kester, Arli Cross, and Mary Boso. J.L. Vincent and Joseph Dunn served as ministers during this time.

Among those who attended Temperance Chapel after 1897 were: I.E., Loy and Clarice Allen; Carl, Minnie, Freda, Opal and Corrine Alexander; Hugh, Lora, Joe, Karen and Diane Anderson; Charles, Tennie, Noel, Hilton, Gladys, Garnet and Grace Bever; Harrison and Rose Boso; George, Cora, Ellen, Grace, Ethel, Blanche and Georgia Cross; D. Pearl, Ethel, Genc and Beulah Kester; Hershel, Opal and Judy McKee; Rodney, Catherine, Thornton and Barbara Rawson; Lloyd, Margie, Roger and Andy Rawson; Evert, Lizzie, Richard, Charles, Delbert, Glen, Mike, Margaret, Violet, Ethel and Mildred Holleron; Kennard, Ethel, Dolores and Carolyn Watkins; Jennie and Martha Watkins; Lon, Minnie, Cecil, Claude, Hazel and Eva Beach; Henry and Eva Taylor; Lester, Ethel and Ila Moore; Eileen Nohe; Howard Hamric and family; Douglas Kelly and family; John, Dove, Lou, Erme, Marjorie, Wanda and Stella Rhodes; James and Lillian Knox; Homer Riddle and family; Ova, Freda, Eugene, Benjamin and Leo Moore; Charles, Bertha, Darrell, Lowell, Lora, Maxine and Aneth Lemley; Darrell, Tennie, Charles, Lawson and Evelyn Lemley; Lowell, Pauline, Tommy, Jim, Mark and Lois Ann Lemley; Murhl, Eunice and Zelma Carothers; Sam and Margaret Cross and family.



Sunday School Class at the Cavin Fork School

The accompanying photograph, showing the Temperance Chapel Sunday School classes, was taken at the Cavin Fork School, about 1914. The children in the front row are unidentified. *Second row:* Isaac Cross, Tennie Bever with child (Hilton), Minnie Allen with child (Eva), Mary Moore with child (Nolia), Edith Kester, Dora Cross, Cora Cross with child (Beulah), Jane Allen and Hiram Peter Mills. *Third row:* (?), Grace Kester, Blanche Mills, Ella Cross, Ethel Cross, (?), (?), (?). *Fourth row:* David R. Kester, George Kester, (?), (?), Harrison Boso, Bill Alexander, (?), (?), (?), A.K. Moore, George Cross and (?). Submitted by Lora Anderson

WALNUT GROVE CHURCH

It was in the 1880s, in the community on the headwaters of the 18-mile creek in Jackson County near the border of Putnam County, that the people began to see their need of an organized church. The area was becoming thickly settled by this time. There was plenty of timber and the settlers could erect a worship building. The families called a meeting to decide where it should be located.

One of the families, A.J. Cottrill and L.A. Cottrill, his wife, for the sum of five dollars donated one-half acre of land at the forks of 18-mile creek. Actually it was the forks of the road for the creek was all the road they had at that time. The land was deeded to the appointed trustees: B. Painter, Adam Wandling, H. Parsons, A.J. Cottrill, and Jacob Casto, and their successors for the use of United Brethren Church, and to all orthodox denominations when not occupied by the U.B. Church.

The first minister sent by the conference was Rev. J. Slaughter in 1888.

The Walnut Grove Church is listed with the churches on the following circuits, and the ministers names that served from 1888 until it was sold 1967. Sandy circuit, J. Slaughter. Morristown circuit, D.W. Hitt, J.F. Prichard, J.W. Alvis. Thirteen circuit, J. Slaughter. Sissonville circuit, J. Jarvis. Thirteen circuit, T.H. Rymer. Goldtown circuit, J.A. Blagg, J. Slaughter, H.B.B. Amos, J.W. Crawford, A. Wright, J.M. Hart, O.H. Cook, S.B. Perry. Kenna circuit, L.A. Cottrill, J.A. Blagg, A. Boggs. Rockcastle circuit, W.R. Boyers, William Haught. Fairplain, Jas. McAboy, J.L. Kelbaugh, J.L. Nuzum, Forman Napier, A.G. Miday, Lester W. Nuzum, V.J. Lathey, Wade McCullon, O.H. Cook, Earl Roush, Lester Foreman, J.C. Swain, Roy McCoy, L.A. Cottrell, C.E. Ruble, Dale Casto, W.T. Shannon, C.E. Westfall, Carl Paxton, Delbert Kelbaugh, Rankin Roach, Berl England, Forrest Murry.

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WARDEN CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Methodist Episcopal Church was built at Medina (in Grant District) in the year 1886 on land donated by William and Melissa Grandon. A building committee was composed of: William Grandon, George G. Naylor and Joseph Archer. Others that were active in this endeavor were: Henry Archer, Joseph Morrison, Samuel McBride, George Alexander Jr., Vincent Archer and E.J. Robinson. At a later date, remodeling was done by Brady Whitlatch, N.F. McBride, Henry Somerville and others in the community. At this time, the ceiling was lowered and the pulpit moved to the



Warden Chapel U.M. Church

opposite end of the building.

About 65 years after the construction of the church, the bell was installed by Bill Lincicombe and some helpers. One estimate is that the bell weighed at least 800 pounds. Another remodeling took place prior to 1973. This consisted of sanding the floor and installing new carpet. The picnic tables and shelter were built in the spring of 1975 by Okey Morrison, J.C. Broome and Carroll Moore. After the death of J.C. Broome in July 1975, the family donated stain glass windows in his memory. The Warden Chapel Church discontinued services in 1987 due to a lack of attendance. At the time it was closed, Warden Chapel was on a charge of churches with Beech Grove, Lockhart and Drift Run. (For a listing of ministers, see the history on the Lockhart Church.)

Records show that the following persons have acted as Sunday School teachers: Cradle Roll Class-Effie McBride, 47 years; Youth Class-Mary McBride, Locie Mullins, Melanie Smith Casto, Ilona Mullins, Helen Meadows and Mary Moore; Adult Class-Nancy Robinson, Addie Slaven, Nellie Nesselroade, Pat Slaven, Herman Shutts, Alfred Archer, G.G. Naylor, Fred Robinson, N.F. McBride, Leonard Naylor, Martha Sommerville, Nelle Alexander, Lena Morrison, Carroll Moore, Winna Thilmony and Helen Meadows.

(Most of the information in this history was written by the late Mary (Williams) McBride). Submitted by Carolyn Mithlbach

WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

The organization of the West Ripley Baptist Chapel was July 30, 1963, with the Witcher Baptist Church as sponser. On July 7, 1965, the chapel moved to a building at 114 South Church Street and on January 20, 1966, the chapel was named West Ripley Baptist Church. On April 20, 1966 the present location was purchased from the Puckett heirs and on February 12, 1967, a building committee consisting of Bill Thompson, Paul Woody, and Harry Jordan was elected and a ground-breaking ceremony was held, September 1, 1968; a dedication service was held, February 2, 1969. In 1980, a fellowship hall was erected. The West Ripley Baptist Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Submitted by Lorraine H. Barnette

WHITE CHURCH

The White Church was located at the junction of Little Sandy Road and Claylick Road, in Grant District. Thomas and Roena Rardin donated land for a Methodist Episcopal Church in 1895. At that time the trustees were: E.E. Rardon, M.P. Hodge, S.D. Safreed, S.L. Rardon and N.G. Aten. The church was originally built on the same level as the road but was later moved on the hill behind the original site because of high water. The church closed in the 1970s and was torn down in the early 1980s.

This church was referred to as Little Sandy in the old church records. People listed in the 1890s include: Bert and Frances Barnhart; Ezra and Eliza Bowen; William and Clara Davis; Laura Hodge; Nancy Lange; Mary Morehouse; Elias Nesselroade; Rosa Peters; D.W. Susan, T.J., Cora B., C.W., S.C., Henrietta, Samuel Sr., Melissa, Etta, Eva, Lucy, Samuel Jr., Emma, Thomas and Roena Rardin; John, Fannie, Isaac, W.L., Samuel, Susan, Frank, Florence, Hollie and Mary Safreed; Charley and Mollie Snyder, Mary, Annie and A.G. Aten and Marshall Archer.

Those listed in 1914 include: J.B., Elizabeth, D.W., Cora, Lucy, Frank, Isaac, and Porter Rardon; Ella Howard; Mollie Slaven; S.E., Hattie, Florence, Francis, W.L. and Nannie Safreed; Lula and Alice Rector; Annie and U.G. Aten; Alice Derenberger;

Thomas Argabrite; Eliza Bowen; Bert Barnhart; W.J. and Mary Lincicome; John and Martha Snyder; Florida Hafer; Emmet and Rosa Jarrett; Nellie and May Lindamood; Verna and Cecel Boso.
Submitted by Carolyn Muehlbach

WILDING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On October 1, 1881, E.T. and Sarah Ann Doolittle deeded ¼ acre of land to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Straight Fork. The first trustees were: A.L. Varner, Adam Hawk, E. Beaty, A. Bennett and Charles Williamson. The church is located at Wilding (in Ravenswood District) three miles from Silverton. The community had been known as Churchville but the name was changed to Wilding (along with the church) after a minister named George Wilding. The original church was the left section shown in the photograph. Before 1911, an addition was made along with a belltower. That belltower became damaged and was replaced in the 1930s. The coal stove was replaced with a floor furnace and other improvements have been made over the years including the addition of classrooms in 1963.



Wilding Church

In 1911, Wilding had a contest with the Ravenswood M.E. South Sunday School to see which church could gain more in attendance in one quarter. At the beginning of the quarter, Wilding had 137 in attendance and ended with 180 which was a larger increase than Ravenswood. At one time Wilding was on a charge with Lockhart, Warden Chapel, Providence, Simpson, White and Sycamore Churches. Later this was changed to include Wilding, Cedar Run, Coleman Chapel, Fannin Chapel, White and Orchard Grove Churches. After the Methodists and United Brethren churches joined, Wilding was put on the Silverton charge which consisted of Wilding and Silverton. Presently, Beech Grove, Lockhart and Drift Run are included with Wilding and Silverton Churches to make the North Jackson County charge.

Ministers who have served at Wilding: Rev. George Wilding, Rev. Grose, Rev. J.J. White, Rev. W.H. Hammond, Rev. W.P. Guinn, Rev. G.W. Alley, Rev. Kelly, Rev. Jenkins, Rev. I.N. Smith, Rev. J.W. Engle, Rev. H.K. Riffe, Rev. A.C. Riffe, Rev. Fred Simmons, Rev. Aldine Poling, Rev. Hofelt, Rev. A.F. Ball, Rev. Albert Poling, Rev. Johnson, Rev. R.L. Greynolds, Rev. Jack Faison, Rev. Goodman, Rev. H.C. Haught, Rev. J.W. Idleman, Rev. Lawrence Morris, Rev. Ryder, Rev. Potts, Rev. Marvin Freed, Rev. Donald Peragory, Rev. J.C. Richmond, Rev. G.W. Prine, Rev. Epler, Rev. Wilbur Hardin, Rev. Charley Boice, Rev. Gene Eaton, Rev. J.C. Foster, Rev. Paul Morrison, Rev. Jim Morrison, Rev. Thomas Yackley, Rev. V.A. Subramaniam, Rev. Armor Sayre, Rev. Bruce Smith, Rev. Loris Pullins, Rev. Floral Kincaid, Rev. Allen Johnson and Rev. Jim Pinkerton. (These are not necessarily in the order they served. Some of these names are from church records and others are from the memory of older residents who attended church at Wilding.)

Submitted by Florence Butcher

WILLOW DALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Willow Dale Baptist church built in 1891, and was finished and dedicated in August 1892. The people of Toppins Grove now known as Little Pond Creek, wanted a church. All the neighbors got together. Harriet Rawson Lambert gave them the land. The trees were donated by the families to saw into lumber. The seats were hewn and planed by hand. The ones on the side of the church are built into the wall on one end. The organ pulpit and stands are the original.

Patti Slavens donated the piano in 1969 to the church. Drop ceiling, new floors, electric lights and a heating system have been added. The three Deacons at that time in 1950 were Harmon Reed, Woodrow Rawson and S.D. Rhodes, picked out the chandelier. Lawrence Eaton wired the church for electric. The old slate roof has been replaced with shingles and vinyl siding. This was made possible from the donation by a former member, James Phillip Swain of Pittsburgh, PA, at his death.

First pastor of the church was Rev. Johnny Redman. Some of the first members were the Starkey family, Rawson Nohe, King, Dumham, Miller, Shaver, Lambert, Cornell, Gibbnoy. Some of the pastors were Rev. Jennings, Rev. J.M. Fox, Rev. Evans, Rev. E.S. Warren, Rev. O.E. W. Thorne, Rev. Charlie Kyer, Rev. Sheets, Rev. Pearson, Rev. Rex Boren, Rev. Bill Nelson, Rev. Ronald Miller, Rev. Charlie Parson, Rev. Marlow, Rev. R.W. Battin, Rev. Virgil Sallee, Rev. Herndon Joy, Rev. Don Hizman, Rev. Fontain, Rev. C.B. Morrison. The present pastor Rev. S.D. Rhodes of Ravenna, Ohio, comes every third Sunday and fills the appointment.

Rev. O.E.W. Thorne served the longest pastorate, not all at once, but different terms.

Some of the Deacons were Will Rawson, Bill Robinson, Floyd Rawson, Richard Moore and Woodrow Rawson, Harmon Reed, S.D. Rhodes. Gay Moore are the Deacons at this time 1989. Will Lambert was a Deacon and was one of the pillow stones of the church. He served in every category but as a pastor. His daughters Bessie Lambert is 83 years old and has been teaching for 55 years and is still teaching card class. Dora Lambert Slavens 81 years old has been teaching for 35 years and is still teaching. Hazel Lambert Slavens also has taught Sunday School, and is the clerk at the present time.

Organists were, Orpha Kimes, Delma Morehouse, Sybil Powell, Mona Morehouse, Charles Conner, Lucy Clem, Ruth Moore is organist at this time and Patti Slavens is the pianist at the present time, December, 1989.



Homecoming at Willowdale, 1962

Homecoming at the Willow Dale Baptist Church, September 16, 1962. From left to right kneeling down, Rev. Charles Parson, Rev. Leland Joy, Back row standing left to right, Rev. Sallee, Rev. O.E.W. Thorne, Rev. C.B. Morrison and Rev. S.D. Rhodes.

Willow Dale has a homecoming every third Sunday of September every year. Submitted by Dolores Rhodes

JACKSON COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION & JACKSON COUNTY SERVICEMEN

JACKSON COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

In 1973 the Ravenswood Ministerial Association and the Ripley Ministerial Association united for form the Jackson County Ministerial Association. By uniting their efforts, better and more interesting programs could be held and a larger fellowship group could enrich the lives of those who participated. At the same time the spirit of cooperation among ministers grew. As new ministers moved into the county, they brought with them good experiences from other ministerial fellowships in places they had served and were able to enrich the Jackson County group with new opportunities of service. The county group also gave opportunity for ministers outside of the two towns to have a definite place in the fellowship. Thus, instead of five or six ministers gathering in each of the two towns once a month, we now had up to twenty gathering for fellowship and discussion.

Meetings are held on a rotation basis between the two towns and also among the churches in the towns. The group usually meets in churches, but sometimes meets in other institutional facilities.

In order that people in need in various areas may be more efficiently ministered to, the Jackson County Ministerial Association assigns a treasurer for the Ripley area and another for the Ravenswood area. Donations are given to the treasury by the various churches who are members. Also, the JCMA has special Ecumenical Thanksgiving and Holy Week services. The donations from the churches and the special services are used mainly for transients. A meal and an overnight at a motel, and more recently, lodging at the Rhea House, is provided for these transients. There have been times when monies have had to be used for transporting people, buying parts for cars, and donating to the Rhea House. The JCMA through the years responded to these and other emergency situations.

A Sunday service has been provided each week at Eldercare (formerly Care Inn) nursing home in Ripley for many years. Since Ravenswood Village opened two years ago, the JCMA has also provided a weekly Sunday service at the care center for the elderly. The ministers are scheduled by a member of JCMA.

Jackson County has three food pantries; West Ripley Baptist Church, Community Resources and North United Methodist Church in Ravenswood. The Jackson County Ministerial Association is the sponsoring agency for the West Ripley Baptist and North United Methodist Churches. Many of the churches in the Association give to the food pantry and supply help for them. We receive FEMA grants from the government to buy the food and receive government surplus food when available. The food pantry supplies food as directed by the low income guidelines.

In the summer of 1983, three members of the Jackson County Ministerial Association met with a committee of FM Radio Station WCEF on Cedar Lakes Road and arranged to start a weekly radio program by members of the Jackson County Ministerial Association. Since that time the program has been coordinated by a member minister who has voluntarily accepted that responsibility.

Each minister involved in the Ministerial Association has the opportunity to participate. As high as 18 ministers have participated by taking turns in a given four month period. The fifteen minute tape is made at the radio station sometime during the week and is aired at 9 a. m. on Sunday morning. Each minister is free to conduct the radio program as he sees fit. Some include music while others just have a spoken service. The program does three things: It provides an opportunity for the shut-ins to listen to one of the local ministers; it introduces the ministers to the community; and it conveys the spirit of cooperative ministry that exists among the ministers in Jackson County.

Since the beginning of the Adopt-a-Family Program in the early 1950s, the Jackson County Ministerial Association has been an enthusiastic supporter of this worthy effort on behalf of the people in Jackson County who are in need. The program endeavors to provide Christmas dinners, requested clothing items, household utensils, furniture, etc. to those in need. Children are given presents of toys as well as clothing. Individual ministers have encouraged the people of their congregations to offer to adopt families; they also seek contributions to fulfill the needs.

An appointed member of the Ministerial Association serves on the policy making board of Adopt-a-Family, and in an advisory capacity as a member of the committee which screens the applicants in an effort to determine the most needful of families.

Among the most popular and far reaching of the activities sponsored by the Ministerial Association, the Unified Services held at Thanksgiving and during Holy Week.

Each year, on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, members of all participating churches meet together for a service of prayer and thanksgiving. Area ministers share in the service and special music is presented by soloists, vocal and instrumental, and/or choirs from various churches. In recent years, community choirs have participated in this beautiful service.

Holy Week, each year, presents an opportunity to lift up Christ in a special way. Noonday luncheons, prepared by the women of area churches, are held each day in a centrally located church, allowing opportunity for the working public to attend. Brief messages and often special music are provided by various ministers. This week of prayer and Christian Fellowship culminates with a Good Friday Service led by members of the Association.

Community Easter Sunrise Services have been historically well attended, and have provided a spiritual "high" for worshippers. In Ripley, this service is traditional.

Offerings received at all Community Worship Services are used to aid persons in need, either community residents or needy transients passing through.

These services continue to promote unity throughout the Christian Community; lift up Christ to the community, provide opportunities for sharing as brothers and sisters in Christ and develop friendship and support between fellow Christians.

Crop Walk

The major community effort of the Jackson County Ministerial Association was the sponsoring of a "CROP WALK" for hunger on Sunday, October 29, 1989. The event took place at Cedar Lakes, with each walker having a goal of ten circuits of the one kilometer road which circles the camp.

Event Chairperson was Sister Rosanne Fogarty, with Committee members of Pastors, Roy Myers, Harless Cook, and William McMorran.

Two hundred walkers took part, representing 15 churches and two civic groups. The total Net Income was \$6,133.33, of which 25% was retained for the Jackson County Food Bank. The balance was given to Church World Service.

JACKSON COUNTY SERVICEMEN

Revolutionary War

There were no settlers in Jackson county until 1796, thirteen years after the Revolution ended. Following is a list of the men that I could locate records on who served in that war and later settled in then Jackson County, which then comprised parts of present Roane and Wirt Counties.

Patrick Board, Jacob Baker, William Bibbee, Joel Buffington, David Bumgarner, John Carney, Jesse Carpenter, Samuel Carpenter, John Casto, Benjamin Cox, William Cunningham, Uriah Gandee, Thomas Good, David Harris, William Hannaman, Jesse Hughes, Thomas Hughes, Cornelius King, James McDade, James McKown, John McKown, John Nesselroad, Constantia O'Neal, Charles Parsons, Joseph Parsons, Michael Rader, Henry Rayburn, Benjamin Reynolds, Elijah Runyon, David Sayre, Jonathan Sheppard, Abraham Staats, Charles Smith, Samuel Tanner, Andrew Welch, Benjamin Wright, Jonathan Wright and Bazzel Wright.

Indian Wars

Most males over the age of 15 or less, of course, served in the wars with the Indians during the years 1774-1796, who then resided on the Virginia and Pennsylvania frontiers, including many of the Revolutionary soldiers. The following is a list of those not listed above who served in these wars.

Thomas Carney, William Parsons and Shadrack Rice.

War of 1812

Many of these soldiers later settled in the county, while several were residing here during the war.

David Bumgarner, Samuel Bumgarner, Daniel Casto, George Casto, James Casto, John Casto, John J. Casto, Jonathan Casto, Sidney Casto, John Fisher, Leonard Fisher, Robert Graham, Thomas Graham, Alexander Gray, John Hamon, Solomon Harpold, Fidellis Ott, John Ott, John Parsons, William "Captain Billy" Parsons, Joseph Rader, Michael Rader Jr., Peyton Richards, William Roach, Abel V. Scyoc, Henry E. Sergeant, Cornelius Staats, Isaac Starkey, Samuel Somerville, William Tolley, Philip Watkins, David Wetzel and Williamson W. Wiblin.

Mexican War

From scanty records, names of the following soldiers were found.

Robert Alexander, Henry Cunningham, Isaac Cunningham, William Cunningham, Balas Carr Dewees, Washington Full, John Goff, Gilbert B. Harvey, David Hill, William Lucas, John McIntosh, Isaac Meadows, James Perry, Lafayette Parsons, James Stewart, Oliver Stewart, James Workman and Nathaniel Young.

Civil War

Due to space limitations, only the soldiers who were killed in action, died of wounds, or died of disease, will be listed for this war. More men from the county died in this war than in all the other wars combined.

Union Army

Killed in Action or Died of Wounds

George W. Bishop, Asbury Coe, Daniel S. Cumpston, William W. Curtis, William H. H. Davis (shot accidentally), Daniel Frost, George W. Gandee, Oscar M. Lent, Charles McCoy, Thomas J. McPherson, James L. Mathews, James Merri-man, James K. P. Parsons, Joseph T. F. Powers, Daniel W. Pringle, William Rood, William A. Rowley (accidentally killed), Nathan C. Shinn, Jeremiah Smith, Theodore Staats (accidentally killed), Francis M. Stanley, William C. Burdette,

Matthew Carpenter, Benjamin Hamilton, Jeremiah Hayman, George W. Jenkins, Samuel King, James M. Lyons, Finley D. Ong, Albert G. Park, Jr., Benjamin R. Rhodes, William H. Sergeant, Chester S. Tenney, John W. Tolley, Aaron M. Wetzel, William M. Boyce, George W. Cunningham, William Lewis, Jasper Rand, Martin V. Douglass.

Died of Disease

Edmund F. Anderson, John Aplin, Jabez D. Ball, Jacob Balser Jr., Wesley Barnes, Aaron E. Barnett, Louis Bing, David D. Boyce, Sanford Boyce, Isaac W. Clem, Jackson Clem, James Congrove, Simon T. Cook, Oliver H. Cox, Thomas Cumpston, Joel Cunningham, Samuel F. Davis, George Derenberger, Hannibal Derenberger, Stephen F. Dodd, Salathiel Donohue, Lewis A. Gabbert (accidentally burned to death), William T. Graham, Martin V. B. Hammock, John W. Hartshorn, Elijah Hill, Henry Hill, Samuel Lockhart, John McKown, Theodore K. Mahon, Marion M. Mills, Wilson Moore, Daniel D. Murphy (burned to death), George Nagle, Finley J. Ong, Charles G. Painter, Moses Parsons (drowned), Elisha Phelps, Ezekial Powers, George W. Priddy, Elmore Raines, William R. Randolph, William Rardon, Jacob Rhodes, Peter Rhodes, Peter M. Rhodes, Cyrus H. Rollins, Robert S. Roseberry, George R. Sargent, James Savage, David Sayre, Thomas Shaver, Peter Short, James M. Simmons, Jarvis Stoops, Marcellus Stout, Elmore Taylor, John Upton, William M. Vandine, William C. Van Kirk, Benjamin F. White, John W. White, James B. Williamson, Stewart Donahue (murdered), William T. Graham (murdered), Edward McDade, Charles T. Tidd, Joseph S. Wolf.

Confederate Army

Killed in Action or Died of Wounds

Charles Benedum, Gideon Cheuvront, Benjamin Chase, Charles Lewis Dilworth, James K. P. Dilworth, John C. Hartley, Strother Hartley, George W. Parsons, Marcellus Reed, J. Sandusky Rollins, Charles W. Rohr, Ezra Sayre, Nathan Jacob Slaven, Frederick F. Smith, James E. Smith, Joseph Starcher, William H. Watson, Charles C. Davenport, William A. Maguire, Hiram Monroe, Albert G. Park.

Died of Disease

Lenox C. Armstrong, John W. Bennett, William A. Board, Ballard Brown, James M. Cheuvront, Henry F. Hunt, Edward Jacoby, Samuel Lockhart (murdered), William K. Park, William Parsons Jr. (murdered), Adam S. Rader, Abraham Rader, Joab Smith, John G. Smith, James Starcher, Marion Starcher, James H. Trotter, James H. Webster, Simeon Somerville.

Spanish-American War

The following men were in this war. None were in battle or died of disease.

Henry C. Ball, C. M. Brown, James T. Casto, J. F. Coburn, Ernest D. Crow, Hal B. Crow, Frank D. Fleming, John Landfried, William W. Large, Gurney L. Michael, Max E. Polsley, Charles W. Rardon, Otmer A. Riley.

World War I

The large memorial to the men who fought for the Union in the Civil War and the two placed in memory of servicemen in the two World Wars, Korea and Vietnam, in 1989, on the courthouse lawn, are indicative of the patriotism of the citizens of Jackson County in all the wars their country has been engaged in down the years, from the Revolution to Vietnam.

Killed in Action or Died of Wounds

Cecil A. Abels, Robert A. Abels, Thomas W. Balser, Clyde L. Armstrong, Walter D. Butcher, Carl H. Carmichael, Kenna Davis, Harry E. Hill, Arden Hopkins, David S. Kaldt, Peter King, William D. Lane, Tony L. Lockhart, Harry C. McCarty, Ralph H. McKown, Everett Myers, John Petty, James A. Patterson, Roderic Rayburn, Joseph C. Scarbrough, Harley F. Shinn, Walter Scott, Emer-

son Albert Williams.

Died of Disease

Dennis H. Bonnett (fell from train), Eugene L. Casto, Warrick B. Casto, Charles H. Jeffries, Clarence Kerns, Don B. King, Harry H. Deem, Richard G. Cromlish, Ray W. Knightstep, William Lyons, Thomas D. Logston, Lawrence Palmer (lost at sea), Boyd C. Smith, Jennings B. Stanley, Rufus Oren Taylor, Thomas A. Sheppard, George O. Thompson, Chester A. Wandling, Okey C. Wright, Walker W. Wright.

World War II

The following soldiers died of various causes during the war.

Clinton Anderson, Dwight Archer, Harry D. Allen, Buddy Atkinson, Dean Brown, Charles Boso, Charles L. Bonnett, Buhrl Boso, James Kenneth Blake, Robert Bush, Roy L. Barnette, Chester C. Baker, William W. Boggess, Ernest Blair, Rufus Henry Carney, Derrel G. Carl, Monnie C. Casto, Jennings J. Casto, James F. Conner,

Yancey Currey, Francis Cleek, Kenneth Covey, George Davis, Harry W. Davis, Clarence Drago, Floyd Emerick, Melvin Freyberger, Harold E. Gandee, Joseph Easter, Carroll W. Fisher, Ferrell Girkin, Olin Hughes, Golden Hill, Charles B. Hall, Dencil Herdman, Harold Harmon, Charles Howes, Donald Hupp, Glenn S. Henry, Henry Jones Jr., Charles Johnson, Alexander Monroe Johnson, Roy F. Kuhl, Holly Kay Jr., Cecil Kuhn, John Rex Koontz, Willie King, George H. Kyger, Emmett G. Ledbetter, Thomas P. Lupardus, Roy Morgan, Claude McPherson, Lomas C. McConnell, Morris Mills, Charles McGrew, Francis Morgan, Hobert McCollum, Kermit Orders, Luther Ohse, Floyd Palmer, Clarence Paugh, O'Dell Parsons, Eldon E. Phillips, William C. Ramsey, Clay Robinson, Wade Snyder, Gaylord Smith, Ralph Swan Smith, Charles W. Shaffer, Dale Summers, Donald Skeen, Carl W. Stover, Millard F. Sayre, Robert L. Sayre, Lester Dale Thomas, James W. Williamson Jr., Dale VanFossin, Elbert Wilkinson, Clifton Westfall,

Jack Walker, Orland Wilkinson, Virgil Zahndt, Roy B. Ferguson, Ray Edgar Grizzell, Paul A. Bostic, Charles F. Stanley, Jack L. Barnette.

Korean War

The following men were killed in action or died of wounds.

Boyd Junior Bennett, Woodrow Wilson Counts, John Paul Hickman, Paul Edward T. McCoy, Carl Edward Parsons, Arthur George Roush, Charles G. Safreed, John Paul Street, Carl Emmons West, and Harold Lee Hickman.

Vietnam

The following men were killed in action or died of wounds in this war.

Darrell Leon Fox Jr., Garry Dwight Hayes, Romey Earl Hughart Jr., Charles E. Hurd, Delmer R. Jones, David Michael Hopkins, James Ray Miller, Landon Clair Ray. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

PLACES IN JACKSON COUNTY

JACKSON COUNTY VILLAGES

During the last quarter of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th there were many more country villages in the county than at present, these usually centering around a general store, church and one-room school. In addition, there was usually a grist mill, blacksmith shop, and doctor's office in many communities. The period before World War II was a time of general self-sufficiency in the country villages. Most food was grown locally, and most homes were heated by wood-burning fireplaces or stoves. Every country home usually had a large vegetable garden and one or more hogs, depending on the size of the family, would be butchered in the late fall for the winter's meat supply. Corn and wheat would be taken to the local grist mill as needed for the family bread. Milk cows furnished the family's fresh milk, butter, and cheese. Fruit and berries of many kinds were grown on most farms. Every farm also had a flock of chickens to supply eggs for family consumption, and to sell to the local merchant for the few items, such as shoes, salt, sugar, and cloth, not produced on the farm.

Some postal villages during this period were: Advent, established June 9, 1893, Joseph P. Hamon, 1st Postmaster, still extant. Angerona (1850-1935), David Woodruff, 1st Postmaster. Aplin (1905-1915). Beatysville (1885-1907), Daniel Beaty, 1st Postmaster. Belgrove (1885-1951), Daniel Williams, 1st Postmaster; Browning (1902-1912). Cottageville, February 24, 1860, formerly Wright Mills, February 26, 1828 and then Moore's Mills, April 26, 1850; the oldest Post office in the county, David Woodruff, 1st Postmaster. Carthage (1894-1905). Chase (Chase's Mills), (1888-1898). Crow Summit (1893-1949), Thomas B. Wilcox, 1st Postmaster. Cuba (1894-1906). Danstown (1898-1909), Daniel Sayre, 1st Postmaster, Douglas (1887-1891), Hiram Douglass, only Postmaster. Dudeon (1917-1923). Duncan (1892-1987), John W. Harper, 1st Postmaster. Edgar (1887-1909). Edison (1910-1915). Elk Fork (1857-1910). Evans, January 26, 1889, still operational; Elmer E. Staats, 1st Postmaster. Fairplain, (1881-1958), James W. Dorsey, 1st Postmaster. Fishers Point (1859-1891). Fletcher, (1897-1950), Joshua Parsons, 1st Postmaster. Flinn (1888-1906). Foster Chapel (1901-1908). Frozen Camp (1856-1916). Garfield (1883-1907). Gay, January 19, 1888, operational, James H. Evans, 1st Postmaster. Given, December 30, 1885, operational, William B. Given, 1st Postmaster. Goldtown (1891-1922). Grasslick (1851-

1898), W. H. Crites, early Postmaster. Hemlock (1859-1878). Hereford (1872-1916). Hughes (1902-1907). Jackson Courthouse, January 10, 1832, changed to Jackson, March 31, 1893, Ripley, September 16, 1897, extant, Robert Lowther, 1st Postmaster. Kenna, July 1, 1880, operational, Granville P. Morrison, 1st Postmaster. Kentuck (1877-1989), Benjamin N. Poling, 1st Postmaster. LeRoy, September 21, 1857, operational, Elijah Baker, 1st Postmaster. Liverpool, August 13, 1891, operational, Francis E. Tibble, 1st Postmaster. Lockhart (1893-1907), formerly Lockharts (1866-1893), Albert Lockhart, 1st Postmaster. Lone Cedar (1869-1942). Lone Oak (1907-1915). Loop (1902-1922). Louther (1889-1907). Marshall (1890-1907). McClains (1886-1907). Meadowdale (1887-1921). Medina (1891-1909). Mentor (1888-1907). Millwood, February 10, 1890, operational, Lowther M. Page, 1st Postmaster. Mount Alto, January 2, 1932, operational. Mount Tell (1892-1922). Mozelle (1900-1906). Murraysville, March 9, 1843, operational, John Roberts, 1st Postmaster. Muses Bottom (1857-1918). Neptune (1886-1914). Nesselroad (1885-1906), Holly C. Nesselroad, 1st Postmaster. New Geneva (1857-1891). Odaville (1882-1906). Parchment Valley (1878-1914). Piercy (1889-1904). Pleasant View, (1839-1906). Plum Orchard (1903-1935), George Chancey, 1st Postmaster. Providence (1888-1908). Ravenswood, July 19, 1839, operational, Joseph Holden, 1st Postmaster. Ripley Landing (1863-1898). Rockcastle, July 9, 1892, operational, Nancy Duffield, 1st Postmaster. Romance (1908-1985), Lewis E. Lanham, 1st Postmaster. Sandyville, May 23, 1892, operational, formerly, Sandy, January 31, 1833-May 22, 1892, Warren Reed, 1st Postmaster. Sayre (1893-1909). School House (1884-1915). Shatto (1904-1909). Sherman, March 22, 1883, operational, William L. Rector, 1st Postmaster. Silverton (1877-1941), William R. Fisher, 1st Postmaster. Skidmore (1893-1914), Archibald S. Skidmore, 1st Postmaster. Skull Run (1890-1921). Stats Mills, October 21, 1879, operational, Enoch Staats, 1st Postmaster. Topins Grove (1866-1916). Utica (1893-1907). Wilding (1888-1927). Willowdale (1884-1917). Willow Grove (1872-1935), Spencer R. McKay, 1st Postmaster. Willow Tree (1869-1905). Wiseburg (Wiseburgh), (1881-1906). Young (1909-1918).

COUNTRY SCHOOLS

The old abandoned one-room country schools in Jackson county were usually colorfully named.

A few of these were: Antioch, War Ridge, Forest Home, Kentuck Star, Riverview, Center Point, Straight Run, Mount Hope, Sinaiville, Rocky Knob, Aplin, White Pine, Drift Run, Klondike, Orchard Grove, Morning Star, Hopedale, Bar Run, Lockhart Fork, McGraw, Providence, Redbrush, Turkey Fork, Oak Grove, Comet, Mud Run, Middle Trace, Pleasant Valley, Goshen Valley, Pleasant Run, Willowdale, White Rose, Jefferson, Harmony, Union, Victory, Walnut Grove, Science, Briscoe, Salt Hill, Lone Cedar, Sunshine, Cherry Grove, Buffalo, Cedar Grove, Goff, Longview, Lone Star, Red Hill, Roosevelt, Sand Hill, Flag Rock, Fairview, Echo, Short Bend, Lone Pine, Silver Valley and Beech Grove.

There were dozens of these little schools scattered over the hills and valleys of the county, usually so located that there was one within easy walking distance of every child in the county.

Ages of the scholars ranged from six to twenty in these schools. Grades were from primer to eighth. There was a long bench in front of the teacher's desk where the several classes would sit when called to recite. All classes in all different subjects would recite each day. There would usually be two 15-minute breaks, called "recesses," one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and an hour's break at noon.

One or two of the scholars would usually serve as janitors. They would clean the school in the afternoon after school "let out", and keep the fire going in the wood or coal stove in cold weather.

Three trustees, appointed from among the parents, had the job of hiring the teacher, and generally overseeing the operation of the school.

"Still sits the schoolhouse by the road
A ragged beggar sleeping,
Around it still the sumacs grow
And the blackberry vines are creeping" — Whittier. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

COTTAGEVILLE

Probably the first white man to visit what is now Cottageville was James McDade, an Indian hunter and scout, who came to Union District in 1796 with two white settlers, Benjamin Cox and William Hannamon.

The following summer, 1797, several settlers came and settled along the Ohio River. This same year two hunters, Coleman and Savney, came from a blockhouse at Belleville to the Mill Creek Valley to hunt deer. Savney was wounded, but managed to escape, while Coleman was scalped and buried within the limits of the town of Cottageville.

The next year, 1798, several more settlers

came, and one or two of them settled on Mill Creek near Cottageville. They pounded corn to make commel for bread.

In 1799 a Mr. Hushan from Steubenville, Ohio, bought a hand mill and erected it at Cottageville. It took the name of Hushan's Mill and was operated until 1802. At that time Benjamin Wright, from near Wheeling, bought a horse powered mill, and the town got a new name of Wright's Mill.

Not long after this a saw mill was built, and much timber was cut. Houses were built from lumber rather than logs.

May 27, 1834, the first post office was established under the name of Wright's Mill. The post master was David Woodruff. This post office was discontinued three times, but in 1860 it officially became Cottageville. George Leonard was the postmaster.

Wright's Mill grew rapidly, and by 1840 there was a public school and a Sabbath School. A store was opened, and a crude bridge was built to cross Mill creek. The piers of this bridge were made of logs built up in the form of a square on either side of the creek, with two giant logs spanning the stream. Boards were fastened to these to make a narrow bridge. By 1858 a wooden covered bridge was erected which was used until 1922, when the present one, made of steel and concrete, was built. (Major repair is being done on this bridge in 1989.)

In 1845 or 1846, Mr. Wright sold his mill to a Mr. Moore; so the town was renamed Moore's Mill. He built a dam for waterpower.

In 1858 Daniel Rhodes purchased the mill, store and much of the land and became postmaster in 1864. At this time the mail came in on boats from the Ohio River. Mr. Rhodes saw the possibility of a bright future for the little town and staked the land off into lots and streets. He built a new mill and dam and named the town Cottage Mill. He sold a share of the mill to Owen Roseberry, and that part changed hands many times. The last mill work was done in the 1930's.

In 1870 Andrew Roseberry erected a woolen mill and operated it for a number of years.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, there were three dry goods stores, several grocery stores, one blacksmith shop, post office, one undertaker's establishment, milliner's shop, barber shop, depot, Dunlop's Hotel, and halls of secret orders for I. O. O. F., Modern Woodman, Eastern Stars, Masons, and Knights of Pythias. It also had one tannery, two shoe shops, and a harness shop.

In the late 1800's, there were two well organized churches; the Southern Methodist built in 1872 or 1873 and the United Brethren, dedicated in 1890.

When the census was taken in 1910, there were 310 people. There were two cemeteries: the Blaine Cemetery on the hill overlooking the town and one joining the Methodist Church.



Main Street, Cottageville

In the early 1900's a four room school house was built, and in 1924 a four room high school was built. Both have been gone for several years. After the high school was discontinued in 1945, it was used for part of the grade school. A new

grade school previously had been built nearby. The first graduating class for Union High School was in 1929, and the last one was in 1945. Each year a reunion is held so former friends and graduates can get together.

Things have changed greatly since the early days in the town.

In 1970 the United Brethren and Methodist Church merged. The new church, housed in the Methodist church, became the United Methodist. The United Methodist church was torn down, and a new one called the United In Christ was built down the road from it.

At the present time (1989), there is a new brick post office overlooking Mill Creek, one barber shop, two lodge halls, one general store (soon to be discontinued), and one saloon. For many years Route 33 went through the town, but it has been rerouted to a bypass. The fire station which for many years has had a prominent place has been moved about a mile on Route 33 west. *Submitted by Georgia Grady*

CROW SUMMIT

Crow Summit was a small community located on Sand Creek, between Silverton and Sandyville. The Ravenswood, Spencer, and Glenville branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, passed between the Crow Summit general store and the stone quarry.

Charles Lewis Kalt owned and operated the store. Lettia Kalt (daughter of Charles Kalt) was the post mistress of the Crow Summit post office from the 1920's to the late 1950's. The post office was located in the Kalt General Store.



Crow Summit Store

The stone quarry was operated by Mr. Cleary on land owned by Lawrence Ford. They quarried and cut large milling stones, and shipped them to their destination by railroad. Many of the men in the community were employed at the stone quarry.

A mortuary was operated in the community by Charles Crow, and later by Lawrence Ford.

The old one room Crow summit school was located near the store. It was discontinued in the middle 1930's and was converted to a house.

A large railroad trestle spanned the road and also Beatty's Run until the railroad was closed. The road that ran by the store was relocated to its present location (Route 56) in the middle 1930's.

Some of the men and their families that lived in the Crow Summit area: Clair Stansbury, Wilbur Hughes, Maywood Smith, Emmitt Stanley, Squire Stanley, Otho Clem, Dave Curry, Abe Starcher, Lawrence Ford, Charles Crow, Art Wilcox, Floyd

Haynes, Jim Blake, Bert House, Arthur Hupp, Willis Sullivan, Pete Hall, Earnest Haynes, and Charles Kalt.

One of the earlier settlers in the Crow Summit area was John Israel Haynes (1820-1895) born in Monroe County married Nancy Jayne Showen (1828-1875) born in Greenbrier County. John and Nancy Haynes lived on property later owned by the Charles Kalt family. The John Haynes family consisted of Ruth Eliza (1851), James Caperton (1853), Lizza Ellen (1857), George Washington (1858), Celina ? (1859), Joseph Preston (1860), John Lee (1862), Lucy Jane (1864), Henry Wise (1866), and Samuel Floyd (1869).

Charles Lewis Kalt (1865-1960) was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, the son of Charles Ernst and Mary Keziah (Forman) Kalt. His family moved to Jackson County in 1878 and bought property at Meadowdale. Charles Lewis Kalt married February 16, 1896 Lucy Jane Haynes the daughter of John Israel and Nancy Jayne (Showen) Haynes, who lived at Crow Summit.

Charles Lewis Kalt was a farmer, blacksmith, and operated a general merchandise store at Crow Summit. He also worked on the construction of the railroad from Ravenswood to Spencer.

The children of Charles and Lucy (Haynes) Kalt were: Doris Beulah Kalt (1898-1980), married December 9, 1917 William Lionel Currey (1892-1958); Hazel Bell Kalt (1900-1983), married June 24, 1922, Homer Everson Stanley (1900-1973); Lettia Lee Kalt (1901-1961), married June 18, 1949, Howard Robinson; Henry Lewis Kalt (1904-1984), married June 14, 1927, Georgia Benson, (1907-).

Most of the people living in the Crow Summit community attended the Independence Church, and many of them are buried at the Independence Cemetery. *Submitted by Marsha Ashman*

VILLAGE OF GAY

On January 19, 1888, the Gay post office was established with James E. Evans as the first postmaster. The present postmistress, Ruth Skinner, has served for 32 years.

Earlier a group of men had met to select a name for the village, but could not reach a decision. As they were leaving, someone remarked, "Well, we didn't decide on a name, but we have had a gay old time." Another spoke up and said, "Let's call it Gay!" That has been the name ever since.

No written record has been kept in the community of the early settlers. Names heard most often from older residents are Starcher, Thomas, Greenleaf, Westfall, Litton, Evans, Cox, Parsons, Randolph, Hinzman, Morgan, Bradley, Aplin, Tolley, Rhodes, Rollins, and Meadows. The Morris family lived near Gay and later moved there.

Jacob L. Starcher, Mabel Chapman's grandfather, owned land and a general store in Gay in the late 1800's and early 1900's. He operated the business until 1911 when he returned to his farm at Ripley. The store building is no longer standing, but the granddaughter still owns the land. On March 3, 1911, Mr. Starcher donated the land known as "Starcher Chapel lot" for the United Brethren Church. The church was built by the people in the community and dedicated in 1912. The trustees were John Westfall, Daniel Evans, and A. C. Harpold.

Benjamin F. Thomas, Bryce Rhodes' grandfather, owned and operated a store from the early 1900's up until around the 1940's. The IOOF Lodge was upstairs. I remember another store in Gay, which has now been torn down. Some of the proprietors were Buck Westfall, Hood Parsons, Olaf Lytton, Hershel Tolley, Virgil Morris and Ova Morris, and Raymond and Ruth Skinner.

A blacksmith shop was operated in the late 1800's or early 1900's by Sam Harpold and Buck Westfall.

In the early 1900's there were two schools in Gay, one known as the Beech Flat School, and the other was the Forked Run School. Around 1920 a two room school was built with between 75 to 100 pupils attending until the 1970's when it was abandoned. It is now the Independent Bible Church of Gay.

The Community Building was built in 1936 by WPA. The building was constructed using hewn stones from the Carney farm. The land was donated by A. D. Johns. It is presently used for reunions, senior citizens meetings, and other special meetings and dinners.



Community Building, Gay

In the early 1900's, Cleve Rhodes and Alvin Parsons, then young boys, walked three or four miles down the road just to get to ride back in the first car ever to be in Gay. It came to pick up Jacob L. Starcher and take him to the doctor in Ripley.

An annual Gay Homecoming is held on the third Sunday in August and is a festive occasion when former residents come back home to visit with family and friends. *Submitted by Dorothy Johns*

KENNA, WEST VIRGINIA

The Post Office at Kenna, West Virginia, was established July 1, 1880, with Grandville P. Morrison as the first Postmaster.

In 1879, Mr. Morrison, a merchant, established his home and business in a tiny hamlet on the Ripley-Charleston Pike. Prior to the opening of a post office at Kenna, the area was known as Jeffers Crossroads.

In searching for a name for the new post office, Mr. Morrison selected Kenna in honor of a Member of the U. S. House of Representatives at that time from West Virginia, John Edward Kenna. In 1883, Mr. Kenna was elected to the U. S. Senate.

Kenna has always been a center of activity for the area. The first O. J. Morrison store was opened for business at Kenna in 1890. Kenna has always had one or two general stores. Over the years there have been funeral parlors, at least two mills, a barber shop, jewelry store, service stations, garage, restaurants, and a Victrola store in Kenna. Several churches served the area. Schools in the vicinity were Kenna and Barnes. Also several doctors practiced in the community.

The first Kenna Community Fair was held September 25th and 26th, 1919. This was the first community fair in West Virginia. It was reported



Kenna Community Fair

in the Jackson Herald that 2,000 persons attended the fair on September 26th. Exhibits played an important part at the fairs. There was judging in many categories; the competition was keen, and premiums, usually ribbons, were awarded for canned, and baked goods, quilting, handwork, produce, livestock, and other categories. People came from other states just to see Perry C. Greene's magnificent cattle. Mr. Greene brought the first purebred cattle to Western West Virginia, in 1890. 100 years later (1990), the Greene Farm still raises purebred Herefords. The Kenna Fair continued for several years before merging with the Ripley Fair.

A new post office was built in 1986. Today the Kenna Post Office serves several hundred residents of the southern area of Jackson County. *Submitted by Dallas W. Skeen*

LOCKHART AND VICINITY

The village of Lockhart occupied a site that was once a part of the 7,000 acre tract of land once owned by John Allison, one of the early governors of Virginia.

This tract was one of the first large land grants made in Jackson County. In 1838 a colony of Cheuvront's among whom were four sons and a daughter of Joseph Cheuvront, the Revolutionary soldier and French immigrant, purchased a large tract of land from the Allison's successors. Aaron Cheuvront and his son, Isaac, built a cabin near the site of Balderson's store, and William Maddox, son-in-law of Aaron, erected a cabin near where the John W. Morgan home is now. Other early settlers were the Full brothers Joseph, Absalom, and Andrew. Ezekiel McFarland owned considerable land on Turkey Fork. A few years later Samuel Somerville, Sr. and his several sons came to Brushy Fork. Isaac Staats erected a cabin near the mouth of Red Brush Run. Isaac Lockhart acquired land on Slab Camp Run and moved there from Wirt County in 1826. Slab Camp Run was renamed Lockhart's Fork for its first settlers.

At first no school or church existed. A log structure erected near the mouth of Nesselroad Creek served not only for a meeting house but also the first "temple of learning". Bob Fox was both preacher and teacher in this first building.

The first post office was established in 1866 and was named for Albert Lockhart, the first postmaster. Mr. Lockhart built the first store the same year (1866).

A. B. Burke came to Lockhart and formed a business partnership with John and Amos Barnett, known as A. B. Burke and Co. This business dealt in merchandise and packed leaf tobacco. Large warehouses were erected for storing and packing tobacco for shipment to Baltimore. Others who bought and shipped tobacco were Billy Grandon, Achinson, and Peter Archer, Lockhart and Cain. During the early 1880's, it has been said that these four warehouses handled nearly a million pounds of tobacco annually. Much of this tobacco eventually reached foreign markets, and in France and Germany was used for dyes.

Dr. Benjamin N. Hensley practiced medicine at Lockhart shortly after the Civil War and located at Walton in 1872. Horace Price, Joseph VanFossen, and W. L. Y. Curry, were early doctors at Lockhart. Dr. Curry about 1898 went to Sandyville where he lived until his death in 1925. Before Dr. Curry came, Dr. A. H. Casto had a lucrative practice at Sandyville for many years.

In the 1870's, Dr. Knotts of Ohio practiced medicine in the Wilding and Lockhart areas for a short time. Dr. Ball of Wiscburg was a herb doctor a short time.

Dr. James M. Carney was an early teacher in the county. His first school was at Lockhart when he was 18. Albert Lockhart was the contractor to

build a school house there; it was the first one to be erected in the county after the free school system was enacted. Dr. Carney was the first teacher in the new building. He practiced medicine at Ripley later at Mineral Wells and Parkersburg.

Henry Hardesty began grinding corn and sawing lumber by water power at Odaville in 1865. He and his sons continued to operate this mill until the 80s.

Sometime during the early 40s, John Lockhart erected a horse mill on Lockhart Fork. It was mounted on a stump or post and stood near the present site of the Lockhart's Fork schoolhouse. The mill was patronized by people from a long distance; some came from Shade River section in Ohio. The horse for the motive power was always kept in readiness. The owner of this mill often provided overnight hospitalities to those who came a distance. Mr. Lockhart built a water power mill in 1860, but due to lack of sufficient waterpower the mill was not a complete success. In 1860 Amos Cheuvront erected a power mill in Nesselroad Creek near its mouth at the rear of the present home of Lionel Currey. Earl Balderson was the last to have the Lockhart Store from 1920's to 1970's where he did a great business in groceries, dry goods, gasoline and farm feed. Closing due to illness, he is now in Park View Health Center.

From: "Early History of Pioneer days in Jackson Co. up to 1900 printed 1976. *Submitted by John Surface and Mrs. Chester Moore*

MURRAYSVILLE

At one time, the town of Murraysville, in Grant District, was a thriving community due in large part to the boatyard which had its beginnings in 1838. The land which was occupied as a boatyard was purchased, in the fall of 1837, by Elijah Murray and Capt. William Hicks, who commenced operations in 1838. Murray, from whom the town derived its name, remained in the business as foreman for about two years. He finally sold his interest and moved to Paducah, KY. The business was then carried on by Captain Hicks, John Roberts and R. W. Skillinger. The venture prospered and in the years that followed, there were times when 60 to 75 men were employed in building various kinds of river boats from white oak, yellow poplar and pine. A hundred or more of the leading steamboats on the upper Ohio and the Mississippi were launched at Murraysville. It took several months to build a steamboat. When it was completed and ready to be christened, the day was a gala one in Murraysville and people would come from miles around to see it launched. From the standpoint of size, the most notable craft ever built at Murraysville was a wharfboat for the White Collar Line at Cincinnati. It was 325 feet long and 85 feet wide. It was probably the largest wooden boat ever built for use on the Ohio. This wharfboat was first placed at the Cincinnati landing about 1875 and was used until it sank in 1902. The boatyard was active until the 1880's.

The community that grew around this riverside industry soon included a hotel, blacksmith shop, church, store, subscription school, tobacco packing house and a ferry boat which provided service across the Ohio River. Some of the operators were: John Osbourne, Bill Smeaks, Edwin Haymond and Del Larkins. After the boatyard business declined, a Mr. Short from Pennsylvania established a coffin building business here, but the business failed after a few years.

In 1884, Murraysville had a population of about 150. Many of the citizens lived on the low bottom near the Ohio River. On February 7, 1884 the raging flood waters of the river inundated the town. It washed away many stores, houses and other business establishments. In fact, about all that was left after the flood was the school house, the church and the home of Taylor Douglass. In a

few years, the people gradually built the town up again.

In 1886, the Ohio River Railroad (later a branch of the B & O Railroad) was completed from Parkersburg to Pt. Pleasant and later on to Huntington. This was a great asset to Murraysville. A freight depot was erected together with a ticket office and telegraph station. The first agent was Job Ruth. Others were Reuben Douglass and Mr. White, a son-in-law of Dr. Aaron Davis. The Murraysville Manufacturing Company, which dealt in timber, was incorporated in 1888. They also operated a large general store.

Murray Brothers, of Wheeling, leased about 80 acres of land at Murraysville and opened a stone quarry in 1899. Stone from this quarry was used in the B & O pier and foundation work at Wheeling. At one time, a car load of stone was shipped daily to Wheeling, employing nine laborers.

The next large flood the town suffered was in 1898. By 1913, the town had gradually built up again. In March 1913, there was a great flood which was the largest ever in this area. Many homes were destroyed with some of them being washed down the river. The railroad depot was also destroyed and the damage ran into thousands of dollars. S. S. Bigley, the local merchant and postmaster at that time, suffered a great loss. The Douglass home, owned by Jacob Boggs, the church, schoolhouse and a few homes on the high ground were the only ones not damaged or destroyed. After this devastating flood, Murraysville never regained the businesses it once had.

The Murraysville post office was established in 1843, with John Roberts, a local merchant, as the first postmaster. Others were: James F. Scott (1857), A. C. Tidd (1858), H. R. Sherman (1860), Isaac B. Sherman (1863), Robert W. Skillinger (1865), Davis K. Barrett (1867), Solomon Bigley (1869), Benjamin Flesher (1880), Davis Barrett (1886), Mrs. Dollie Flesher (1887), Albert Hart (1888), Andrew Flesher (1889), Charles Wright (1891), Taylor Douglass (1893), A. C. Tidd (1899), Philena Tidd (1900), Solomon Bigley (1902), Eva Wallace (1913), Leona Bonar (1916), Delmar Delancy (1918), William Polk (1920), Mrs. Norma Orr (1925-1956), later becoming Mrs. Norma Snyder, and Earsley Russell (1956-57). Paul Wright assumed the duties as postmaster in 1958 and still continues in that position.

When a mail route was first established from Ripley via Ravenswood, Muses Bottom, and Murraysville, to Belleville, John and Samuel Greer were among the first mail carriers.

When the rural route was established, N. Edward Bonar was the first carrier, carrying the mail on a bicycle in good weather and on horseback otherwise.

In the 1970's, Tebay Dairy established a farm at Murraysville, but it was discontinued after several years. Polk Addition, a housing development, with modern, spacious homes, was constructed in the 1970's and 1980's at Murraysville. In 1990, area farmers growing crops on the large riverbottoms and the Murraysville Post Office are the only business activities in the immediate area.

(Most of the information in this article was obtained from the writings of H. D. Somerville and from a newspaper article about the Murraysville Boatyard printed in the Ravenswood News in 1957.) Submitted by Carolyn Muehlbach

RAVENSWOOD

The first residents of Ravenswood were the American Indians. When George Washington visited the site, November 6, 1770, he was entertained by Kiashuta, a famous Iroquois chief, who was camped there on a hunting trip. Two years later, December 15, 1772, Washington was granted 2,448 acres of land there by King George III, of England, for services in the French & Indian War.

It is believed that the first settlers here were Lawrence Lane and John Nesselroad, who came in 1808. Other early settlers were: William Bailey, Noah Robinson, Daniel Beaty, George Swope, Franklin Wise and Robert Curry. In 1812, the agent for the Washington heirs had the land resurveyed and divided among them, and this land was rented to several persons. Two heirs, Henrietta Fitzhugh and Lucy Payne, were given the land on which the town was later built.

Bartholomew Fleming, one of the earliest settlers, ran a ferry here by 1832, when the great flood on the Ohio washed away his cabin. Henry Fitzhugh, the husband of Henrietta, secured possession of the town site, came here in 1837 and laid out the town, the first lots being sold in 1841. On March 10, 1852, the Virginia Assembly passed an act chartering the town with the name, Ravenswood, a name selected by Henry Fitzhugh for Lord Ravenswood, the hero of Sir Walter Scott's novel, *The Bride of Lammermoor*. First trustees of the town were: Bartholomew Fleming, C.M. Rice, Silas B. Taylor, Lunsford Thorn and Daniel L. Kemp, with Jennings Beckwith as Sergeant (Mayor).

Lot owners in 1841 were — Henry Fitzhugh, Bartholomew Fleming, Hezekiah Jackson, Nathan Laney, John M. Reed, and Daniel Stanley, heirs. Taxes for the year were \$24.17.

The first newspaper in the county, *The Virginia Chronicle*, was published, September 1, 1853, by William P. Frost.

The first church here, Grace Episcopal, was consecrated by Bishop Meade in 1843, and Rev. William Hyland, was the first minister.

About 1840, W.L. Holmes, a local grocer, bought a wharfbat and placed it on the Ohio river, and Fitzhugh built a saw and grist mill on Sandy creek.

Dr. James Henry was the first physician. Other early ones were: Drs. John Armstrong, John T. Cotton, A.D. Voorhes and A.D. Nevins. In 1860, Drs. Barzilla H. Hoyt and John W. Bachtel, were here.

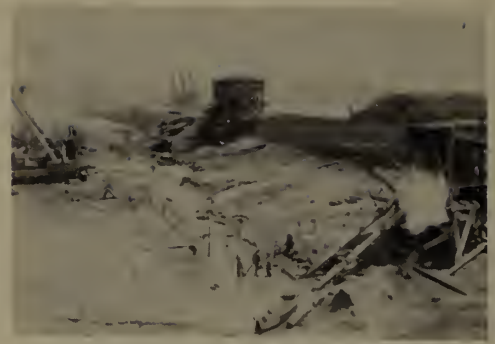
Ravenswood Post office, the 4th in the county, was established, July 19, 1839, with Joseph Holden as the first postmaster.

About 1855, William Harmon established the first public school building here, known as the "Union Academy." The first school had been taught by Daniel Beaty, in 1820, in a log cabin on Big Sandy.

During the Civil War, there was much unrest in the town due to the divided loyalties of the citizens. Union forces occupied the town until September 4, 1862, when General Albert Jenkins Confederate cavalry briefly took it and, while here, burned the building occupied by the *Virginia Chronicle*, a virulent Union-leaning publication, then edited by Colonel Daniel Frost, of the 11th WV Infantry, who was much hated by the Rebels. Frost was the first Speaker of the reorganized government of Virginia, at Wheeling, 1861-62.

In 1887, a high school building was erected and served the students of the town until Ravenswood High School was erected in the early 1900's.

Since early days, the Ohio river has been a



Building of Locks and Dams, Ravenswood

major source of communication and trade for the town. In 1884, the Ohio River Railroad was begun down the river from Parkersburg to Huntington (later a branch of the Baltimore & Ohio), and in the late 1880's, the Ravenswood, Spencer & Glenville railroad was built to Spencer. It was abandoned in the 1960's.



Interior of the Watt's Store at Ravenswood, WV (photo supplied by Dorothy (Bonar) Davis)

In 1953, land was purchased on Warth's Bottom, below Ravenswood, for the construction of the Kaiser Aluminum works, which, in its heyday, employed over 3,000 workers, and was a major reason for the rapid growth of the town during the period. Hartley Oil Company has been another source of employment for the town.

Population in 1980 was 4,126. The current mayor is William S. Ritchie, who, while state highway commissioner, was largely instrumental in getting the bridge erected across the river below town. Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

HISTORY OF RIPLEY

Interesting myths concerning the ownership and settlement of the land on which Ripley now stands were printed in the 1800's and have been reprinted innumerable times, each printing using an older one as reference to support its validity. Myths always seem to be more interesting than facts, so they live longer, and often go unchallenged because truth, the real history, is buried in dusty public records filed in many, often far away, places.

Ripley was originally built on part of the 400 acres of land which Lewis Rogers and William John acquired by grant from the State of Virginia in 1768. The survey bears the date of December 10, 1785, and is recorded in Harrison County.

Later William John became sole owner and sold the 400 acres by title bond and a certain sum of money to Jacob Starcher, who came to the Ripley area from Hacker's Creek, Harrison county, Virginia, now Lewis county, West Virginia. Records show Jacob Starcher was paying personal property taxes in Harrison County in 1800. He moved to the Ripley area in the early 1800's. Records in Kanawha County show he was paying taxes in 1803, and Mason County in 1804 and following years. A deed was not written until the



1937 Flood, Ravenswood

land was cleared of debt. Before Jacob Starcher had cleared the debt on his land, William John died, leaving his estate to be settled by his executors, Joseph Jenkins and Hugh Sidwell. The deed to Jacob Starcher was a conveyance of the 400 acres from Mary John, widow of William John and their seven children, consequently Jacob Starcher did not get a deed until 1816. For further details on the land, refer to Jacob Starcher in the family history section.

Jackson County had been newly created by Act of the General Assembly of Virginia on March 1, 1831. A seat of government demands a town to serve its purposes. On December 5, 1832, Jacob Starcher petitioned the General Assembly of Virginia for thirty acres of his land at the county seat for Jackson County, including a number of lots and streets already laid off, "that the whole be laid off and established a town." His request was granted on December 19, 1832. The Act "established a town, by the name of Ripley."

It is said the town was named in honor of Harry Ripley, a circuit riding Methodist minister, who, with marriage license in his pocket, lost his life crossing Mill Creek about three miles south of Ripley about the year 1830. A search of the records reveals a license issued to John Ripley on March 23, 1830, but no other Ripley until 1844. Many stories have grown up around Harry Ripley, but he left no visible trace of his existence.

Joseph Mayres (Mairs), Ira Lindsey, Robert Louthier (Lowther), Jacob Starcher and Peter Click were appointed trustees of the town by the Act. They were empowered to make by-laws and ordinances for regulating the police, regulating the building of houses, improving public streets and alleys, and other things necessary for the general good of the town, within the limits of the powers conferred by the Act.



Court Street, Ripley, (1920)

The County Seat immediately became attractive to persons having skills essential to building a permanent settlement. By 1835 the town had 120 inhabitants within a mile of the court house. Thirty-two families had built homes. Within the town were 12 family dwellings; two hotels; a "common school"; a housejoiner (carpenter); one miller (to produce corn meal and flour); two blacksmiths; one general store; one tanyard; one boot and shoe shop; two tailors; one brickyard; one sawmill; two attorneys; and two "regular

physicians."

The corporate limits of Ripley have been enlarged several times. By amendment passed January 10, 1853, to amend an Act passed May 1, 1852, the trustees were to have surveyed and laid off 70 acres adjacent to the town, and to permit persons within the town to vote for or against enlargement. An Act passed February 26, 1867, provided that "the municipal authorities of said town shall be a mayor, recorder and five councilmen, who together shall form a common council." The first election under this Act was to be held on the fourth Thursday in March 1867, at the place in the town "where the board of trustees meet." It is said that Clermont Thaw, a young attorney, was the first mayor of Ripley. A list of the mayors from 1871 to 1990 is hereto attached. When Ripley Independent District was annexed into the corporate limits, some farms were included. In 1990 there is still one operating farm within the city limits.

The town's first post office was established January 31, 1832. It had been named Jackson Court House. The name was changed March 31, 1893 to Jackson. Finally, on September 15, 1897, the name was changed to Ripley, and became the same as the name of the town.

The first Jackson County Fair was held at Ripley on October 9 and 10, 1877. A program appears in the September 28, 1877 issue of the Jackson Herald. John H. Riley offered several premiums, including "prettiest baby under 6 months old. \$2.50 gold." A. D. Hopkins offered a water color painting "for the prettiest thing of any name or nature." This fair was held in what is now West Ripley near the old railroad depot.

The Fourth of July was celebrated at Ripley in 1877 by a picnic and tournament with the accompanying speech making and dancing. The streets were thronged with people attracted to town by a desire to participate in the enjoyments of the occasion, and to witness the "tilt between the gallant knights of Jackson."



Main Street, Ripley, (1920)

With I-77 intersecting Ripley, running north and south, and Route 33 running east and west through Ripley, our annual Fourth of July celebration attracts thousands of visitors. Many visitors come to Ripley during the annual Mountain State Art and Craft Fair.

The population of Ripley today, 1990, is approximately 3,500, with several restaurants, stores, motels, banks, churches, has twin theaters, two newspaper offices, and several residential suburbs. It is a progressive community with other businesses to open soon. Submitted by Genevieve Starcher and Mabel Chapman

MAYORS OF RIPLEY FROM 1871-1990

1871, J.J. Hassler; 1871, J.A. Armstrong; 1872, Henry C. Fleisher; 1874, George B. Crow; 1874, F.R. Hassler; 1875, Louis A. Phelps; 1875, George H. Riley; 1876, Col. F.R. Hassler; 1876, W.T. Greer; 1876, J.R. Vail; 1876, W.G. Greer; 1877, W.A. Parsons; 1878, W.T. Greer; 1880, R.B.

Graham; 1881, John H. Riley; 1881, G.W. Armstrong; 1883, W.H. VanGordon; 1880, W.H. VanGorden; 1885, Buenos Ayers; 1886, Henry C. Fleisher; 1888, Buenos Ayers; 1889, W.W. Riley; 1890, Warren Miller; 1890, W.P. Kerwood; 1891, J.R. Vail; 1892, J.M. Carney; 1893, James M. Poling; 1894, D.A. Brown; 1895, J.A. Wooddell; 1897, W.P. Kerwood; 1897, G.N. Parsons; 1898, W.H. O'Brien; 1899, B.F. Rader; 1900, W.M. Walters; 1902, J.L. Wolfe; 1903, V.S. Armstrong; 1904, W.M. Walters; 1905, W.P. Kerwood; 1906, G.P. Morrison; 1910, T.J. Sayre; 1911, B.F. Rader; 1913, V.S. Armstrong; 1914, Dr. T.E. Rymer; March 1915 through February 1923, Dr. T.E. Rymer; March 1923 through June 1923, Lewis H. Miller; July 1923 through March 1924, J.L. Wolfe; April 1924 through March 1925, B.F. Rader; April 1925 through March 1927, Dr. T.E. Rymer; April 1927 through March 1928, T.H. McCracken; April 1928 through March 1929, Dr. T.E. Rymer; April 1929 through March 1931, C.R. Kessel; April 1931 through March 1934, A. Bennett; April 1934 through March 1937, S.B. Sayre; April 1937 through June 1941, C. Royal Kessel; July 1941 through June 1951, R.B. Goodwin; July 1951 through June 1953, L.H. Dotson; July 1953 through June 1955, Oliver D. Kessel; July 1955 through June 1957, Perry Emmett O'Brien; July 1957 through June 1959, Dr. Gay H. Duke; July 1959 through June 1961, Dr. Gay H. Duke; July 1961 through June 1963, S.L. Pullen; July 1963 through June 1969, George B. Jordan; July 1969 through July 1970, Don Fleisher; August 1970 through June 1971, Harry H. Parsons; July 1971 through October 1972, Dr. Gay H. Duke; November 1972 through January 1973, Russell E. Staats; February 1973 through June 1973, William H. Morgan; July 1973 through June 1979, John W. Miller; July 1979 through June 1981, Ronald Whiting; July 1981, John W. Miller; July 1983, Ronald L. Whiting; July 1985, Edward "Lum" Angus; July 1987 through December 1989, Ralph E. Nuckles; January 1990, Willa C. McGinley

(Partially completed by Dr. Gay H. Duke. Information obtained from Willa C. McGinley, Mayor) Submitted by Mabel Chapman

ROCK CASTLE IN 1915

The photo shows the village of Rockcastle in 1915. From left to right, first is a part of the parsonage, then a tent where religious services were being held. The spacious house across Thirteen Mile Creek was the home of William Richard (Bill) and Hannah Margaret Casto. She was a milliner and had a shop by their home. The swinging foot bridge across the creek in front of the parsonage was where the children loved to play.



Rockcastle, ca. 1915

J.C. (Ceph) and Minnie Casto's home was left of the large store. His brother, Orph, owned a general store, where he and his wife, Bonnie, lived upstairs. He had a harness shop on the west side of his store.

Adjacent to the harness shop was a blacksmith shop operated first by Asbury Casto then Rude



McCoy and McCoy Store, Ripley, (ca. 1910)

Fisher. Oak Barnett worked there. The large building south of the road was Ceph Casto's flour mill where corn meal and two grades of flour were ground.

Next was Gatewood Knapp's general store with his home beside it. A casket shop was located between Robert Barnette's log home and the creek, which was operated by Early Moore. Bethel School was located above Bill Casto's house.

The village received its name from Laban Hill, a local citizen, born in New York in 1809, attempting to carve himself a castle in a rock cliff that juts out over the creek near Donnelly Hill and Little Spruce. He labored at it until he broke his pick and then abandoned the task. To this day, the lines in the cliff where he labored are visible.

From this, Hugh Donnelly, the first postmaster here, April 24, 1869, named the post office, Rock Castle, later changed to Rockcastle, February 10, 1894. The post office is still in operation. Up to 1867, the Rockcastle area was in Mason County.

Submitted by Recie Carpenter

SANDYVILLE — NEW ERA

Sandyville is located in Ravenswood District seven miles from the Ohio River on Sand Creek. The first settler was the great Indian scout and hunter, Jesse Hughes. He built a cabin home, in 1820, on Sand Creek, near the present location of the late Tom Murray's home.

Daniel W. Sayre and family came from Letart Falls in 1828. His brothers, Benjamin and Jacob, also settled near Sandyville. Daniel W. Sayre owned a large tract of land and built a store and flour mill in 1845. His daughter, Lucy Ann, married Frank Fabry. They lived in the old Sayre home said to have been built in 1841. It was either a frame or hewed-log house with weatherboarding, and was never painted. The large two-story house stood near the present location of the Sandyville United Methodist Church. It was the oldest house in this part of the county and was called the Fabry house.

Warren Reed came to Sandy Valley soon after Daniel Sayre. He was the first merchant and was appointed the first postmaster of Sandy Post office, January 31, 1833, the third post office in Jackson County. At that time the village was located where New Era now is. The store and post office stood where the New Era garage was later built. Warren Reed also built a water grist mill on Copper Fork creek where the late B.W. Somerville's property was. In May 1892, the name was changed to Sandyville Post office. For many years the post office was located in a small building that stood near Baker's store. It was later moved a short distance up on Route 21 because of flooding when Sand Creek overflowed. Fannie Murray and Durward Currey were postmasters for many years. Now, 1990, the new Sandyville Post office is again located in New Era, very near the site of the first one. Bill Waskey is the present Postmaster.

The Ravenswood, Spencer and Glenville Railroad, running from Ravenswood on the main line up the Sandy Valley via Sandyville to Reedy and Spencer, was built by local capital. It was later purchased by the Baltimore and Ohio Company. At that time the timber business was flourishing and additional rail sidings were needed. One such siding was built a short distance from Sandyville and called the "new area". This is thought to be the origin of the name for New Era.

Jesse Morgan, a native of Marion County, came to Sandyville from Wirt County in 1865. He purchased several hundred acres of land including the Warren Reed Property. The old Morgan family cemetery is located on a high hill back of where the Gilmore High School stood. The old Sandyville "graveyard" is located on a high point overlooking Sand Creek, back of the Gilmore Elementary School. Many of the old settlers are buried there.

Ziba Weas, an early landowner, and some members of his family, were buried in above-ground stone vaults. The remains were later removed to the Independence Cemetery.

The first church service was held in an old log school house on the J.T. Crum property. This is believed to have been near where the bridge over Copper Fork Creek is now on the Independence Road. The first church building erected was McGee Chapel in 1872, a Methodist congregation. The church lot and cemetery was given by the McGee heirs. Jephtha and Elizabeth (Knotts) McGee came here from Preston County in 1847. The Independence Cemetery is the last resting place for many old pioneers, including Daniel W. Sayre, who died in 1900, and Armistead Morehead, who died in 1878, aged 85.

Some of the Sandyville and New Era merchants of past years were: J.T. Crum, William Van Meter, Brown and Casto, D.M. Baker, C.E. Baker, Charles Howes, Jess Sayre, Ervin Snodgrass, Bradley and Lawson, Chambers, Joe Faulkner, Carl Warner and Carl Snyder.

Squire Sayre had a tannery; Arthur Regnaud was the shoemaker; Henry Fisher was the first blacksmith. Others were: Ed Hupp, James Coms, James Snyder, Ab Curry, and R. Stalnaker.

Dr. Nicholas Regnaud was the first doctor. Others were: Dr. Mairs, Dr. Casto, Dr. Currey and Dr. Hartenstine.

Early teachers and preachers were; George Winkler, Mr. Ireland, Bob Fox, Rev. Sam Black, Rev. Coleman, and Rev. Samuel Sheppard.

Other early families were; Dawkins, Boggess, Custer, Hutchinson, Gallahue, Duer, Sheppard, Beaty, Vannoy, Howes, Dilworth, Gorrell, Hawk, Campbell, Morris, Snyder, Johnson, Starr, Patterson, Dragoo and Blake.

In 1875 or '76, the covered bridge was built across Sand Creek at Sandyville. Moses Huff was the contractor. He married Rhoda (Dawkins) Barnett, widow of John Barnett. The old bridge was torn down in 1945 and the new one built the same year.

The Sandyville Methodist Church was first located on Route 21, near the home of Dr. Currey. When Route 21 was improved, the building was moved down in Sandyville beside the old two-story grade school.

Both of these structures along with the "Band Hall" have been razed. The new Sandyville United Methodist Church and parsonage are located on Route 21 nearby.



Sandyville, 1908

Gilmore High School was built in 1924 with F.L. Hutchinson as contractor. It was so named because Ravenswood District was once known as Gilmore Township. The first classes were held on September 15, 1924. There were only enough students with the proper qualifications to organize Sophomore and Freshman classes. There were four students in the Sophomore class. G.C. Wilson from the Clarksburg school system was the first principal. The high school was closed in 1965, and the building razed in 1988. The Gilmore Elementary School is located a short distance north of New

Era on Route 21.

Local industries were the "Gasoline Plant" and the Crow Summit stone quarry, both long since discontinued.

New Era once boasted of the modern, two-story Beaty Hotel, built by John Beaty in 1928 or '29. It was destroyed by fire shortly after completion. This could have caused a community disaster as two large gasoline storage tanks were located nearby. The men and boys all gathered to fight the fire while the women and children were urged to leave the village. The Ben Somerville house was saved only by constantly pouring water on the roof.

During the 1940's, the oil and gas boom contributed to the economy for a time. Jones and Laughlin Co. of Pittsburgh, PA, opened a store for selling oil well supplies in Sandyville. After a few years it was closed when the demand decreased.

Today most of the old buildings that stood in Sandyville and New Era are gone; the old mill, Baker's store, the railroad depot, the Band Hall and lodge room above where the Sandyville Cornet band practiced, the large attractive home of Dr. Currey, the Dr. Casto house, the old Jesse Morgan house and the R.L. Thompson house along with many other structures that made up the two villages. The large Baker house and the Ellie Sweezy house remain much as they were built and the Jess Sayre store is still there.

Sources for this history from: "Early Pioneer Days" H.D. Somerville, "Jackson County Notes"-John House; "Jackson County History and Folklore", and personal recollections. *Submitted by Gaynelle S. Davis*

STAATS/STATTS MILLS

The site where the Statts Mills Post Office is located was originally part of a 1,329 acre tract granted to Savary de Vaucolon, of Kentucky. It was sold to Andrew and Jesse Slaughter, who acquired the upper half, and Zacheriah Rollins, the lower half, April 13, 1835. Nathan Smith surveyed the tract, the lower half of which was resurveyed for Rollins and George Casto, Sr., by Robert Lowther, of Ripley. In 1845, Rollins sold his half to Nicholas Lee, of Kentucky.

George Casto Sr., died in 1845 (see Early Settlers), leaving a 614 acre tract to his wife and children. Nicholas Lee sold 260 acres to Jacob Pfof, in 1851. Pfof built the first grist mill here at the mouth of Millseat Run, and operated it for several years before moving to Bates County, MO. May 8, 1858, he sold the one acre tract around the mill to Isaac Staats for \$350. Staats then owned land adjoining the mill.

Isaac sold the mill to his son, Enoch, in 1877, who moved the mill across Tug Fork to its location below the covered bridge. He expanded the mill and built a flouring mill, a store, and a large, two-story frame house, which he sometimes used as a hotel, across the road from the store.

October 21, 1879, Staats Mill Post Office was established; later changed to Statts Mills to avoid confusion with the Stouts Mills Post Office, Gilmer county. In 1881, a voting precinct was



Staats Mills Covered Bridge

established here. In 1887, the covered bridge was erected.

During this period, most of the virgin timber in the precinct was cut, and either made into lumber and ties locally and hauled to Ripley by horse and wagon, or the logs floated down Tug Fork and Mill Creek to the boom at Ripley during the spring floods. Since before World War I, there has been much drilling for oil and gas in the precinct.

Sinaiville church and school were organized around 1840, and other schools were War Ridge, Mount Hope, Rocky Knob and Straight Run. Presently all students in the precinct attend school at Ripley.

In 1909, Enoch Staats, who had moved to Ripley, sold 1,584 acres to C.W. & Samuel G. Starcher, of Ripley, including the store and mill. 900 acres of this land was sold to Foster F. & Delpha G. Morris, by Tracy Starcher, and the remaining tract was sold to Robert R. Rhodes, by his wife, Hazel.

The old store burned in 1971; the big house in 1935; the mill was torn down, and the covered bridge moved to Cedar Lakes. The Site 13 dam on Tug Fork now covers the old mill site with a lake. The store and post office have been rebuilt on the hill above the lake across from the church.

A fine bridge, named for Foster F. Morris, two-term Sheriff and County Commissioner, spans the lake at Statts Mills. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

CEDAR LAKES CONFERENCE CENTER

Way back in 1948 an idea began to develop in West Virginia for the creation of a camp and conference center for Future Farmers and Future Homemakers of America.

The conference center eventually became a reality and was located in Jackson County. What began on a small scale with the first construction in 1952 became the Cedar Lakes Conference Center, which in 1989 provided services for 33,500 people from West Virginia and surrounding states.

Six counties had sites which were under consideration in the late 40s. One of these counties was Jackson County. A group of active citizens can take credit for Jackson County being chosen for the conference center which today provides jobs for 60 county people with an annual payroll of \$636,500.

A group of people headed by D.J. Rogers, Sattis Simmons, Burton Crow, T. Clayton Parsons, P.E. O'Brien, Marion Pfost, A. Clyde Wright, James Robinson, W.L. Pinnell, Joe Vail, Robert B. Goodwin, O.P. Davis, Carroll Greene, and others took an interest in locating the camp and conference center near Ripley.

A veteran's group headed by Robert Goodwin and Judge Oliver Kessel along with one representative from each district in Jackson county, proposed to donate \$22,000 toward obtaining 228 acres known as the Easter Farms two miles south of Ripley on U.S. Route 21. The center if it became a reality would be a memorial to all those who died in the world wars.

The action of this group spurred a group of other interested citizens into borrowing another \$18,000 to make a total of \$40,000 which would be necessary to buy the property.

Civic organizations from all over southern and central West Virginia endorsed the plan and decided to offer the site free of charge to the State Board of Education if they would select the Jackson County site.

Finally on Monday, December 5, 1949, the State Board decided that the Jackson County site would offer the best potential for the development of a camp and conference center for the FFA and FHA.

The chosen site consisted of land from three farms located on Mill Creek. These were Blanche Easter, 118 acres; D.E. Easter, 80 acres; and J.H. and Rebecca Easter, 30 acres. All of the land of Blanche and D.E. Easter was included except for a small cemetery on the D. E. Easter property.

After the first survey was made, it was discovered that an additional three acres of land was needed in order for the conference center to have control of the land to the top of the hill. The additional three acres were purchased making the total parcel of land 231 acres.

Walter Martens and Son firm of Charleston was employed by the State Board to draw up an over-all plan for the development of the State Youth Camp. Representatives from the Conservation Commission, WVU Extension Service, State Road Commission, SCS, Vo-Ag Service, B & O Railroad, gas and power companies, were all asked for input into the final plans.

The scale model of the final plan showed four groups of cottages clustered on the four corners of the building area. In the center was a lake of about four acres which was to act as a reflection basin for the dining hall, assembly building, chapel, and arts and crafts center.

Adequate recreational facilities were planned to provide fishing, boating, active games, swimming and indoor recreation.

Actual work began in the fall of 1950, when the FFA began removing fences, old buildings and cleaning stream banks.

The Legislature appropriated \$237,000 for utilities, roadways and equipment that year. In April of 1951, 15,000 trees were planted by FFA members. In June Lawrence S. Cavendish was appointed to supervise development of the camp.

In August of 1951, Sattis Simmons was appointed chairman of the Camp Fund Campaign which pledged to raise \$1,000,000.

Work on the two lakes began in the fall of 1951 by Kanawha Construction Company at a cost of \$44,880 with money coming from state appropriations. That same fall, FFA chapters planted native trees to form an arboretum.



Cedar Lakes Conference Center

Utilities and roads were completed in 1952. The main lodge and FFA cottage were constructed during 1953. In 1954, the bridges across the reflection lakes, and the main bridge onto the grounds were constructed as well as Marshall Cottage.

In 1955 the first groups of FFA and FHA campers used the conference center, but the camp was not officially named Cedar Lakes until 1957.

Work continued as cottages were added by state groups such as the Lion's club, the various counties and the FFA and FHA. Much of the labor was donated in each case, but it was not until 1962 when the original plan neared completion with the construction of a swimming pool. By 1962, Cedar Lakes could boast 14 buildings which would provide lodging, dining, classroom space, workshops, administration, maintenance and meeting space for a total of 200 over-nighters at any given time.

Through the years more cottages have been added so that the number of campers which can be provided for at any given time has doubled. A large dining hall was completed in the late 1970's which provides for banquet facilities for local groups, as well as meals for the campers. In 1987, a chapel was completed beside one of the lakes, which was constructed almost entirely of native woods, and built with volunteer labor.



Cedar Lakes Conference Center Chapel

Plans call for a 50 room motel type lodge, but money has not been available for its construction.

John Holt, who has served as director of Cedar Lakes for more than 10 years, believes the success of Cedar Lakes comes from the hundreds of people who have helped with its development, and continue to show interest in its growth and success. *Submitted by Lois McCann*

PARCHMENT VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER

In October 1965, the West Virginia Baptist Convention, representing more than 600 American Baptist churches in the state, purchased the R.R. Hyre farm at the mouth of Parchment for a new conference center. By the early 1970's conference participants were referring to it as "a dream place where fellowship and spiritual growth flourishes; where lives are being enriched."

Church groups and individuals come to Parchment Valley for week-long and week-end conferences, retreats, business and dinner meetings and annual picnics. Special activities are planned for children with modern facilities and equipment, including a swimming pool. Baptist college students have two week-end meetings yearly, American Baptist Women sponsor spiritual life retreats, American Baptist Men have an annual Bible conference, and there is an annual conference for ministers and another on Bible and missions.



WV American Baptist Conference Center

The original 1,180 acres has been enlarged, roads have been improved, an administration building and conference building constructed, and four modern lodges as well as dormitory style housing for youth groups are in almost constant use. A library and the archives of the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society are also located here.

Official dedication of the Conference Center

took place June 12, 1976. Total acreage then was 1,334 acres. The Rev. Vairl C. Winter, well-known Jackson County rural minister, was given credit for first suggesting the site. Some facilities were named for Baptist leaders who had worked prominently in securing and developing the Center: Administration Building, Dr. William G. Farnar; Vesper Area, Mr. Roy C. Keys; and the lodges for

West Virginians who had served on foreign and home mission fields: Erville Sowards, Ollie Deem, Goldie Bailey, and Mary Bonar.

Resident managers of the Parchment Valley Conference Center have included Rev. James and Mrs. (Jean Ann) Cunningham, Charles and Rhuie Plemons, Bill and Phyllis Ferrell, and currently Charles and Judy Swisher. Rev. and Mrs. (Edna)

Winter were the first to live on the premises. The name Parchment Valley comes from Jacob Parchment, of Lee Creek, Wood County, who was killed by Indians on a hunting trip to the area in 1790.

Mrs. Mike (Helen Joyce) Hall of Kenna, is secretary at the conference center. *Submitted by Roscoe Keeney, Jr.*

APLIN HOMES

William Henry Aplin had these homes built for his daughters between 1903-05. They were built on the 390 7/10 acres, more or less, that he deeded each of his daughters for the love and affection he felt for them.



Home of Lydia (Aplin) Tibbles Hudson



Home of Sarah (Aplin) Archer



Home of Alice (Aplin) Rogers Westfall



Home of Eliza (Aplin) Anderson



Home of Esther (Aplin) Waybright Thomas



Ed Bonar House

THE ARMSTRONG HOUSE

The Armstrong House, 315 North Street, Ripley, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, in 1980. This is the earliest known brick house to have been erected in Ripley.

James Armstrong arrived in Ripley, Virginia (West Virginia), from Beverly, Randolph County, in the early 1830's. From Jacob Starcher who owned much of the land of the town of Ripley, and in 1833 donated to the county property for a courthouse, James Armstrong purchased the Ripley lots upon which a substantial two-story brick house was built around 1848.



Armstrong House

Brick Greek Revival architecture in West Virginia frequently display similar characteristics. Among these are center hall entrances with simple front-pieces embellished with ribbed or fluted piers or pilasters; rectangular transoms; gables with nearly flush eaves rising to meet an interior end chimney; and brick cornices patterned in dogtooth or open brick fret work simulating dentil rows. These characteristics, in addition to simple but outstanding interior woodwork, are found in the James Armstrong House.

The home is owned by Miss Anne King, great-granddaughter of James Armstrong.

BONAR HOUSE

This house was built in 1896 by Ed Bonar (gentleman on the left in picture) and is still in very good condition. The front porch is now one story with a deck-type roof. The house (and farm)

is presently owned by Daniel Donald Bonar (son of Ed Bonar) and his wife, Martha, and is located on the Murraysville Road in Grant District. *Submitted by Daniel D. Bonar*

THE CAM BARNETT HOUSE

The house which is sometimes referred to as "the Cam Barnett House" by some of the older generation, was built around 1900 by Loomis Hill. The farm was purchased by Camden and Birty Barnett from Loomis Hill in 1917. It is located near the head of Thirteen Mile Creek at Rock Castle.

The house is now owned and occupied by Bill (grandson of Camden and Birty Barnett) and his wife, Wilma Barnett. They, along with their children, run a beef cattle farm.



Cam Barnett House

Bill is the son of Ottie Preston (February 17, 1905-January 21, 1969) and Audrey Lucille Pickens Barnett (August 1, 1921). Ottie (known as Ott) and Audrey had four sons, two of which are deceased.

Danny Willis (January 6, 1942) married Wanda Fisher Blevins. His children are Dale Willis (February 6, 1968) and Lisa Michelle (June 13, 1969). Lisa is married to James Birthisel.

Billy Eugene Barnett (October 10, 1943) and Wilma Mae Carney (May 20, 1942) were married on January 10, 1964. Their children are Kristi Anne (September 28, 1965), Ken Preston (July 19, 1968) and Kamden Wesley (June 24, 1980).

Ken Preston married Kimberly Darlene Pringle

(June 25, 1967). They are the parents of two children, Kurtis Alan (December 13, 1986) and Kortney Dawn (October 26, 1989). *Submitted by Wilma Barnett*

CLERC-CARSON HOME

The Clerc-Carson Home is the brick home on the south side of North Street where it abuts Seventh Street. It was constructed in 1880 by F. Leon Clerc and is Ripley's second oldest brick home.

Mr. Clerc, a French-speaking Swiss, was born in Motier, Switzerland, October 26, 1855. He came to New York as a young man and worked as a bookkeeper. He married Amelia Rosset daughter of J.D.D. Rosset, who was also French-Swiss. Mr. Rosset came to Jackson County in the 1830's and was a land agent for Savary DeValcoulon and Albert Gallatin. Mr. Rosset became owner of much of the Devalcoulon/Gallatin land at a low cost. Clerc inherited his wife's land after his wife's family and she all died.

Mr. Clerc settled in the 1870's in Ripley and married Mary E. Smith, daughter of George Smith. They had two children: Lonnie, who died in infancy and Adele, who moved to California.

Mr. Clerc was a partner of Col. John H. Riley in the real estate firm of Clerc and Riley. They constructed the first brick business building in Ripley. It is now occupied by Comer's Hardware. Mr. Clerc died February 6, 1886 and is buried in the Seventh Street cemetery.

In 1890, the home was sold by Clerc's widow, Mary Clerc to H.F. Pfost. Mr. Pfost sold it in 1892 to T.E. Graham, and in 1898, he sold it to A.M. Carson for \$2500.



Clerc-Carson House

The bricks were made on the property. They were later painted because they were sandy and soft. The roof is of patterned colored slate. Originally the home had gingerbread trim on both the front parlor bay window and the front porch. It was removed after it deteriorated.

Inside the main rooms are all 17 x 17 with 10 1/2 foot ceilings. The curved stairway is walnut and white pine and was brought from Baltimore by wagon. The mantle in the parlor is made of walnut and ash and the one in the den of oak. The pink opalescent light hanging in the upstairs hall is probably Wheeling Glass.

The home had a well and a cistern. The well was on the Seventh Street side of the home just off the side porch. It was stone lined and was covered over in 1954. The cistern is on the lower side of the house. Mr. Clerc had a wine cellar which was removed in 1954 when central heating was installed.

Behind the home are several out-buildings. One of these was used as a laundry. A closet there was used to smoke meat. From these outbuildings a stone walk led down to an out-house which was shielded from view by a lattice grape arbor. The out-house was fancy with built-in toilets and wallpaper.

The out-building which fronts on Seventh

Street was known as the Sample Room. It was used by salesmen or drummers to show samples to Mr. Carson for his general store. Behind it to the rear of the property was a stable which has since been torn down.

In 1924 A.M. Carson converted the gas lighting to electricity and installed indoor plumbing. The front porch was changed and the present metal fence installed.

Mrs. Liza Johns Staats lived in the house for 12-15 years after Mr. Carson died and Mrs. Carson was hospitalized. In 1953 Enoch Dwight Staats, M.D., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carson, renovated and moved his family into the home. A dozen layers of wallpaper were removed from all the walls, a new kitchen installed, a heating system installed and other improvements made. In 1979, after the deaths of Dr. and Mrs. Staats, their daughter Dorothy Staats Kerns and her family, moved into the home. (See Carson-Lasher, Staats-Carson and Staats-Hovey entries). *Submitted by Kristen Elizabeth Kerns*

THE CEDARS

The Cedars was the Wells, Brown, Fowler family home for over 100 years; five generations lived here.



Ephraim Wells Home (The Cedars)

Ephraim Wells, in 1835, bought from Dr. Peter (husband of Martha Custis), a devisee of George Washington, a large tract of land adjoining the present town of Ravenswood, and moved there in March 1836. This land had been patented to George Washington by King George III in 1772. Mr. Wells' first home was near the river. The house pictured was built in the late 1840's.

Judge Robert S. Brown bought the property from his father-in-law in 1876. When Judge Brown died in 1891, he left his son, Charles L. Brown, a life interest in the property. When Charles Brown died in 1937, his daughter, Helen Brown Fowler, by the will of her grandfather, inherited the property. Mrs. Fowler, her husband, Frederick, and daughter, Elizabeth, lived at the Cedars until 1948 when they sold the property.

GEORGE B. CROW HOME



George Burton Crow Home

The George B. Crow home was built in the late 1800's on Church Street in Ripley. The photograph taken circa 1908 shows Mrs. Margaret Crow and her grandson, George B. Crow II. Standing outside in the yard with their bicycles are Mrs. Crow's daughter, Vilette Armstrong, and her husband, Harry S. Armstrong. *Submitted by Genevieve Starcher*

JOHN GREENLEAF HOME



John Greenleaf Home

John and Sarah Norman Greenleaf home, built prior to 1850, Elk Fork, (Gay), Jackson County.

Children of John and Sarah: George, Sarah, Charles, Caroline, Lyman, Mary, Ruami, John, Benjamin.

John Greenleaf was a member of the County Court from 1854 to 1863. *Submitted by Mark Poling*

DR. BENJAMIN E. HARRISON HOUSE



Dr. B.E. Harrison House

The Dr. Benjamin Early Harrison house is located at Cottageville, West Virginia. *Submitted by Fred Rhodes*

THE HYRE HOUSE

The last purchase of land by Jonathan Hyre was adjacent to his farm and extended to the present Route 33. This land contained an ideal home site on a ridge of land and from this site the surrounding meadows and bottom lands would be within sight of the house.

In 1858, Jonathan entered into a contract with a local French stone mason, Andre Gilibeau, to build the home out of native sandstone. In a small ceremony the corner stone was laid in place. This stone was hollowed out and a newspaper, a bottle of peach brandy distilled from the fruits of his orchards, and a few coins were placed within the stone.

Jonathan's sympathies were with the South during the Civil War and he was ostracized for his allegiance. Times were hard and Jonathan lost a portion of the monies that was set aside for the construction. The construction was abandoned and the home stood as a mere shadow of a dream.

David Hyre, Jonathan's eldest son, purchased



Hyre House

the farm and home site from his father. David resumed the construction on the home with another stone mason, Eugene Fleau.

Because of the slow progress, David contracted for the completion of the exterior and interior with a local carpenter, Benjamin Cunningham.

A unique feature on the front facade of the house is the mouldings above the windows and on the lintel above the front entrance. These mouldings were an integral part of the stones and each have the same contour.

The exterior stone structure is not an integral part of the interior, therefore, the interior of the house was built as a separate entity in itself.

The cornices were finished with 26 inch wide poplar boards with bead moulding and decorative brackets under the eaves.

The ceilings and floors of the interior were finished with tongue and grooved lumber. All of the rooms on the first floor have ten foot high ceilings. With the high ceilings, transoms above all exterior doors, and fourteen inch thick stone walls, the rooms remained relative cool during the summer. All of the window sills on the first floor were reset and the extra tall windows provided abundant natural light in the rooms.



Hyre House

Begun by Jonathan and completed after 30 years of construction by his son David, it was the home for three generations of the family and will be long remembered as the Hyre home. *This information was supplied by Gene Hyre*

THE LaCAVA RESIDENCE

The majestic old house at 802 Walnut Street in Ravenswood, has been standing since early in 1900's when George Park, the first cashier for the Jackson County Bank, built this Victorian brick home between 1900 and 1904. It is now the home of the LaCava family, Chip and Barbara and their four children: Daniell, Megan, Adam, and Chad.

George Park purchased three lots, March 17, 1899. They were conveyed to him by Bertie Armstrong, who had purchased them from the estate of Henrietta Fitzhugh Barre on July 1894. George resigned his position with the Bank in 1905 and founded his own institution, "Farmers Building and Loan Association". George was the grandson of the Robert Park who built the family home by the Ohio River in 1840.

George Park was ahead of his time in designing and building his home. He wanted all of the modern conveniences that were available at the time. For the indoor plumbing, water was gathered from the roof to fill a cistern in the basement, then pumped to the third floor to a large holding tank. This provided water with pressure to serve the bathrooms, lavatories in each bedroom (the basins were set in marble) and for laundering. Water for drinking and cooking came from a well. The 21 room house has three floors and a basement. The basement has five rooms; coal room with brick floor and walls, furnace room which once had a large coal furnace, cellar, laundry and play room. The seven rooms on the first floor are: living room, formal dining, family, reception, kitchen, breakfast and an oval bar that was added by enclosing part of the front porch. The first floor also has a bath and entry at the front door. The second floor has four bedrooms, bath and an upstairs family room, located in the turret, also two walk-in closets. At each end of the hallway are stairways. The front stairs descend to the reception room and the rear stairs descend to the kitchen. The third floor has three rooms and an alcove, which is being finished by the LaCava's.



LaCava House

On October 7, 1907, George Park sold the home to K.C. Hutchison, son of O.S. Hutchinson, President of the Jackson County Bank. Later the son became president of the same Bank. K.C. Hutchinson maintained two homes, the one on Walnut Street and the other on his farm at Meadowdale.

The house was sold again in October 22, 1934, to Orville and Nellie Hughes. He was an auto mechanic and operated a business through a small garage on the lower corner of the property. He died in May of 1953 and the property was left to his wife Nellie. During the construction and early operation of Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Company in Jackson, Mrs. Hughes rented sleeping rooms.

After the death of Nellie Hughes, the house was sold through the heirs to Pauline and E.T. Nesselrode on July 28, 1978. They made major improvements to the heating and cooling systems, and on February 21, 1980 they sold the house to Judith A. and Michael Henthorn. The Henthorns sold to Maryle E. and Delwin Weightman, II, on March 6, 1984. The present owners, Barbara Taylor and Philip Paul LaCava, bought the house on September 29, 1987. They have repaired the exterior and replaced 11 of the 49 windows. Their children are the first to be reared in this house. Other families had teenagers but no small children.

LOCKHART-VANNOY-KENT

This house located on old Route 21 near Lockhart was built by Albert Lockhart. The date of construction is unknown but believed to be near 1866. Albert Lockhart built the first store and became the first postmaster in that year. The



Lockhart-Vannoy-Kent House

double portico seen in the picture has been replaced by a flat-roofed porch. Otherwise, the house remains as it was built with a central hall and stairway. The large attached kitchen is a one-story room and the six-over-six windows are still in use. Also noted in the photo are three types of wooden fencing-horizontal board, paling and split rail. The store building, destroyed in the 1889 flood, was never rebuilt.

The land is part of the original Cheuvront purchase from the John Allison heirs. Albert Lockhart was a grandson of Amos Cheuvront. After the death of Albert Lockhart, his daughter, Annetta and husband, John (Dock) Vannoy, became owners of the property and it became known as the Vannoy place. Later owners were Delbert and Fay Vannoy Bever. Present owners are John and Patricia Thomas Kent and sons, John and Stephen. John is son of Delmer and Margaret Vannoy Kent and great-grandson of Albert Lockhart. *Submitted by Gaynelle S. Davis*

JOHN G. LAWILL HOUSE

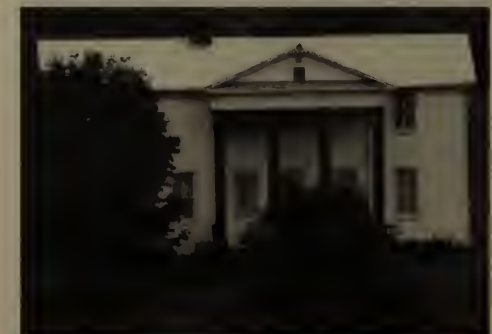


John G. Lawill House

The John G. Lawill house was located at Cottageville, West Virginia. *Submitted by Fred Rhodes*

MASON-SOMERVILLE-DAVIS

This eight room farm house is located at Garfield on the Wirt-Jackson County line, Turkey Fork and Palestine Road. It was built 1899-1900



Mason-Somerville-Davis House

by Charles Mason, whose parents came from Noble County, OH in the 1870's. Mason sold the property to James Kittle in 1915, who sold to E.H. Davis in 1925, father of the present owner.

The property had several owners from 1932 to 1958 when H.D. Somerville purchased it. The sagging two story front porch was replaced by the present brick pillared portico and extensive repair made throughout the house. The lithograph of Abraham Lincoln from the old Brushy Fork school house was placed on the portico gable at this time.

Submitted by J. Floyd and Gaynelle S. Davis

C.F. McCOY HOUSE



C.F. McCoy House

The C.F. McCoy house is located at Cottageville, West Virginia *Submitted by Fred Rhodes*

THE ROBERT PARK HOME

On the 15th day of December 1772, King George III conveyed a tract of 2,448 acres of land in Botetourt County, Virginia (now Jackson County, West Virginia) to George Washington for his services rendered during the French and Indian War.

Ephriam Wells purchased 1,475 acres of the above land on the 11th day of July 1836 from John P.C. Peters (a member of the Washington family). Ephriam Wells and Margaret Wells, his wife, conveyed 350 acres for \$3,000.00 to Robert Park, Sr.

On the sixth day of June 1838, Robert Park, Sr. conveyed for \$2,000 and love and affection 175 acres to his son William Park, and 175 acres (the upper part) to his son, Robert Park.

In 1840, Robert Park constructed a home on his portion of the land. This home was constructed on the higher land facing the Ohio River. The bricks used to build the home were made on the property. The outside walls, as well as every interior wall, are three layers of brick thick. The outside walls are laid four rows lengthwise then one row endwise. A cornice of several bricks laid in an angular pattern surround the entire exterior.



Robert Park Home

The basement is divided into three rooms and has walls made of large hand cut blocks of

sandstone. The outside basement entrance steps are also made of large slabs of hand cut stone.

All of the interior walls were covered with plaster reinforced with horsehair.

The first floor consisted of two large rooms on the southern side, a wide center hallway, and one large room on the northern side.

The main stairway built in the center hallway turned into a narrow hallway on the second story. This story consisted of a large room on each side of the hallway facing the river, and a large room on the southeast which could only be entered by a steep narrow stairway from the room below it on the first floor. This room was spoken of as the "slave room" because the solid door at the foot of the stairs could only be opened from the downstairs room side. This form of construction is a puzzle as the Parks were southern sympathizers. The attic was accessible only through a small opening in the upstairs hallway and was not high enough to stand in. The wooden construction boards were made of the hearts of yellow poplar trees which are still solid today.

Three double chimneys provided open fireplaces in each of the six rooms. All of the windows, except two small ones in the "slave room," were wide 12-pane glass with sills as deep as the brick walls. The panes were made of hand rolled glass. At each window on the exterior there were center opening slat shutters. (Several of these original shutters are still in use today.)

The doors, exterior and interior, were wide four-panel design; the baseboards were tall; and the floors were random-width boards. All of the woodwork was hand finished on the property. The tools for making the woodwork were found in the attic in 1942, when renovation work was done to the house. (More renovations and additions followed in years to come, and all were done to reflect the original style and architecture of the home.)

Facing south was a small porch and facing the river was a pillar portico with a stone floor and steps. These pillars were made of poplar wood. The home was renovated, modernized and added to in 1940 and again in 1975.

The roof of the home was made of dark grey cut slate. The original slate roof is still in good condition on the outside "privy". This building was placed about forty feet from the home. The walls are of brick laid in the same design as the home; even the solid wooden door is of the same tooled trim as the home. Inside the walls were plastered; there is a fume exhaust chimney, and it contained two adult and one child's toilet seats. The only renovation that has been done to this building is a new floor.

Originally, the kitchen was not attached to the main house, but a later wooden one accessible from both the hallway and the back southern room was attached.

Six generations of Parks, (five generations named Robert), lived in the home through the years. *Submitted by Sallie P Park*

JOHN M. PRINGLE HOMESTEAD

The Pringle homestead located at the top of Salt Hill on Cedar Lakes Road, four miles from Ripley was acquired by John M. and Marzella Pringle before 1875. *Submitted by Lee Southall*

MAJOR CHARLES H. PROGler HOME

The Major Charles H. Progler home was built in Ripley in the late 1800's. Picture was taken circa 1910. Pictured in front of the portico of the home are C.H. Progler and his wife, Elizabeth J., and family; Julia and her husband, Daniel Webster Greer, and their children; John R. Progler, his wife,



Charles H. Progler House

Delia Mathis Progler, and their children, Isabelle, Julia, and Robert; and H.S. Progler, wife, Jessie Ripley Progler, and children, Smith and Margarite. *Submitted by Genevieve Starcher*

ROBERTS HOUSE



Roberts House

This house was erected in 1875 by William M. Roberts, at Muses Bottom in Grant District. This home is still occupied by his heirs. The present occupants are Rocky and Jill (Williamson) Corbin; Jill being the great-great-granddaughter of William M. and Nancy (Coleman) Roberts. *Submitted by Hazel Williamson*

DANIEL DEMING RHODES HOUSE



Daniel Deming Rhodes House

The Daniel Deming Rhodes house was located at Cottageville, West Virginia. It was built in 1858 and contained 18 rooms, as well as a large ballroom. This house was located at the site of the present Cottageville post office. *Submitted by Fred Rhodes*

GEORGE SAYRE HOME

NO. 1

George Sayre log home, originally two separate cabins, built in the 1800's. Bcch Grove Road, Jackson County. Original house still standing.



George Sayre Home



G.T. Sayre Home

NO. 2

George and Mazilla Sayre home, Beech Grove Road, Cow Run. Original house probably built by Flowers family in latter 1800's. Front addition built by Sayre family. *Submitted by Bryce Sayre*

SAMUEL SOMERVILLE HOME

This picture of the old Somerville home on Brushy Fork, Jackson County, was taken in 1899. It is the house that Samuel Somerville Sr., erected in the 1840's and was remodeled in the 1880's.



Samuel Somerville Home

Left to right: Anna Somerville, J.H. Toncray, Mrs. Adella Toncray, Harold Somerville, John Somerville Sr., Mrs. Jane Hayward Somerville, Rae Somerville, John Somerville Jr.

Anna and Rae Somerville were daughters of Joe Somerville. Harold was the son of Ben and Tena Somerville. *Submitted by Pauline Smith*

FRANK AND SARAH STAATS HOME

This house was near Staats Mill (one mile below) — where; lake formed by Perry Emmit O'Brien Dam is. It was built (I believe) in the 1890's where another house had been. The other house was converted into a shop where Frank had a watch mending shop and in my time was a wood

house and play area for granddaughters. The house was two stories in front and one in the rear where kitchen, dining room and back porch were. The front door opened into a large front room where the fireplace was. A stove was in the other large room and it was used as living and sleeping room in winter. Two small bedrooms opened into the room with the fireplace. An enclosed winding stair led to the two large upper rooms and a large attic and storage room over kitchen and dining room. Back of the house was a cellar and smokehouse with large room above them. Two grape vines trailed around them — white and blue. Sarah made some wine for home consumption from them.



J. Frank Staats House

A sweet apple tree was in the front yard with hydrangea bush and pink weigelia (started from sprig from daughter-in-law's bridal bouquet) on the opposite side of cut stone front walk. The back yard contained a covered water well with bucket under an early yellow transparent summer apple tree. People traveling the road would come in the side gate, get a drink of water, and go out the front gate. Back of the yard was an apple orchard and above the house was garden, corn cribs with wagon shed between and barn for horses and cows with shed attached for buggy and hack. All were enclosed in barn lot. The creek wound around in front and had once been in the house. A swinging bridge crossed the creek in front of the house to a path through the woods. All is gone now. *Submitted by Vera Crum*

CORNELIUS C. STAATS HOME



Cornelius C. "Neil" Staats House

Cornelius C. Staats Home, Ripley. Presently the home of Judge Oliver Kessel.

W.W. STAATS HOME

W.W. Staats home, Beech Grove Road, Cow Run, Jackson County. Two story log home with full size upstairs. Later owners, John Miller, Isaac Barr, Theodore Fox, Russel Donohew. This farm is now owned by Roy Hoschar.

The original house is still standing. *Submitted by A.T. Sayre*



W.W. Staats Home

JAMES HENRY SOUTHALL HOMESTEAD



James Henry Southall House

This sided log house was built before March 25, 1882 when it was deeded to James H. and Rosetta (Pringle) Southall. Located at Staats Mill, West Virginia. *Submitted by Lee Southall*

STARCHER PLACE

Starcher Place, reached by a private drive off of West Main Street in Ripley, stands on land owned by the Starcher family for six generations. It is unique in that it was designed completely by Willia Keenan Starcher (Mrs. Samuel G. Starcher), who for years studied architecture as a hobby. Her creativity is seen throughout the house. She designed the home in its entirety to scale keeping in mind the values of dignity, comfort, and convenience. Blueprints were made from her scale model for the use of contractors who constructed the home.



Starcher Place

Mrs. Starcher's knowledge of architectural history and her artistic ability are evident in the handmade doors and window. The dining room mantle, one of five in the home, came from the home built on the same spot by Robert E. Starcher in 1855. One of the main features of the home is the central hall with an interesting stairway, "built for old age", with wide treads and low risers.

The present occupant of Starcher Place is Genevieve Starcher, who enjoys sharing the home with friends and the community. *Submitted by Genevieve Starcher*

THE SWISHER HOME — RIPLEY



Swisher Home

Torn down 1975. Submitted by Doty Kerns

WAYBRIGHT HOUSE



Michael Waybright Home

Michael Waybright had this house built on Horseshoe Bend of Elk Fork on Gay Road. He is pictured on the left with his great-nephew, W. H. Waybright, (who is holding his daughter, Elva), and his wife, Millie Stanley Waybright.

The farm and home is still owned by descendants E. John and Marie Waybright. Submitted by Denese W. Carney

NEWSPAPERS, FAIRS OF JACKSON COUNTY, HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS, MIDWIVES

NEWSPAPERS

The "Virginia Chronicle" was the first regularly published newspaper in Jackson County. W.P. Frost put out the first issue on September 1, 1853, and operated the paper until 1858 when he sold it to his brother, Dan. Daniel Frost operated the paper for three years, leaving in 1861 to join the 11th Virginia Volunteer Infantry. The next year the paper's publishing facilities were destroyed by fire.

According to F.W. Dickerson in an article in the Ravenswood News, February 27, 1937, "The Ravenswood News first appeared in 1866 under the name of the WEST VIRGINIA NEWS, the name being changed to RAVENSWOOD NEWS on the 13th day of June, 1878, when it was purchased by C.E. McGlothlin and J.E. McGlothlin". See the article on the Ravenswood News for a complete list of name changes over the years.

In 1868 and 1869, J.H. Higgins published "The Cottageville Weekly Journal". Its banner stated "A Weekly Newspaper, Devoted to Politics, Literature, Agriculture, and General News."

The Jackson Herald began publication March 1876. See feature article.

From 1883 to the early 1890s, Everett C. Smith published the Jackson Bugle in Ravenswood. The Washington's Lands Museum has a number of issues of the Bugle on display.

In 1892, David Morris was publishing the Jackson Democrat in Ripley. The November 11, 1892 issue is noted as being from "Vol. X"; this copy is on display at the Jackson County Historical Society's Headquarters.

The Mountaineer was published from 1892 till 1957. In the 1890's Prickett and Woodell were publishing the paper in Ripley where it continued under the editorial leadership of Fred Wolfe till 1957.

In March 1894, the Jackson Herald put out a special issue on area business; the banner was "The Industrial Review."

Another special issue of historical interest was the Ravenswood News for February 27, 1936, called the "Lion's Edition." It is filled with historical articles about the first 100 years of the Ravenswood area. Submitted by Ed Rauh

FAIRS OF JACKSON COUNTY

Our county has had the good fortune through



Ripley Fair

the years to have many of its citizens willing to donate their time and financial resources to ensure the people of our county would have opportunity to exhibit the talents that has made Jackson County known for top-quality agricultural products. Fairs have also served the equally important purpose of giving neighbors a chance to exchange ideas and fellowship with one another.

The early fairs were especially important in the respect that they served as a recreational event in a time when there was little to look forward to on the farm except the next day's work. Many of our older citizens can recall when living on a farm meant working 6 or 7 days a week from sun up to sun down. The event they all looked forward to each year was "Fair Time". The whole family would go and, in some cases, stay for several days.

According to the September 6, 1889, edition of the Jackson Herald, "The first fair of the Jackson County Association was held in 1877. No admission fee was charged. Next year tickets were sold at 10 or 15 cents and a year or two later, after the exhibition had grown into a first-class county fair, the usual admission fee was fixed. It was a success from the start, and the grounds, at first leased of J.M. Greer, Esq., were soon bought and paid for."

Because of the success of this early fair, in time other fairs started in the county. In 1890 the Jackson County Farmers Stock and Mechanical Exposition Association was formed. Prominent family names of our county who helped organize this fair included William Crow, G.W. Staats, J.M. Parsons, Isaiah Cunningham, L.F. Sayre, W.T. Greer, J.T. Vail, J.L. Starcher, Jonathan Chase, S.F. Shinn, George D. Vail, Dr. J.C. Carney and many others. This fair was located at the village of Evans. It had several buildings for exhibitions, an amphitheater and a horse racing track.

theater and a horse racing track.

There were several other fairs through the years. In the Washington Museum at Ravenswood, West Virginia, there is a catalogue of premiums and regulations for the Ravenswood District Exposition and Fair Association, August 31, September 1, 2 and 3rd of 1886. The District was composed of Jackson and Roane Counties, West Virginia, and Meigs County, Ohio. The catalogue listed James T. Crum, President and E.W. Brown, Vice-President. On the back of the catalogue was an advertisement for the Bank of Ravenswood, Benj. D. Williams, president.

Around 1910 a fair started at Ripley at what is now 1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenue (the Pfost Addition). Genevieve Starcher recalled that the first car she ever saw was at the Jackson County Fair and people could take a ride in it around the race track for a nickel.

In the early 1920s, there was also a community fair at Kenna. This fair was primarily for exhibiting farm animals and produce. Although this fair was small by comparison to other fairs in the county, it had the distinction of being mentioned in a nationally circulated magazine. An article from the December 1, 1921, issue of "The American Hereford Journal" refers to the Kenna Fair as "one of the strongest Hereford shows in the state and through its influence practically every beef animal in Jackson County, West Virginia has a white face."

The Fair was organized by and held on the farm of P.C. Greene of Kenna. At the time of this writing (1990) the Greene farm is owned and operated by Carrol "Pete" Greene and his wife, Margaret. The Greene's were named "1980 West Virginia Conservation Farmer of the Year." This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Greene Farm at Kenna.



Kenna Fair, ca. 1920

Our current County Fair is operated by the Jackson County Junior Fair Association which is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide learning experiences for youth through project exhibits, educational exhibits, livestock shows and demonstrations.

The Fair was first organized in 1957 and was a two-day affair held at Cedar Lakes. Approximately 200 exhibits were displayed by 4-H, FFA, FHA and scouts. There was no admission charge and the only talent was provided by any youth who wished to participate.

The Fair was held at Cedar Lakes from 1957 to 1967. In 1968 it was held at Ripley High School, then back to Cedar Lakes in 1969. It was then moved to its present location at the County Farm at Cottageville. The six-day Fair has grown steadily over the years from its two-day beginning to approximately 2,000 exhibits in 1989 with an operating budget of more than \$80,000. It is estimated that more than 30,000 people attended the week long event.

A market livestock sale has been held each year since 1970 when approximately 25 head of livestock was purchased from the youth of the county. From its humble beginning, it has now grown into one of the best fair livestock sales in the state. A total of 220 animals were sold in 1989 with total sales grossing more than \$100,000.00.

The operation of the Fair as well as the market livestock sale is done by approximately 50 volunteers who are interested in the youth of Jackson County. *Submitted by Mike McGrew and Conza Raines*

HOSPITALS IN JACKSON COUNTY

The first hospitals in Jackson County were small and privately owned.

Starkey's Hospital in Ravenswood was a three-story building on Sand Street. It was owned and operated by Dr. Paul Starkey in the early 1920s.

Dr. C. Royal Kessel operated a hospital in downtown Ripley, behind the present U.S. Post Office, in the mid-1930s. Later he moved his hospital to east Main Street (the present Parsons Funeral Home). In the early 1950s, Dr. Kessel built the current Kessel Clinic on north Church Street and was joined in his practice by his son, Dr. James S. Kessel.

In the mid-1940s, Dr. Walter Priddy opened Priddy's Hospital on Washington Street in Ravenswood.

Dr. Richard Camden Starcher had the Starcher Clinic on Court Street in Ripley. It was located on the site of the present United National Bank. The Starcher Clinic was in operation from 1939 to 1956.

Jackson General Hospital was the first county owned hospital. It opened in 1964 as a non-profit hospital located on Pinnell Street in west Ripley. When the hospital originally opened, the bed capacity was 41 beds plus 9 bassinets. In 1989 the bed capacity was 95 plus 11 bassinets. In 1964 there were 47 employees and 5 medical staff doctors compared to 214 employees and 25 medical staff doctors in 1989. There have been several expansions built onto the hospital during those 25 years. A three-million dollar expansion and modernization program will be completed in 1990. *submitted by Jeanne S. Hunter*

PHYSICIANS

Before the formation of Jackson County, the first physician recorded practicing in this area was Jesse Bennett, who was located near Point Pleasant and rode horseback to visit patients. His history has been published in *History of the Great Kanawha Valley* by Hale (1891), and by Dorothy Poling in *West Virginia History* (1951).

The first resident physician of what is now

Ripley and Sandyville was Joseph Mairs who practiced in this county from 1825-1864. Early doctors were Dr. John Armstrong (who taught the first school where the town of Ripley is now located in 1829, later studied medicine and practiced in Ripley and Ravenswood starting in 1835); John T. Cotton (1838) and James Henry at Ravenswood.

John D. Vandel, who lived on Spring Creek, was an herb doctor, and Dr. Ball of Wiseberg, later Ravenswood, was another herb doctor.

Early doctors in the northern and eastern sections of the County were B.N. Hensley, Lockhart; D.S. Stewart, Frozen Camp; Jefferson Harley, Liverpool-Leroy; A.H. Casto, H.D. Price, Joseph VanFossen, W.L. Y. Curry at Lockhart and Sandyville; Francis W. Cooper, Thomas Barr from Roane County.

Others listed in 1850 census were F.A. Holt, Spencer Adams, William McMahon, Elijah Wright and Mason Bowles of Ripley; John A. Cunningham of Fairplain; Nicholas Joseph Reynaud, a native of France, Sandyville; A.D. Voorhis and A.D. Nevins, Ravenswood.

Barzilla H. Hoyt came to Cottageville about 1857, then to Ravenswood, practicing about 40 years; also served as a surgeon in the Confederate Army. Samuel Hayworth located in Ravenswood after the Civil War and practiced with Dr. Hoyt. Dr. Ab Casto studied medicine and practiced under Dr. Hayworth. Additional doctors listed in 1860 census were: Hiram Thomas and C.N. Austin, Ripley; E.D. Green, Cottageville; Arthur Waugh and James Davis, Parchment Valley; Aaron Davis (later at Muses Bottom) and W.H. Flesher, Pleasant View; James Bloomfield, Muses Bottom; and D.W. Staats, Murrysaville; John W. Bachtel, Ravenswood, later lived in Fairplain practicing 40 years. F.W. Cooper and Thomas Barr lived in Roane County, but practiced in eastern sections of Jackson.

In the 1870s, Dr. Knotts of Ohio practiced in the Wilding-Lockhart areas. James C. Casto was located at Staats Mill soon after the Civil War. Thomas W. Simmons, Fred S. Casto (served 31 years in Jackson County, then moved to Charleston, and received an award for 50 years of medical practice) and George W. Simmons, Kenna. Later Dr. Simmons practiced for many years in Ripley. David Simmons, Liberty; T.I.C. Parsons, Rockcastle, later at Ripley; Benton B. Enoch, John W. McGuire and Dr. Cherrington, Ripley; J.W. Duff, Kentuck; A. Herrenkohl, Mt. Alto; B.E. Harrison,

who practiced at Cottageville and surrounding area for 65 years; Rufus Kessel, Rockcastle; Samuel Barber and G.W. Carter, Angerona; Jacob Lallence, Cottageville; A.W. Kidd and Will Hutchinson, Ripley; W.C.D. Bond, Phillip Baurell, B.H. Hold, Dr. Husler, A.J. Vosburg, I.T. Prickett, Dr. Martin, Dr. Rayburn, J.H. Wetzel, Dr. Donavon, Holly Casto (son of Dr. James C. Casto) Ravenswood. Virgil L. and Denny Casto, practitioners in Ripley, were also sons of Dr. James C. Casto. In 1887, W.B. Pickering practiced at Toppins Grove and Lone Cedar. He died in the 1940's at the bedside of a patient. Paul C. Starkey (later in Ravenswood for many years), W.H. Howell and Clyde Nohe practiced at Toppins Grove.

Polk's Gazeteer for 1901 lists the following additional doctors: George M. Jones, Advent; A.F. Asberry and D.T.S. Casto, Emma; S.W. Bull, Marshall; W.A. Nesselrode, Mt. Tell; G.B. Kidd, Murrysaville; Albert S. Corbin, Kenna; W.L.Y. Curry, Wiseberg (later locating in Sandyville); F.W. Casto, Belgrove; O.J. Casto, Ripley. W.W. Kidd and James M. Carney were doctors in Ripley around 1900. O.S. Somerville practiced at Pee Wee (Wirt County) and eastern part of Jackson. Charles O. and H.H. Casto, brothers, spent some years in Jackson County. A.T. Gordon practiced in Frozen Camp area before moving to Spencer.

Ripley physicians in 1951 were T.E. Rymer, C. Royal Kessel (Kessel Clinic), Camden Starcher (Starcher Hospital) and E. Dwight Staats. In Ravenswood were N.D. Priddy, Paul C. Starkey, Dr. Ferguson and L.M. Monroe. David L. Mandry and Samuel W. Johnson recently retired from many years practicing in Ravenswood. James S. Kessel took over his father's clinic in Ripley in 1965.

Jackson General Hospital opened in 1964. W. M. McClung was first Chief of Staff and head surgeon. He was succeeded by James S. Kessel as Chief of Staff (1966-1971), followed by James T. Hughes (1971-1984). Ali Morad served as Chief of Staff (1984-1989). Prasad Vongsakorn is now Chief of Staff. Other 1990 members of the Medical Staff are Ali Morad, James T. Hughes, Ernesto Josef, James S. Kessel, Hsin Lin, Shirkant Vaidya, John Wade, Sarah Goswami, Cindy Reese, Naba Goswami, Brit Williams, John Credico and John Haley. All have offices in Ripley except Haley, Credico and Naba Goswami.

The Consulting Medical Staff includes Angel Cinco, Antonio Sola, R. A. Verion, Humberto Escandon, Edward Sheridan, Richard Fulks, Nikunj Shah, Lewis McConnell and Don Wolff.



Eight of the area's early physicians are pictured as they met to observe the 50th anniversary of Dr. Benjamin Early Harrison's medical career in 1932. They are left to right, seated: Dr. Harlan Staats, Spencer and Charleston; Dr. B.E. Harrison, Cottageville; Dr. T.E. Rymer, Ripley; Dr. A.T. Gordon, Spencer. Standing: Dr. Russell Kessel, Charleston; Dr. C. Royal Kessel, Ripley; Dr. Ray Kessel, Charleston and Ripley; Dr. S.W. Bull, Spencer. Photo submitted by Mrs. J.T. Hughes

Doctors who have offices in Ravenswood are Naba Goswami, William Barnes and Durwood Gandee. Azael P. Borromeo is practicing part-time in Kenna.

Recent doctors who have moved from this County include Stephen Kessel, Lydia Zapanta, Charles Guise and Richard Yocum. Nativida C. DeJesus practiced part-time at Kenna from 1984-1987.

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MIDWIVES

Midwives were dedicated public servants and they were often called upon to attend a birthing of a baby. They braved the worst of weather, sometimes traveling by foot at night with lantern in hand, going up hollows, through the valleys and over ridges far from any road. Sometimes they traveled by horse and buggy or side saddle on horseback or sitting astride in the mount. Later in the early years of the 20th century there were times they traveled by automobile and when having gone as far as the vehicle would take them, they finished

the trip on foot.

At the time of the delivery itself, usually several women would come to assist as well as the midwife. One of the visiting women would often hold the hand of the mother, encourage her or wipe her brow. Tools from the midwife's little medicine bag were sterilized with boiling water which included a needle for making stitches, a blunt pair of scissors for cutting the umbilical cord and a sharp pair of scissors for cutting the gut thread. After the baby was born, the midwife would cut the cord and tie it and dress the baby. Some midwives would rub the baby all over with castor oil and treat the baby's navel with castor oil while others would cut a hole in a piece of cloth, scorch it and pull the cord through it and leave the cloth on until the cord came off. This was supposed to keep the baby from rupturing at the navel.

Midwives had different methods for treating the mother. Some made tea from catnip and other herbs while others gave a dose of castor oil and paregoric afterwards. They firmly believed in a nine day bed stay and certain foods such as raw fruit, pickled vegetables and kraut were often forbidden during this period. Midwives often stayed in the homes with the mother for several days. They were not in it for the money, it was a labor of love.

Only registered midwives could charge for their services. The fees varied from two to five dollars. In many cases they were not paid at all or they were given food or other items in exchange for

their services. Local doctors could issue a permit or license to a practicing midwife and doctors did not like to deal with illegitimate births or assist a woman who drank liquor at the beginning of the century.

Some of the midwives that practiced in Jackson County from 1853 to 1939 were: Sadie Balderson, Ora A. Roush, Sarah E. Bolser, Elizabeth Bonnett, Lindy Barnett, Cora Cockran, Matildy Fields, Nancy Hanshaw, Kate Peters, Florence Given, Ruth Thompson, Susan Hughes, Sarah Staats, One Bates, Dulia Safreed, Jane Good, Bettie Coleman, Phetho P. Hunt, Lizzie Huffman, M.M. Walker, Lydia McKown, Mary Hunt, Polly Hunt, Jane Harmon, Mrs. J.B. Stone, Sidney Casto, Daisy Kiser, Martha Pifer, Phebe Burnam, Effie Dougherty, Rugh McCoy, Rachel Wright, Nancy Carpenter, Susie Guthrie, M.E. Ray, Elizabeth Hatcher, Martha Casto, Gracey Casto, Louisa Raines, Amanda Stalnaker, Cathren Miller, Mirtie Casto, Orie Gandy, Nettie Fields, Lora M. Rhodes, M.E. Coon, Myrtle Casto, Lizzie Hoffman, Polly Carney, Artimintia Landis, Francis Harmon, Sarah Greathouse, Mary Counts, Vernie Williams, Mary Kay, E. Tolly, Jennie Price, Teldie Fields, Manda Stalnaker, Parthena Parsons, Polly Wright, Theodosia Sayre, Susan Sayre, Ethel Mills, Parthena Wetherholt, Birty Barnett, Icy Casto and Lona Rhodes. Submitted by Lorraine Barnette

CLUBS, FRATERNAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Jackson County Historical Society was organized in 1969 with the following officers: Genevieve Starcher, President; N. Goff Carder, 1st Vice President; F. Lee Mays, 2nd Vice President; Sue P. Miller, Secretary, and Elizabeth A. Fowler, Treasurer.

Other Charter Members were: Amy Casto, B.M. Chambers, Faye Chambers, Gladys B. Clay, Madalene Crum, Vera S. Crum, Gay H. Duke, Lillian M. Dye, Corinne Fisher, Guy Fisher, Grace R. Graham, Josephine J. Hackney, Anita Harpold, Daniel M. Dorsey, Shirley Donnelly, Isabel Henkel, Delmer R. Hite, Elinore Hutchinson, John Kerwood, Katharyn Kessel, Oliver D. Kessel, Anne King, Brown A. King, Guy E. Landfried, John M. Ludwick, Virginia Ludwick, Joyce Ann Mace, Erma P. Maddox, Sarah Osa Mays, Starling L. Miller, Sr., Perry Emmet O'Brien, Winifred O'Brien, Sallie P. Park, Ethlyn Parsons, Doris Simmons, Dallas W. Skeen, Harold D. Somerville, R.D. Somerville, Margaret Staats, Harold Starcher, Margaret Starcher, Russell Straight, Jean Thomas, John S. Thomas, Frances L. Vencill, Adele Walsh and Nancy P. Wilson.

Members as of December 1, 1989, were, with Charter Members indicated by an asterisk (*): Nancy Alderman, T.R. Alderman, H.W. Amos, Fay Archer, George W. Archer, Martin D. Archer, Mabel B. Bailey, Alice C. Ball, Marietta H. Barrett, Bonnie Beckham, David L. Boggs, Grace Boggess, Betty Buck, Juanita K. Burdette, Juanita L. Burke, Mrs. Robert Cain, Charles H. Carder, Lucille F. Carney, Kevin C. Casto, Mabel S. Chapman, D.E. Clark, Phyllis L. Cline, Wes Cochran, Margaret S. Collins, *Madeline Crum, *Vera S. Crum, James D. Cunningham, Gaynelle Davis, J. Floyd Davis, Wilma S. Davis, Betty V. Day, Carol S. Duranti, *Lillian M. Dye, Maricda Edens, Mark C. Ewing, Jean A. Farley, *Elizabeth A. Fowler, Sherry E. Fowler, Betty Jean Fournery, Rita P. Gilman, Otmer R. Gorrell, Georgia Grady,

Jerry Grady, Florence Green, Helen Griffin, Buddie E. Hall, Iris L. Hall, Thelma Hall, Helen E. Harp, Lucy L. Harris, Margaret E. Harris, A.C. Hart, Veta H. Hart, Anna F. Herbertson, June S. Hicks, Kathleen L. Hinnov, Harry R. Hinds, *Delmer R. Hite, Nadine Hoffman, Harriet F. Huebinger, Phyllis James, Carl E. Jividen, Esther L. Johnson, John D. Karr, Margaret J. Karr, *Kathryn Kessel, *Oliver D. Kessel, *Anne King, Linda M. Kirvil, Phyllis B. Knowles, Donna M. Lahrmann, Maxine Landfried, *John M. Ludwick, Mike McGrew, Betty K. McIntyre, Shelley S. McKown, Marjorie J. Malone, Elenore C. Marien, W.R. Martin, *F. Lee Mays, Carolyn Miihlbach, *Sue P. Miller, Mrs. Quentin K. Moore, Elizabeth F. Natzke, Erlene R. Ness, Betty L. Nulliner, Mary E. Orth, *Sallie Park, A. Chapman Parsons, *Ethlyn Parsons, Anna W. Penrod, Mary R. Pinckney, Robert W. Pitthan, Doris P. Poinsett, David O. Powell, Roscoe Powers, Russell E. Randolph, Jr., Edwin D. Rauh, Coletta J. Ray, Jacquelyn C. Rhodes, Robert R. Rhodes, Ruth F. Robb, Toni B. Rodgers, Joy Rogers, Mary Ruble, Mrs. Orville E. Russell, Jackie Ryland, Isabelle Sargent, Ada Ruth Sayre, Franklin L. Sayre, Nadine Schroeder, Betty J. Shank, Margaret Sharp, Margaret L. Shields, *Dallas W. Skeen, Rilla L. Skeen, Raymond D. Slaughter, Pauline R. Snapp, Dr. Delmer K. Somerville, Mary Southall, Shirley J. Southall, Douglas Springston, Donnie Staats, Luther Staats, *Margaret Staats, Prentice E. Staats, Roger B. Stanley, Helen B. Stanik, *Genevieve Starcher, Dr. James F. Stephens, Mollie H. Stinnett, Mary Lou Stowers, Howard Suck, Hank Summers, Gladys C. Takle, *Jean Thomas, Debbie Thompson, Charles W. Townley, Virginia M. Trabant, Mary S. VanManen, *Frances L. Vencill, Adelaide S. Walker, Winnie Weaver, Alta P. White, Harry C. Williams, Lansing E. Williams, Hazel Williamson, Ilene Winter, A. Ford Winters, Mabel V. Winters, Dr. Donald A. Withrow, Jay B. Wright and Margaret C. Young. Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

GREATER RAVENSWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The earliest date that anyone can remember for the Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce is 1941. In these years the Chamber of Commerce has varied between being very active at some times and rather inactive at other times. The chamber has been more active at times when the economic stability of the community was in danger. Paul Cox, first owner of the Edgewood Motel served as the treasurer for many years. Others who served in Chamber leadership in past years include Joe Short, Walter Purdy, Carmel Robinson, Paul Moore, Burhl Chambers, Phil Fournery, Russell Straight, Pearl Slaven, Bill Caldwell, Ray Ritchie, Charles Baker, Foster Seaman, Frank Davis, Harry Gorrell, David Karr, Charles Kelly, Frank Clendenin, Larry Epling, Gail Henrichs, P.B. Harris, Larry Hancock, Bob Staats, Mac Wimbauer, Jeff Cope, Paul Qualls, Al Tetric, Rex Cummings, Norma Jean Cope, and Judy Callahan.

The present 1989 Chamber Officers are George Weirick, president; Tom Lookabaugh, vice-president; Genevieve Lewis, secretary; and Bill Cole, treasurer. Division Chairpersons are Membership: Teresa Waldeck, Finance and constitution: Tom Schmitt, Outside Projects: Norma Jean Cope, Local Projects: Judy Callahan, Public Relations and Beautification: Chris Garrison, Chamber Activities: Tom Lookabaugh; and Image: Bill Fleming. Other board members are Donna Hunnell, Bob Johnson, and Rick Robinson.

Board meetings to which all chamber members are welcome to attend are held on the second Monday of the month in various locations. The annual dinner is held on the second Monday in March, usually at the Green Hills Country Club. In recent years a joint dinner meeting has been held with the Ripley Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has supported or sponsored a number of community projects such as the All West Virginia

City, the Halloween Parade and Party, the Christmas Parade, the Ohio River Festival, and the preliminary Contest to the Miss America Pageant. From 1980 through 1987, the Chamber sponsored a Kit Fly Contest. One year there were 600 participants.

The goals of the Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce include improving community relationships of businesses to residents and businesses to businesses, to encourage local shopping and make Ravenswood more attractive to everyone.

Submitted by George C. Weirick

P.R.I.D.E. OF JACKSON COUNTY

In April 1986, members of the Conservation Department, GFWC Woman's Club of Ripley felt a need to create an awareness for environmental issues among the citizens of Jackson County. They planned a public meeting with discussion issues of: hazardous waste, litter-control, and the new statewide solid waste legislation. Fifty citizens attended the meeting and felt an awareness of solid waste issues so strong that it was suggested an organization be formed to pursue the problems and probable solutions facing the county. As a result of the above meeting a core group formed P.R.I.D.E. (People Requesting Illegal Dumping Eliminated) and they have accomplished the following projects:

1. 15,000 copies of the state litter law were inserted in monthly bank statements.

2. They were responsible for the passing of a county litter ordinance by the Jackson County Commission as well as a city ordinance by the City of Ripley.

3. In the spring of 1987, Jackson County Schools were involved in school and community litter awareness programs that involved a poster contest, school ground cleanup, and building of "litter-monsters" such as a 12 foot life-like green monster who was tagged as the "Trashasaurus". Students were given conservation anti-litter pledge cards to sign stating they would never litter.

4. In August 1987, in cooperation with Jackson County Schools, 43 teachers participated in a recycling program in-service workshop sponsored by P.R.I.D.E.

5. In September, Jackson County's second recycling center opened with the support of P.R.I.D.E.

6. Jackson County Extension Homemakers Clubs (17) joined forces with P.R.I.D.E. to pinpoint illegal dumps in the county and to map and report them to the Department of Highways for cleanup.

7. In two years received three grants totalling \$14,700.00 from the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources for litter control and recycling projects which enabled them to: place 30 State Litter Law signs in the county; organize and coordinate the state's first pilot recycling project with 600 families participating in Ravenswood and Ripley collecting 110,000 pounds of aluminum, glass, paper, and plastic recyclable materials over a six month period; printed a RECYCLING AT

HOME brochure of which 25,000 copies were distributed county-wide; with assistance of students at the Arch A. Moore Vo-Tech Center built and placed ten recycling bins in rural communities of the county with non-profit groups maintaining them; kept a community recycling trailer open during the summer months with volunteer assistance of the GFWC Woman's club of Ripley and other civic and church organizations; produced a video on litter control for the Jackson County Schools.

8. In 1989, P.R.I.D.E. received a third place award in the statewide CLEAN COUNTY CONTEST with an award of \$300.00 from Alcoa Aluminum for their continued efforts in litter control and recycling. As a direct result of the pilot recycling project and creation of awareness for the need to become part of the solution to the solid waste problems of the county, the communities of Ravenswood and Ripley applied for and received a one year grant to continue a community wide recycling effort. The combined grants totalling \$60,000.00 provide for curbside collection and guarantee an extended life for the Jackson County Sanitary Landfill.

The membership and anti-litter pledge cards distributed by P.R.I.D.E. state: "I will never, never, never litter roads, road rights of way, streams, parks, or public property. I will help make Jackson county the cleanest in the state."

Members of P.R.I.D.E. realize that the future isn't something that just happens, YOU AND I create it and they are determined to "change the habits" of citizens in litter-control and we are seeing it happen on a daily basis as citizens become involved in helping to become a part of the solution to the massive solid waste crisis facing us as we enter the decade of the 90's. *Submitted by Ollie M. Harvey, Chairman*

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO RIPLEY POST #107

The American Legion Auxiliary to Jackson Post #107 was organized July 12, 1930 (one had been organized earlier but had discontinued) with Maude Starcher as President, Ruth Hockenberry as First Vice President, Ruth Boice as Second Vice President, Delsie Rader as Treasurer, Lucille Castrup as Secretary, and Nettie Hively as Chaplain. There were 19 members, all wives of Veterans except Nettie Hively, who was the mother of a Veteran.

Through the years, they helped support VA Hospitals and helped local Veterans and families with money earned with Poppy sales near Memorial Day. They assisted the Legion with the County Fairs, sent gifts to Salem Girls Home, bought flags for graves of Veterans. A Legion Home was purchased in the 1930's with their first meeting there on June 18, 1936.

During WWII years, time was spent there rolling bandages. Eugenia Kerwood, Maude Starcher and Carra Skidmore took training and supervised along with Edna Casto and others.

They had a refreshment stand on July Fourth for a number of years. They sent girls to Girl's State (an American Legion Auxiliary State and National Week Camp for High School Juniors at Jackson Mills).

The name was changed to Ripley from Jackson in 1956-57 year. It now has 19 members, but has had as many as 90.

The Legion Home deteriorated after flood water damage in December 1979, and was torn down in 1986. A new Legion Home has been built in 1989-90 by the Legion to be ready for meetings in spring of 1990. *Submitted by Vera Crum*

RIPLEY CHAPTER #17 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

The Ripley Chapter #17, Order of the Eastern Star, was 84 years old on January 10, 1990. Mrs. C.T. Kneeream, of Ravenswood, was deputized by West Virginia Grand Chapter to organize an Eastern Star Chapter at Ripley.



Eastern Star, ca. 1906, front row: Margaret (Meg) Walker, Greek Park, Francis Riley Miller; second row: Mrs. Claude Petty, Minnie Walker, Mrs. E.C. (?) Smith, Mollie Armstrong, Mrs. Morehead, Mona Sayre; third row: Erma Parsons, Bessie E. Carson Staats

January 10, 1906, Mrs. Kneeream and 16 members from R. Douglas Chapter #15 met at Ripley Masonic Hall and Organized Ripley chapter #17 W.D.O.E.S. Those from Ravenswood assisting were: Ruth Prickett, Mary McKay, Joey Cooper, Mary Greene, Martha Armstrong, A. Charter, Effie Bibbee, Hallie Prickett, Jessie Charter, Ethel Brown, Marie Adams, Greek Park, C. Kneeream, J. Armstrong, W. McKay, A.J. Charter. The officers and members of the new Ripley Chapter were: Greek Park, Worthy Matron; Charles Gillian, Worthy Patron; Sadie Downs, Associate Matron; Margaret Walker, Secretary; Bessie Staats, Treasurer; Ora Rymer, Conductress; Frances Riley, Associate Conductress; Iscoal Satterfield, Adah; Laura Adams, Ruth; Flora Pfost, Esther; Virginia Gilliam, Martha; Viola Cunningham, Electa; Hal Crow, Warden; T.E. Rymer, Sentinel; Laura Staats, Chaplain; Mollie Armstrong, Organist. Members were: Emma Walters, Dollie Rymer, Cora Carson, Everette Park, Scott Staats, C.C. Staats, Floyd Pfost, W.E. Walker.

From this beginning the Chapter has continued to grow and, at the present time, consists of 210 members. Three members of the Ripley Chapter have held the highest office in the State organization. They are Greek Park, Worthy Grand Matron, 1933; W.R. Martin, Worthy Grand Patron, 1970; Howard Elliot, Worthy Grand Patron, 1990.

The chapter sponsors Ripley Assembly Rainbow for girls, and is a participant in all community development projects. *Submitted by Margaret Staats, Secretary Ripley Chapter #17-O. E.S.*

G.F.W.C. RAVENSWOOD CIVIC CLUB

The Club was organized July 7, 1955 as the North Ravenswood Woman's Club. There were 15 members. Mrs. Dana Compston was the first president. The Club joined the Western District of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs in 1955 and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1956.

Orchid and green are the club colors, gladiola is the flower, and meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month in the Ravenswood Community Building at 7 p.m.

Community service projects include: sending students to Science Camp, Band Camp, Conservation Camp, Christian Fellowship Athletic Camp and a scholarship for a Ravenswood High School senior each year. For the needy of the community



Arch A. Moore Jr. Vocational Center, Adopt a Highway

the club supports: Operation Rescue Shoes, parties for children, and fund drives for the ill. The Civic Club sponsors an Arts and Crafts show each fall. In 1989 the Club donated funds for computers for the Ravenswood and Ripley library buildings.



Members of the Ravenswood Civic Club presented Ed Rauh, Jackson County Librarian, with a check to purchase computer terminals for both of the county libraries. Those present for the presentation were (l-r) Coleen Bashaw, Maudie Mahorn (behind), Anne Adkins, Loraine Ellis, Barbara Allman, Ed Rauh, Mae Rardin, Sally Carter, Martha McGoskey, Ida Mae Springston (behind) and Mary Jane Jarrell (behind)

The Club supports these Departments and Committees: Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, Public Affairs, Membership, Community Improvement, Ways & Means, Public Relations, Hospitality and Sunshine.

In 1969 the G.F.W. Clubs of Jackson County pledged \$20,000. to help build the Health Teaching unit at Jackson General Hospital.

To raise funds for its many projects, the Ravenswood Civic Club, cooks and serves meals to the Lion's Club, Alumni Association, Lincoln Day events, Christmas festivals, Midget League Football games, and at its Barbeque stand at the West Virginia Art & Crafts Fair at Cedar Lakes.

In 1976 the county's Federated Women's Clubs again worked together pledging \$1,000. for the Group Home being built at Cottageville. The Ravenswood Club gave an additional \$200 for landscaping.

Past presidents of the Club are: Mrs. Edwin Patterson, Mrs. Alvie Kidder, Mrs. Charles McGavron, Mrs. Andrew Damis, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Don Posey, Mrs. Edward Bashaw, Mrs. Robert Mays, Mrs. David Gregory, Mrs. Frederick Carter, Mrs. Wyatt Adkins, Mrs. George McGoskey, Mrs. James Roark, Mrs. William Noland, Mrs. Zane Legg, Mrs. Lewis Rardin — three term and current president. Club Motto is "A willing worker does not wait until he is asked." Submitted by Mae Rardin, President of the Ravenswood Civic Club

RAVENSWOOD LIONS CLUB

Lionism came to West Virginia on September 30 1921, when the Charleston Lions Club was chartered. West Virginia has the distinction of two International Presidents; Edwin R. Kingsley of Parkersburg, 1936-37, Dudley L. Simms, 1958-59; eight International Directors, Dr. Carl L. Kennedy, 1940-42; Roy P. Herold, 1947-49; Walter J. Purdy of Ravenswood, 1961-63; Richard R. Ruff of Welch, 1965-67, Ulysses Buffington of Clarksburg, 1975-76; and 1985-87 John Buffington of Charleston. It was October 29, 1929, when the Parkersburg Lions Club saw the need to extend Lionism in Ravenswood and then sponsored our club. Charles Baker was the club president with 35 charter members. During the years from 1929 to present, the Ravenswood Lions Club has been active in the Sight Program, sending students to Camp Horseshoe, American Heritage Week, Girls State, and for several years has sponsored the Howard Camp Easter Egg Hunt. The club also provides a scholarship to a local student based on citizenship and scholastic achievement. The most recent youth project is the sponsorship of the

Student of the Month in cooperation with the Ravenswood High School Student council. Submitted by Ravenswood Lions Club

ROTARY CLUB OF RIPLEY

The Rotary Club of Ripley was organized in February 1926 under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Spencer. The first club president was Charles E. Baker and the secretary was Carter Staats. Other charter members were Harry Armstrong, Forrest Barnhart, Grover Castrup, Lloyd N. Casto, Burton Crow, Virgil Flinn, Ira Hinzman, Okey Hockenbery, Kenna Hyre, Clair Mahan, Everette Parsons, Floyd Pfost, Marion Pfost, T.E. Rymer, S.B. Sayre, Ray Shinn, A.A. Skidmore, Oshel Staats, George Straley, Roush Vance, Webster Waugh, Fred Wolfe, and Earl Wright.

During the past 64 years, Rotary has sponsored or supported many activities and projects for the betterment of our community, nation, and world. Among early community projects were working for better highways into Ripley, trying to obtain suitable factories for Ripley, and trying to obtain fire-fighting equipment for the town.

The first Christmas lights in Ripley were sponsored by Rotary. In more recent years the club furnished a room at Jackson General Hospital and built a picnic shelter at Ripley City Park. Ripley Rotary contributed liberally to Rotary International's project of eradicating polio from the world. Along with participating in youth exchange and Rotary Foundation programs, Ripley Rotary has provided scholarships to numerous youth leadership conferences and world affairs institutes.

A significant event for Ripley Rotary occurred September 3, 1987 when Marci Anderson Henry became the first female member of the club.

Ripley Rotary received its highest honor in 1957-58 when one of its members, Paul M. King, was elected District Governor.



Ripley Rotary Club, Jan. 1990

The majority of the present membership is shown in the accompanying photograph.

Seated, l to r: Pam Braden, Robert C. Lester, Oliver D. Kessel, Gary Epling, Bernard R. Boggess (President), Greg Souther (Secretary), Willard Kessel, Wade Sallaz.

Standing, l to r: John W. Landfried, Chuck Mason, Fred Clark, Marci Henry, Gary Kelley, Mike McClung, William G. McMorran, William E. Casto, James C. Kessel, Raleigh S. Rogers, James J. Robinson.

Absent, and not pictured: Robert D. Fisher, Terry Markham, Tom Johnson, Ray Miller, Ed Smith and Robert B. Harris. Submitted by James C. Kessel

KENNA GRANGE NO. 516

The Grange, a community organization, is composed of families and individuals who share an interest in their communities and who seek to help keep America strong through local Grange leadership. With Granges across the country in position to address the varied needs of the rural, small town and suburban area they serve, thou-

sands of Grangers are working together to improve their own and their neighbor's quality of living through programs of community service and personal betterment.

Seeing that the Kenna community was in need of such an organization and after visiting other Granges, several community leaders took upon themselves the task of organizing a Grange. After several months of planning, a group applied for, and on March 13, 1951, was issued a charter. First meeting of the new Grange was held March 29, 1951. Robert "Bob" Merrifield was the first Master of Kenna Grange.

During the early years of Kenna Grange, all of the meetings and most of the Grange activities were held at the Kenna Grade School. After the Grange was soundly established, the officers and members decided they needed a Grange Hall.

As early as the Spring of 1953, plans were being made for the construction of a community building. Land next to the Kenna School was obtained and in 1955 construction began. On July 21, 1956, Kenna Grangers held their first meeting in the newly completed first floor of the building. In 1959 the second floor was completed. Most of the construction was supervised by Russel Landfried. Kenna Grangers attained their goal of paying off the mortgage and on the evening of May 14, 1966 a Burning of the Mortgage and Dedication of the Hall Ceremony was held.



Kenna Grange Hall

Kenna Grange has won both state and national recognition for its community service projects. In 1959 Kenna Grange was among the top 10 Granges in the nation for community service. For this honor Kenna Grange was presented with a plaque and a check for \$1,000 dollars.

Community service projects have always played an important part in Grange work. Our Grange solicited money for construction of the original unit of the Jackson General Hospital, Ripley and Kenna Volunteer Fire Departments and other community and county projects. We have endorsed such projects as the Jackson County Levies and Bonds, road improvement, water shed projects and, sewer and water projects.

Throughout the years, Kenna Grange and individual members have received several honors on the Subordinate, Pomona, State and, National levels of Grange work.

Kenna Grange Hall serves as a hub for community activities. Several organizations (4-H Clubs, Scouts, Homemaker's Clubs, Lions Club, etc.) use the building on a regular basis. Family reunions, receptions, bridal and baby showers are held throughout the year.

As our community continues to grow, the Grange will keep on contributing experience, initiative, and leadership for the general good. Submitted by Dallas W. Skeen

OHIO VALLEY GRANGE #543

Murraysville Grange #543, organized by Larry LaCorte and Martha McGoskey of Ravenswood,



Larry LaCorte

held organizational meetings at home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hackney, Little Sandy Community Building and finally at Coleman Chapel Church, Murraysville, April 4, 1984, where Steve Reynolds was elected Master. The first business meeting was held June 11, 1984.

The sale of baler twine helped Grange build membership and Grange funds.

Other Masters serving were: Leighton Cobb 1985-86; Larry LaCorte 1986-87 and Gay Querry 1987-90.

The Grange has received two first and one second place winners, state level, in National Grange Community Service Program.

Several projects sponsored by Grange: funds raising dinner for 1985 flood victims, members delivering items and working in flood area; on-going projects-planting flowers and trees; Grade School Conservation Club; Scholarships for Ag students; FFA Camperships, Adopt A Family; Adopt A Highway; Arts and Crafts Food Booth; Homeless, hospital and rest home projects; support Junior Fair; and most recently "Mushroom Coop" being organized by Grange.



George and Martha McGoskey

Members receiving honors: Larry LaCorte, 1984 National Grange Youth Ambassador, presently State Membership Director; at present time Martha McGoskey, National Flora; George McGoskey, State Master; Cindy Querrey, State Ceres; Gay Querrey, CWA Director; National winners Martha McGoskey third Art and Cindy Querrey fourth Talent.

In 1986 the Grange held meetings at Coleman Chapel and Ravenswood Community Building. February 1988 they began holding all meeting in Ravenswood and meet on first Monday and third Wednesday. In 1989 the name was changed to Ohio Valley Grange #543.

THE LOCKHART LADIES AID

The Lockhart Ladies Aid was organized in

1933 by Rev. Reynolds. The ladies met once a month for all day, each member taking turns. The one that had the meeting prepared dinner for all, which was around 30-35 visitors and members. Fried chicken was the main meat for the meals; every one had chickens; not many farmers killed beef. I remember my Grandma would start preparing dinner two days before. Later, one made a dinner list and each would take a covered dish which made it easier on the hostess. The ladies goal was to make money to help the church with expenses besides getting together for socializing. They pieced quilts, quilted them, made aprons, and pillow cases to sell. In the summer on a Saturday night, they would have an ice cream social serving homemade ice cream, cake, coffee and would have a tub of bottled soft drinks with ice to keep cold. People would come from afar and the younger ones would play swinging games like "Old Dan Tucker".

In the fall, they would have a pie and box social; the girls would bring boxes with candy and goodies in it all decorated beautifully and they would be auctioned off to highest bidder. Usually a boyfriend would have to pay a larger sum for his girl's box; they also had cake walks at 10 cents a couple.

In later years it was changed to Mary Elizabeth Circle with the next generation. *Submitted by Christine Moore Rasel*

EARLY 4-H HISTORY

4-H, first known as Boys and Girls Club Work, began officially in West Virginia in 1914, though there had been corn clubs in some counties in the early 1900s. The first reference in Jackson County to a similar organization was a February 20, 1915 meeting for "all boys and girls who are interested in forming a poultry club at Ripley."

On March 20, 1915, the Farm Bureau approved plan for "Boys' and Girls' Club Work — that acre corn, 200 hill corn and poultry club work be carried on over the county and there be an exhibit of corn and poultry in fall."

By September, the Ripley Fair Association had "arranged to allow the boys and girls doing club work free admission to the Fair providing they bring an exhibit of their work" to the October 5-7 fair.

By February 4, 1916, "over 100 enrollment cards for club work during the coming year have been signed." In March 1916, the County Agent, Stuart A. Cody, listed rules for Boys and Girls in the four areas of corn, poultry, pigs, and potatoes; those four projects were the only listed projects for close to five years.

Most of the early clubs seemed to be organized in the schools, although there were a few members who did not belong to a school club. One of the earliest clubs was the Lower Trace Agricultural Club that was working in potatoes, chickens, and pigs prior to April 1916. The boys in that club had developed a baseball team. At nearly the same time, there was a poultry club with 17 boys in Ripley. In May the Ripley boys beat the Lower Trace boys in a baseball game, 13 to 12. Another club was formed at Medina on April 20, 1916, with Myrtle McBride as president. "A large portion of these members belong to the poultry club work." By May there was a Ravenswood Girls Club; they, too, were enrolled in poultry.

By 1920 there were 13 clubs in Evans, Centennial, Clay Lick, Echo, Given, Grass Lick, Kenna, Kentuck, Locust Grove, Medina, Mt. Moriah, Parchment Chapel, and Sandyville. More than 100 members were enrolled. In 1921 there were 208 members.

The first Jackson County 4-H camp was in early August, 1920 with 78 boys and girls attending the five day camp at the old Evans fairgrounds. The next year 125 attended the camp, also at Evans. The camp cost 50 cents and was marked

by a ferocious thunderstorm that drove the girls into the Otterbein Church and the boys into the barns for safety. At the 1921 camp, county club officers were elected, with J. Rodgers King of Ripley as president. By fall 1921, "The 4-H Boys and Girls club netted sufficient funds in conducting a lunch and soft drink stand during Soldiers Reunion at Ripley to purchase an army field (mess) range as part of the permanent camp equipment. . . . The various clubs will hold pie suppers, box socials and the like during the winter to raise funds for camp tents and other equipments." The 1922 camp was held at the "Big Woods" on the Ohio River, and the 1923 camp was at Chestnut Orchard near Stats Mill.

The first reference to 4-H instead of Boys and Girls Clubs was shortly after the 1921 camp.

Early county agents were Stuart A. Cody, Verd Peterson, C.C. Caldwell, and G.H. Castrop. Assistant, temporary county agents were hired, usually during the summer, to assist the county agent with the Boys and Girls work; early assistants were Tracy Fling, Virgil Kyger, Forrest Barnhart, and W.C. Casto. *Submitted by Jerry Grady*

FIRST 4-H IN JACKSON COUNTY

The first 4-H camp in Jackson County was August 1920 at the old Evans fairgrounds. The following is part of a column written by county agent C.C. Caldwell in the August 6, 1920 issue of the Jackson Herald.

"The weather was ideal. Monday by 6:00 p.m. practically all of the 78 boys and girls at camp had reported with the happy smile and the equipment called for on the list sent to them the week before. The large tent was used as headquarters for the camp cooks and a section of it for the commissary department. The regular program was carried out each day; the night doings around the camp fire being the most interesting and enjoyable of the day. The first night was taken up in getting acquainted, learning some songs and yells, etc.



First 4-H Camp

"A court of dog soldiers was appointed to see that the rules of the camp were observed and especially to see that no brave was permitted to coo around any squaw. The order of the camp was so ideal that there was not a single case to be tried before the Dog Court. Boys and Girls were grouped separately in classes, in games, in mess line, and in all camp activities. There was no time for reveille to taps when the boys and girls were permitted to run at large about the camp grounds.

"On Wednesday the camp was divided into four Indian Tribes: two tribes of boys and two tribes of girls, with a chief over each tribe. These chiefs were chosen because they had showed ability in leadership and willingness to cooperate and to obey instructions. The girls were divided into the Mingo Tribe with Freda Horn as chief and the Delaware Tribe with Mertie Hunt as chief. The boys were divided into the Cherokee Tribe with Darrell Corbin as chief and the Shawnee Tribe with Otmer Staats as chief.

"Tuesday nights program consisted of the camp fire circle with songs and yells and stories by "D. Boone", "Grandpa" and "Aunt Sue", closing with a game known as the Bacon Scouts. A picket line was thrown about the camp and four scouts were left outside each with a pound of bacon. No one of the pickets knew who the persons were that were appointed as scouts and it was the aim of the scout to steal through the picket line and get to the camp fire.

"Wednesday night the program was much the same as Tuesday night except that it closed with a Treasure Hunt. Four trails were laid, one for each tribe, with twelve stations on each trail. At each station a card was found giving directions to next station, the last card telling where the treasure lay. The tribes were started simultaneously with one flashlight in the hands of the chief on these trails and the first one finding the treasure was permitted to possess it and was awarded 1,000 points.

"Thursday night was "stunt night". The program consisted of original stunts gotten up and rendered by tribes, groups in tribes and individuals in tribes.

"Friday night the final awards were made. A system of charting was used by which 24 of the boys and girls over 15 years of age were measured to find their rating in the four H's Head, Heart, Hand and Health. 1,000 possible points could be scored under each of the H's, 700 being required as minimum to win each H. The instructors and leaders did the charting during the week and the following 4-H gold pins awarded: Those winning all four H's, Darrell Corbin, Freda Horn, and Mertie Hunt; those winning three H's, Otmer Staats and Irene Smith; Those winning two H's, Troy Kessel, Willard Casto and Audra Landfried; those winning one H, Murhl McBride, Robert Woodard and Homer Horn." *Submitted by Jerry Grady*

LITTLE SANDY 4-H CLUB

The first 4-H club in the Sherman area of Grant District was organized in the early 1950's with Marcella Jones as leader and Juanita Miihlbach as assistant leader. The club was called the Sherman Busy Bees. They held their meetings at the Little Sandy Community Building which had previously been the Center Point School. Members in 1952-53: Charlotte Jones, Janet Perry, Pauline Young, Carolyn Alexander, Virginia Seals, Doris Roush, Patty Salser, Sue Leonard, Jerry Miihlbach and Joe Sands. James Parsons, Wanda Brinker and Jewell Perry joined the following year. This club was in existence until about 1960.

Shirley Dequasie organized the Little Sandy Buffaloes in 1967. This group existed until 1971. Members in 1967-68: Deborah Blankenship, Bonnie Bates, Kevin Jones, Edith Jayne Roberts, Gina Roberts, Peggy Watkins, Lawrence Vance, Drema Vance, Randy Rardin, Allen Miihlbach, Ricky Watkins and Linda Blankenship.

Ella Boggess organized the Little Sandy Frontiersmen in 1980. Marla Jackson served as assistant leader for two years, then Vicki Snyder assumed the role until 1987. Some of the members who were active in the club during this time include: Amy Boggess, Cindy Boggess, Marty Boggess, Mark Snyder, Scott Snyder, Brian Knotts, Amy Knotts, Melissa Knotts, Beth Jackson, Penny Randolph, Philip Miihlbach, Anita Miihlbach and Janet Miihlbach. Carolyn Miihlbach assumed the role as organizational leader and Loretta Milhoan as assistant leader in 1987. Patty Morrison is currently serving as assistant leader. Meetings continue to be held at the Little Sandy Community Building.

The photograph, courtesy of the Jackson Star News, was taken January 14, 1990. *First row (left to right) Mary Spoerer, Myra Singleton, Anita Thomas, Malinda Miihlbach, Steve Thomas, and Lisa Miihlbach. Second row* Katie Morrison, Ali-



Little Sandy 4-H Club, Jan. 1990

cia Dillon, Christy Morrison, Jason Dillon, and Glenn Singleton. *Third row* Randy Gwinn, Jeremy Gwinn, Vicki Morrison, Anthony Parsons, Kevin Miihlbach, Mitch Thomas, and Rex Miihlbach III. *Fourth row (adults)* Sue Thomas, Patty Morrison, Carolyn Miihlbach, Kathy Gwinn, and Janie Singleton. Members not included in the photograph: Andy Parsons, Jeremy Parsons, Derrick Milhoan, and Jason Miihlbach. *Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach*

MEDINA, LOCKHART AND BEECH GROVE 4-H CLUBS

The Medina Boys and Girls Club, in Grant District, was one of the first such groups organized in Jackson County, during 1915-16. These groups were later known as 4-H. In 1916, most of the members at Medina worked with poultry. Some of the members were: Myrtle McBride, Barbara Nesselroad, Artie Shutts, Raymond Naylor, Mary Kelbaugh, Lucy Patterson, Frances Wyers, Merl McBride, Edwin Naylor, Ella Archer, Emma Archer, Geneva Archer and Jeanette Archer.

During the 1920's and 1930's, Nell Alexander, Martin Archer and Roland Haught were leaders of a local 4-H group which sometimes met at the Red Brush School and the Lockhart School. Among those members were: Leona Andrick, Margaret Andrick, Nancy Andrick, Buhl Burke, Claude McPherson, Ethel Archer, Marguerite Beymer, Richard Beymer and Virginia Beymer.

About 1950, another 4-H club in the Medina-Beech Grove area was organized by Daina Stallings and called the Medina-ites. A few years later, the name was changed to the Beech Grove Busy Bees. They held their meetings in the Beech Grove School. Members in the early 1950's included: Bernice Thompson, Ralph Franklin, Nina Thompson, Linda McVey, Jean McBride, Jo McBride, Tobie Stallings, Betty Thompson, Frank McVey and Jimmy Smith. *Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach*

MOUNTAIN FLOWER 4-H

Mountain Flower School was into the 4-H organization from the earliest days.

In 1924-25 Fay French Bowles was the teacher and club leader. She immortalized the club by



Mountain Flower 4-H

having Mr. Litton come out from Ripley for a portrait of a club whose members were destined to travel many miles and do many things.

Beginning with the first row left to right:

Harold Morris, WWII, owned and personally managed Twin Diners on Lee Street, downtown Charleston, retiring at age 60, he is now deceased.

Samuel Kessel received the McJunkin award for being the nation's top amateur archeologist in 1964. He retired as a legislative auditor for the state of West Virginia, and is presently earning acclaim as a sculptor in wood.

Delbert French, WWII, settled in Charleston, His name went on the DuPont payroll and he retired from there.

Arthur French also went to the Charleston area where he was employed by Union Carbide; he is now deceased.

Albert Kessel moved to Arizona in 1948. He was a 40 year member of International Typographical Union, CWA, typesetter and trouble shooter at Arizona Republican, Phoenix, for 27 years, retiring in 1977.

Back row left to right:

Carroll Kessel began his career as a radio transmitter engineer at WPAR in Parkersburg, going from there to WCHS in Charleston and on to Huntington where he was chief engineer at WSAZ and WGNT for 41 years. After retirement he remained a consulting engineer until his death.

Ruth Kessel Baker taught school, worked in industry in Parkersburg and North Carolina during WWII; she is deceased.

Clare French Atkinson became a resident of Columbus, Ohio until her death.

Estil Kessel, WWII, also went to the Charleston area where he was in business. After retirement his hobby is owning and showing antique cars.

Roy French, WWII, taught school; after military duty worked for United Fuel, retiring from there. He is deceased, 1983.

Dorcas Hanning Morton, also moved into the Charleston area. She now lives in Dunbar.

Irene Kessel Taylor died in California giving her the record for going the farthest from home to live. She worked as a nurse's aid.

Fay French Bowles, now deceased, was a most dedicated teacher until her retirement. She was, also, a nurse whose services were very useful in the rural area where she lived. At the time of her retirement it is possible that some of her students were third generation from her first term. A truly great lady. *Submitted by Cornelia Kessel-Smith*

MURRAYSVILLE MOUNTAINEER'S 4-H CLUB

The Murrysville Mountaineer's 4-H Club was formed on October 3, 1973 at the home of Everett and Lola Randolph, who had purchased the Charlie Robinson farm and moved there in April 1973, from Ripley. Lola was the leader with the following as Assistant Leaders, Thelma King, Janet DeLong, Betty Harris and Clara Hackney and 36 members. Alicia Bennett, Howard King, Lori King and Kim McKinley have also served as Leaders. The Assistant Leaders of the club now are Sandra Lattea and Arma Swain.

This was the first club in the Murrysville Area since in the early 50s when the Murrysville Sunset Workers were active.

The following have served as president of the club: Howard King, Donna Wright, Brian Harmon, Mike DeLong, Jeff Lehw, Sherri Long, Terry Hackney, Teresa Hardman, Robert Long, Celeste King, Tina Staats, Susan Dawson, Sheryl Rauh, Penny Randolph, Michelle Lattea, Jeremy Bigley and Darcey Swain.

One hundred ten boys and girls have been members of this club and they have won several

county and state awards. Darlene Milhoan was the Jackson County Jr. Fair Queen, and the highest award in 4-H, the 4-H ALL STAR pin, has been awarded to Leaders, Lola Randolph, Thelma King, Howard King, Lori King, and members Sherri Long and Terry Hackney.

Members for the 1989-90 club year include Jason Bigley, Jeremy Bigley, David Boggs, Billy Boggs, Albert DeLong, Michelle Lattea, Jeff Lattea, Amy Pease, Stacy Stansbury, Chalene Simon, Darcie Swain, Holly Swain, Wes Swain, Ronda Wolf and Jennifer Wright. *Submitted by Lola Randolph, Leader*

RIPLEY BUSY BEAVERS

The Ripley Busy Beavers became a 4-H Club in September 1952 at Cedar Lakes at the Director's Cottage (where the present swimming pool is located). The leader was Mrs. Lorna Cavendish, with assistant leaders, Ethlyn Parsons and Larry Cavendish. The members at this time were J.D. Balser, Bonnie Cavendish, Stan Cavendish, Carol Fisher, Ellen Fisher, Steve Goodwin, Bill Hogsett, Pat McCoy, Mary Mahoney, Brenda Raines, Cindy Staats, Dottie Staats, and Mike Walker.

Over the years the other leaders have been, Virginia Hogsett, Wilma Myers, Lena Rawlings, Ida Welling, and at present, Liz Crites. At one time the club had over 100 members and was divided into a Senior and Junior Club.

The Busy Beavers over the years have had several community projects and been helpful in the community in many ways. They have had a stand at the Arts and Craft Fair since its beginning in 1963. This is one way the club makes money to send its members to camp and other 4-H activities.

In 1989-90, the Ripley Busy Beavers 4-H club members are: Christina Williams, Lindsay Lewis, Tammy Skeen, Adena Barnette, Jon Morgan, Ashley Barnette, Jeffrey Crites, Jamie Godfrey, Justin Godfrey, Jimmy Payne, Andrea Crites, Justin Morgan, Robin Smith, Sonya Currey, Wendy Anderson, Crystal Currey, Chrystal Payne, Denise Cochran, Jeff Williams, Matthew Russell, Lisa Dowler, Heather Bailey, Jenni Hoschar and Jackie Myers.

Submitted by Elizabeth Crites & Ethlyn Parsons

EVERGREEN HILLS EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Evergreen Hills Homemakers Club organized in September 1960 with 12 members. Two charter members, Georgia Caltrider and Gladys Bennett, still retain their membership.

In the years since, members have completed many projects. A masonry bus house was built and street and traffic signs were erected for the community. They also built beautiful redwood "Evergreen Hills" signs for the intersection of U.S. 33 and Route 2.

In 1968 members purchased a large building for a club house and to be made available for

community use for a small donation.

Over the years, the club has regularly sponsored or contributed to the March of Dimes, Cancer Fund, International Student Fund, adopted families at Christmas and has sent students to 4-H camp.

The members are very proud of their accomplishments in and for the community. They are a very conscientious, hard working group of women who are constantly striving to better their world by beginning with their own homes and community. They feel that Evergreen Hills is a good place to live and raise their families and are proud that they have played a part in making the community what it is today.

Present members are Gladys Bennett, Polly Bowen, Georgia Caltrider, Rosalie Chisler, Juanita Cross, Cindy Hanshaw, Dorothy Hanshaw, Audrey Hartley, Karen Hoschar, Kathy Hurt, Virginia Oliver, Artist Taylor, Joanne Van Lehn, Ruth Smith, Jo Westfall, Marjorie Liegey, and Ann Benson.

FAIRPLAIN EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB

On November 17, 1965, a group of women met at the home of Mrs. Earl Holley in Fairplain with the idea in mind to form a Farm Women's Club. This meeting was set up by Phyllis Sullivan. Shirley Campbell, Home Demonstration Leader of Jackson County, presided at that meeting. They elected their officers and the first president was Phyllis Sullivan.

The members decided to call their club "The Fairplain Homemakers" instead of a Farm Women's Club since not many of them did much farming. The meetings were held on third Tuesday of each month and dues were \$2.00.

As the years rolled by, the Club became known as "The Fairplain Extension Homemakers" with many members joining and then moving on. Irene Casto has given much of her time and talents to the club. Through the years the Club has given to several charities, worked in the bean stand at the Cedar Lakes Arts & Crafts Fair, made quilts, helped the community, etc. The Homemakers have become better educated on different subjects, learned lots of crafts with the professional advice and help of Home Economist, Sue Black.

Beginning the new year 1989-90, the Fairplain Extension Homemakers members are Sheila Byers, Irene Casto, Myrtle Casto, Joy Cranfield, Sonja Crowder, Reporter; Robin Hall, Treasurer; Ruth Hall, Ruth Hamon, Marguerite Holley, Secretary; Frances Parsons, Isabelle Sargent, Dorothy Skeen, Vicki Skeen, Shirley Shumate, Karen Parsons, President; Carole Welling, Vice-President; Phyllis Sullivan, Margaret Smith, Reba Engle, Barbara O'Connor.

The meetings are held on second Tuesday of each month. Dues are \$10.00 *Submitted by Sonja Crowder & Karen Parsons*

GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB OF RIPLEY

The General Federation of Woman's Club of Ripley was organized in 1921 and Federated in 1922. The Club's first President was Mrs. E.C. McConnell and the current officers are: Mrs. Monnie Landis, President; Mrs. Kathryn Mackenzie, First Vice President; Mrs. Wanetta Morris, Second Vice President; Mrs. Janet Stephenson, Secretary; Mrs. Vera Crum, Treasurer. The Woman's Club of Ripley is proud to be a member of GFWC — the largest and oldest nondenominational nonpartisan, international volunteer service organization of women in the world.

The General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC) celebrates its Centennial in 1990. The federation was organized in 1890 in New York by

June Cunningham Croly, and celebrated its 100th anniversary on April 24, 1990.

The GFWC is comprised of 9,000 clubs and nearly 400,000 members in 52 state federations, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, with 10 million members worldwide in more than 40 countries. Unified by our commitment to community service and volunteerism, the broad mission of the organization is reflected in our motto "Unity in Diversity".

There are more than 1,200 Junior Clubs for young women under the age of 40 and Junorette clubs for teenagers. GFWC is responsible for the establishment of 75 percent of America's public libraries.

Our purpose: "Promoting all aspects of education, taking an active role in leadership, sponsoring studies and participation in the arts, stressing the importance of good citizenship, spiritual values and good health for all peoples, making realistic contributions toward world peace and international understanding." *Submitted by Monnie Landis*

GAY HOMEMAKERS

In June 1951 a new club was organized when a group gathered at the home of Clea and Ora Rhodes of Gay, Jackson County. N.K. Speicher, who was the county agent, organized the Gay Farm Women. Later the name was changed to Home Demonstration Club then later Extension Homemakers. Charter members were: Orpha Morris, Leoma Johns, Ora Rhodes, Juanita Rhodes, Orlie Morris, Dorothy Johns, Euna Harpold Parsons, Marie Reed, Virgie Casto, Georgia Evans, Mae Walters, Myrtle Casto, Irene Staats, Ruth Skinner and Opal Parsons.

The club has sponsored many improvements in the community through the years, such as: rest rooms and water in Community Building, curtains and painting of building, carpeting of church, keeping community lot mowed, etc.

We sponsor a community Thanksgiving Dinner in November and a picnic in August each year.

Our husbands always said, "Rain or shine, snow or blow, farm women have to go."

We are also an educational club. We study a lesson each month from West Virginia Extension Service. We have workshops on lessons, quilting, flower arranging, serging, etc.

Orpha Morris was elected the first President. Other Presidents through the years were: Leoma Johns, Euna H. Parsons, Opal Parsons, Virgie Casto, Dorothy Johns, Marie Reed, Rita Poling, Shelby Belcher and Tara Anderson.

A member, Dorothy Johns, served as President of County Council 1985-87. She was Jackson County Belle to West Virginia State Folk festival at Glenville in 1987. Other members who have served on Jackson County Council are: Euna H. Parsons, Juanita Rhodes and Tara Anderson.

We welcome anyone regardless of race, color, sex, or creed. Members of 1989-90 are: Dorothy Johns, Carmelita Cobb, Edith Thompson, Marie Reed, Cathy Lewis, Ruth Skinner, Pearl Cox, Euna H. Parsons, Opal Parsons, Irene Staats and Tara Anderson. *Submitted by Tara Anderson*

HAPPY HOMEMAKERS — HEMLOCK AREA

Mrs. Donald G. Stephens was the lady who brought this club together so we dedicate this history to Linda (deceased).

Our club was organized in the fall of 1977. Our charter members were as follows: Rosemary Curry, Phyllis Michael, Inez Somerville, Pauline Smith, Ruth Smith, Linda Stephens, Helen Wyant, Becky Young.

The main reason in organizing our club was to bring the neighbors together from time to time. The families were within a few miles of each other but didn't know when a death, birth, etc. occurred



Evergreen Hills



Linda Stephens

in a family.

We meet in different homes each month and vary our lesson topics to fill the needs of our members. Each year we have a community project, Christmas dinner (exchange handmade ornaments), family picnic, and learn a new craft.

A Sunbonnet Sue quilt was made in 1981 for a money raising project. Helen Wyant's father won the quilt.

Club members who have served as county officers are: Phyllis Michael, President, and Cultural Arts chairperson and Linda Stephens, Parliamentarian.

We annually support The Holiday Show, Quilt Show, Health Fair and International projects. Recycling in cooperation with P.R.I.D.E. is increasing in importance.

Our membership role in 1989 is: Rosemary Curry, Norene Hite, Lucille Keebaugh, Pat Martina, Phyllis Michael, Violet Mosser, Beverly McPherson, Pat Shamblin, Pauline Smith, Inez Wimbauer, Linda Wright and Helen Wyant. Submitted by Phyllis A. Michael, President

JOLLY TIMES HOMEMAKERS

Jolly Times Extension Homemakers held their first meeting on December 1, 1976. The charter members were Betty Duncan, Betty Cole, Shirley Morris, Virginia Bailey, Barbara Simons and Ann Casto. The first officers were Virginia Bailey, President; Dorothy Knopp, Vice-President; Shirley Morris, Secretary; Betty Duncan, Treasurer, Ann Casto, Reporter; and Betty Cole, Secret Sister Chairperson.

During the next few months several other members joined. They were Zelda Eagle, Louise Frame, Lena Benson, Dorthleen Thomas, Clare Simons, Janice Rhodes, Loretta Goodson, Arlene Spellman, Velma Goodson, Ida Welling, Shirley Wines, Libby Miller, Shirley Landfried and Doddie Winebrenner.

Now in this year of 1989, we have 14 members, one of whom was in the original 1976 group. Our members are Doris Blankenship, Sara Burlingame, Libby Eagle, Loretta Goodson (member since 1976) Mackie Goodson, Marilyn Hart, Elizabeth Jennings, Phyllis Kelley, Rose Kelley, Audrey



Mary Young, Pres. of Jolly Times Homemakers Club

Landfried, Charlotte McClung, Lisa Snyder, Mary Young and Sharon Adams.

Officers are Mary Young, President; Phyllis Kelley, Vice President; Mackie Goodson, Secretary; Doris Blankenship, Treasurer; Sara Burlingame, Reporter; and Libby Eagle, Secret Sister Chairperson.

We have supported with cash donations and volunteer hours such organizations as the Ripley Public Library, Jackson County 4-H Camp, Mill Creek Baptist Church, Jackson General Hospital Pediatrics Ward, Ripley Volunteer Fire Department, and the Jackson County Humane Society.

In 1976 we were honored to have the Jackson County Belle, Lena Benson.

We have always received a blue ribbon for achieving all ten goals as set forth in the handbook. Each year we have workshops on various subjects and invite the public in order to increase skills and knowledge. Submitted by Sara Burlingame

KENNA EXTENSION HOMEMAKER'S CLUB

The original Club was organized on November 21, 1929, as the Kenna Stick-Together Farm Women's Club. charter members were: Mrs. Verna Casto, President; Mrs. Doll Shinn, Vice-President; Mrs. Tina Corbin, Secretary; Mrs. A.B. Corbin, Treasurer; Mrs. Belle Rodgers; Mrs. J.H.G. Winter; Miss Irene Smith; Mrs. Belle Winter; Mrs. Victor Greene; and Mrs. Della Faber.

The Club was re-organized in June, 1941, as the Kenna Farm Woman's Club with Mrs. Margaret Greene as President. Rosalie Craft was Extension Agent. Club meetings were held in homes, club rooms and community buildings.



Kenna Extension Homemakers, 1941

In the early 1950's, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Corbin donated land on U.S. Route 21 near Kenna for a community park. Picnic tables and cook-out grills were erected by members and friends. Some years later, flooding caused considerable damage to the park and it could no longer be used. Other major projects were monetary contributions toward the construction of Cedar Lakes State FFA-FHA Camp in 1951, and the Jackson General Hospital in 1963.

Several club women attended National Extension Homemaker's Conferences in the 1950's. Mrs. Margaret Greene and Mrs. Charlotte Mays went to Boston, Mass., in the early '50's. Mrs. Juanita Merrifield went to Virginia in 1954. Mrs. Edith Shinn attended the 1955 Conference in Chicago, Illinois, and she and Mrs. Verna Casto attended the 1957 Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

As an on-going community project each year, on the first Sunday in December, a nativity scene is erected in a prominent location. The annual Christmas dinner follows at the Grange for members, family and guests.

Members having 25 or more years of Club service are: Mrs. Geneva McGrew, Mrs. Edith Shinn, Mrs. Nelle Hawkins, Mrs. Alice Barnett and Mrs. Doris Poling.

Officers for Club year 1989-90 are: Miss Sue

Thompson, Pres.; Mrs. Edith Shinn, Vice-pres.; Mrs. Parnell Hatcher, Secretary; Mrs. Relda Gande, Treas.; and Mrs. Ann Ball, Reporter.

The Kenna Extension Homemaker's Club as re-organized in 1941, is shown in the photograph. Left to right: Margaret Greene, Juanita Merrifield, Loma McVey, Okla Dolan, Verna Casto, Gatha Sprouse, Leo Casto, and Rosalie Craft, Home Demonstration Agent. Submitted by Mrs. Parnell Hatcher

LITTLE SANDY HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Little Sandy Farm Women's Club was organized July 14, 1948. The regular meeting was 2nd Wednesday each month in the homes at first and then the Center Point School House which was leased from Jackson County Board of Education for a period of 75 years for consideration of maintenance and insurance. The purpose of the club was to improve lives, homes and community, Miss Marion Richey was Home Demonstration Agent. The Charter members were President Juanita Miihlbach; Vice President Floretta Nesselroad; Secretary Marcella Jones; Treasurer Hazel Conner; Hattie Miihlbach, Mollie Gough, Lona Bever, Laura Dotson; Minnie Nesselroad, Leveda Flin, Laurie Romine, and Jennie Snyder.

Our Club worked in the Cornbread and Brown Beans stand at Cedar Lakes Arts and Craft Fair for 19 years — the last couple years our local 4-H club mothers have helped. The club helped 4-Her's go to camp and gives to other organizations.

Our Club was instrumental in securing land for the Sherwood Park at Sherman.

In the 1970's we put a stove, refrigerator and built a bar and in 1981 the building was remodeled by lowering the ceiling and installing fluorescent lights. Then in 1987 we drilled a well and installed a bathroom.

We call the building Little Sandy Community Building and it is used for 4-H and Homemakers meetings, Special Occasions, and a Voting Precinct.



Little Sandy Community Building

Our present members are: Mae Rardin, Louise Fawcett, Lorene Wallace, Josephine Spradling, Ethel Waggoner, Elodene James, Francis Stephens and Marcella Jones. Submitted by Marcella Jones and Mae Rardin

MILL CREEK VALLEY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

The Mill Creek Valley Farm Women's Club was organized in December of 1916. Charter members, present at the first meeting, were: Mrs. Wheeler Thomas, president; Susie Sayre, Della Reynolds, Mrs. Weston Parsons, Mrs. Wallace Casto, Pina Thornton, Miriam Thomas, Malinda Thomas, Bonnie Woodward. Later in the first year, 1917, Pearl Shinn, Vinnie Shinn, and Lola French became members. Regular minutes were recorded

for the club until May 18, 1918.

The club did not meet regularly for a period of ten years. November 26, 1929, a reorganization meeting was held in the Mechanic's Hall at Evans under the direction of Home Demonstration Agent, Ocie Tune.

The purpose of the club as stated in those minutes was to study ways to improve farming methods, home making and the social life of the community. The club has continued to operate as an active club with basically the same goals.

At the present time there are 12 members with one of the charter member, Pearl Shinn, still on the roll. The club has two 50 year members: Lucille Rollins and Blondena Vineyard.

Members serving as president during the years were: Mrs. Wheeler Thomas, 1929; Mrs. Wallace Casto, 1930-31; Mrs. B.F. King, 1932-34; Mrs. Wallace Casto, 1935-39; Mrs. Adda Brooks 1940; Lucille Rollins, 1941-42; Vena Ferguson, 1943; Nelle Wright, 1944; Rayme Kessel, 1945; Belva Sayre, 1946; Pearl Shinn, 1947; Georgia Stone, 1948; Dollie Casto, 1949; Elva Casto, 1950; Blondena Vineyard, 1951; Miriam Hershman, 1952-53; Elizabeth Thomas, 1954; Marie Wandling, 1955-56; Mabel Landfried, 1957; Virginia Rhodes, 1958-59; Margaret Staats, 1960-61; Shirley Landfried, 1962-63; Opal Jackson, 1964-65; Eugenia Kerwood, 1966; Addie Stone, 1967-68; Jo Westfall, 1969; Opal Jackson, 1970; Shirley Landfried, 1971; Naomi Long, 1972-73; Jo Westfall, 1974; Eugenia Kerwood, 1975-76; Marie Wandling, 1977-79; Mabel Landfried, 1980-82; Ruby Skeen, 1983-84; Margaret Parsons, 1985-86; Hazel Hanning, 1987-88; Mabel Carney, 1989-90. *Submitted by Margaret Staats*

MORNING STAR EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Morning Star Extension Homemakers Club was formed in November, 1985 to serve Southern Jackson County, including the communities of Fairplain, Goldtown, Kenna, and Kentuck. The first organizational meeting was held at the home of Brenda Martin. The charter meeting was addressed by Mrs. Sue Black, Extension Home Economist. Our club's name was chosen to symbolize a new entity with new and rising expectations.



1st row left to right Brenda Martin, Sandy Jardan, Donna Turley, Maxine Landfried, Dorothy Hodges, Nancy Daily, Kathy Ratliff. 2nd row left to right Bonnie Pruitt, Margie Poole, Kathy Howerton, Janette Woolfer, Pam Hirt, Joyce Dillard, Yvette Showen, Inez Richardson, Gena Smith, Janet Miller.

As a club, we were quite active during the year, carrying out or participating in a number of service projects, including an Osteoporosis Seminar, The Jackson County Health Fair, and helping with the County Christmas Party for needy children.

Several members won Blue Ribbon awards at the Jackson County extension Homemakers Spring Meeting. Our congratulations goes to Maxine Landfried (Photography) and (Quilting) and

Brenda Martin for Quilting, which is a form of paper art.

As our club has grown, we continue to participate in various community projects. Kenna Volunteer Fire Department, Jackson County 4-H's, Grist Mill Restoration, Jackson County Health Fair, and Christmas Holiday Shows are only a few we continue to support.

Closing with our club motto, our only hope is that we continue to grow and be a supporting factor in our various communities. The Morning Star never sets, but continues on through the firmament.

MURRAYSVILLE EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

The Murraysville Extension Homemakers Club was organized, February 5, 1975. The reason for its formation is best answered by the "National Extension Homemakers Creed". "As Homemakers of these United States, we will strive to promote a better way of life for all through fellowship, continuing education and service, to provide guidance in our homes and communities for the unifying of people to make the world a better place in which to live. May we have pride in our role as Homemakers and may our hearts be filled with joy as we serve. Let us always be conscious of the needs of others and be strengthened by the divine light which guides us".

The officers of the founding group were: President, Janet DeLong; Vice-President, Clara Hackney; Secretary, Betty Harris; Treasurer, Betty Boggs and Reporter Cindy Washburn. Charter members included: Bonnie Friend, Thelma King, Lynn Milhoan, Sue Polk, Ina Seals, Carolyn Staats, Mary Swain, Julia Watson, Camilla Gatrell, Betty Lehw, Margaret Milhoan, Lola Randolph, Sally Simmons, Polly Staats, Kitty Wade and Ina Workman.

Present membership includes: Loretta Milhoan, Jenny Gregorich, Lola Randolph, Bonnie Friend, Betty Harris, Judy Hall, Ciel Eskins, Camilla Gatrell, Clara Hackney, Arma Swain, Alicia Bennett, Janeann Mahan and Janet DeLong. *Submitted by Janet DeLong*

OHIO VALLEY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The club was organized, November 29, 1943, at the home of Mrs. Blaine Hughes, with the following officers: President, Kelly Somerville; Vice President, Mrs. Hazel Hughes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W.P. Turner.

Outstanding activities of the club have been:

1943 — Served the 4-H Achievement Banquet; sold war bonds; entertained the Silvertown Farm Women's Club.

1944 — Donated 12 quarts of food to Ravenswood Grade School. Served 4-H Banquet.

1945 — Garden soil tested. Completed 58 club projects.

1946 — Entertained Ravenswood Women's Club. Completed 58 projects.

1947-48 — Entertained Union District Farm Women's Club. Served Dairymen's Banquet.

1949 — Aided in establishment of Ravenswood Library. Mrs. Doy West made a United Nations Flag as gift for Ravenswood Grade School.

1950-51 — Club was hostess to the County Achievement Meeting.

1952 — Gladys West wrote the club history.

1954 — Club presented skit at Ravenswood High School for Home Demonstration Week.

1955 — Four members took Red Cross Nursing Course.



Ohio Valley Extension Homemakers

1956 — Seven members appeared on "TV Coffee Hour", Channel 3, WSAZ.

1959-60 — Hazel Hughes was President of Jackson County Farm Women's Council. Members put on a Krazy style show at county meeting.

1961-68 — Hazel Hughes attended 4-H Regional Clothing School. 34 books presented to Ravenswood Library. Celebrated first 21 years with turkey dinner. Five members attended first Jackson County Homemakers Camp. 15 snack sets purchased for church.

1970-90 — Donated 20 books to Ravenswood School. Donated 54 pieces of flatware to church. Aided in purchase of chairlift for rest home. Purchased new stove and refrigerator for church, and made United States Flag for same. The members participated in many activities of club, community and county, such as workshops, feeding needy families, displays, trips, annual picnics, study groups, and road cleanups.

PARCHMENT VALLEY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB

On June 21, 1925, the Parchment Valley Farm Women's Club (presently known as Parchment Valley Extension Homemakers Club — PVEHC) was organized at the Pleasant Hill Church on Parchment Road, Given, WV, by Mrs. Iva Gould of Upshur County as a climax of a Country Life Conference held there. There were 21 members on organizational day.

In 1928 and possibly one other year the monthly meetings were held at the church. All other meetings have been held in members' homes.

Many families in and around Parchment Creek in Jackson County have been influenced by the activities of the PVEHC. From its conception the primary purpose of the club has been education. In its formative years education focused upon creating and maintaining a better home life and environment. Study topics, demonstrations and exhibits covered such subject areas as making American cheese, cheddar cheese and mint candy; folding clothes; ironing shirts; upholstering furniture; making clothing from feed sacks; using canning equipment; remodeling garments; to name a few.

Today's subject areas deal with topics such as family relationships; personal, family and community health programs; environmental issues; time management; leadership development, etc.

PVEHC has continuously supported the Student Fund which enables a foreign female student to attend West Virginia University; and local and county 4-H programs.

Community support includes assistance to local churches, shut-ins, families in time of need, and maintaining the area around "The Man in the Rock", a local point of interest.

PVEHC is a unit of the Jackson County Extension Homemakers Council (JCEHC) with representation at JCEHC functions.

SANDYVILLE EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS HISTORY

Sandyville Good Neighbors Farm Woman's Club was organized in 1956 under the direction of Jane Hart Rhodes, Home Demonstration Agent. Organizing members were Rosa Balser, Thelma Cook, Katie Coast, Gladys Barnhart, Erna Lockhart, Mary Clem, Amanda Coe and Fanny Murray.

The club has continued to be active since that time, seeing three name changes, from Farm Woman's Club, to Home Demonstration Club to present Extension Homemakers Club.

The club has been an active supporter of the 4-H program and the Jackson County Jr. Fair.

The club has supported many community projects such as litter, health and nutrition projects, and helped families who have been burned out.

We lost our last charter member in 1988 with the passing of Fanny Murray. Fanny stayed active past the age of 95 and was an inspiration to all our younger members until the time of her death.

Sandyville Homemakers meet monthly at Sandyville Methodist Hall, which they help as a community project.

Current members are Jo Raines, Bess Kurish, Imogene Gwinn, Lucy Taylor, Edith Shephard, Lillian Utt, Chris Fulk, Joyce Waskey, Pat Smith and Wylene Smith.

THE SOUTH HILLS EXTENSION HOMEMAKER'S CLUB

A new club was organized on November 28, 1952 and was named "The South Hills Farm Women's Club" with 13 charter members: Marie Casto, Bernice French, Buddie Hall, Mildred Hall, Ruth Hall, Junita Hickel, Beatrice Fisher, Lois Nuckles, Pauline Parsons, Valeria Powers, Diane Powers, Ruby Southall, Bertrice Lee Southall. Two of the Charter members, Pauline Parsons and Valeria Powers, are still in the club, along with one 50 year member, Alma Speicher.

Through the years the club's project was the beautification of the roadside park on Route 21, then known as Salt Hill. Winning a victory over the State Road Commission the name was changed to South Hill. Old Route 21 is known as Salt Hill. Trees were planted, rock flower beds formed and a new flagpole was installed. Due to vandalism in recent years, the project was abandoned.

For the State's 100th Anniversary Dinner on June 20, 1963, members wore Centennial dresses they made themselves.

We were on "Dialing for Dollars" TV Show, in Huntington, West Virginia winning several prizes.

Each year, in November, we have our Anniversary Dinner and invite husbands and guests. On November 12, 1977, our 25th Dinner was held.

We visit nursing homes in Ripley and Ravenswood each year, bringing gifts to patients, singing songs with them and serving them refreshments.

We've held workshops, open meetings, donated money to many worthy causes, entertained foreign students, attended Women's Day at State Legislature, attended Area and Achievement Day meetings, hosting some.

One outstanding member, Phyllis Smith, has worked tirelessly with the Jackson Co. Literacy Program and was honored by WSAZ TV, as a "Hometown Hero".

We've been recognized in our "Adopt-a-Highway" project, under leadership of Bobbie Fisher, with signs erected with club's name, along Cedar Lake Drive. Many members and a few husbands collect trash along that route.

Several members have made quilts each year for display and sale, at the Annual Quilt Show. Many ribbons have proudly been won at the quilt show and for displays at Jr. Fair.

Each year, since 1953, we've worked at a concession stand for the July 4th Celebration.

Each August, instead of Annual picnic, many



South Hills Homemakers

members accompanied by a few husbands, take trips to Historical places.

We've recognized "Extension Homemaker's Week" by window displays and one year planted a Rhododendron at the Ripley Library.

Many members faithfully attend the Health Fair each year and volunteer help when needed. Most members have done volunteer work in many capacities over the years.

We've achieved a 100% record and recognition many times for book reading for the "Purposeful Reading".

Nearly every year we've been named a "Blue Ribbon Club" and our scrap books have received many a blue ribbon.

A membership of at least 18 members has been maintained through the years, losing three valuable members in death.

Five of our members were named as "The Jackson County Belle", attending the West Virginia Folk Festival at Glenville, West Virginia. Those five were: Jessie Gilbert, Bertha Fisher, Pauline Parsons, Stella Parsons and Valeria Powers.

Six members have been President of the Council: Mildred Hoff, Jerry Morris, Jessie Gilbert, Valeria Powers, Bertha Fisher and Phyllis Nuckles. Other members have been County Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and reporter. Many also serving as County Committee Chairpersons.

As the club year of 88-89 came to an end, 14 members attended the 12th Annual Achievement Banquet, Theme for the evening being "The Academy Awards — Night of a Thousand Stars". Two members, Phyllis Smith and Loretta Woofert, performed as part of the entertainment. One member, Lena Rawlings, was recognized, receiving a certificate for her outstanding report on her committee works.

Phyllis Nuckles, as outgoing County President, was presented with a gift for her two years service.

After 37 years of work and fun, this club is "PROUD" to be a part of Jackson Co. Home Extension Service in West Virginia. *Submitted by Mildred Hoff and Bertha Fisher*

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded in the City of Baltimore, Maryland on April 26, 1819 and now has lodges in all 50 states and every province in Canada as well as several countries abroad.

Ripley Lodge No. 30, I.O.O.F. has the distinction of having two Charters in it's lodge room, one granted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia prior to West Virginia becoming a state and one granted

by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia following it's organization on December 5, 1865. The charter granted by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia renumbered the lodge to it's present Number 30.

At one time prior to paved roads, etc. there were eight I.O.O.F. Lodges in Jackson County. Three lodges are still in existence, namely, Union Lodge No. 128, Cottageville, Ravenswood Lodge No. 15 and Ripley Lodge No. 30. The others were: R.S. Brown No. 120, Gay No. 205, Fairplain No. 211, St. Charles (Kentuck) No. 370 and Mt. Alto No. 453, all of which consolidated with Ripley Lodge No. 30.

Ripley Lodge No. 30 furnished four Grand Masters to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, namely: Judge W.H. O'Brien (1925), Herbert Skeen (1942), A. Ford Winters (1948) and Rev. D.C. (Dutch) Guthrie (1979).

Two members of the I.O.O.F. in West Virginia have served The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. In 1957 A. Ford Winters resigned his position as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia and accepted the position of Executive Assistant Sovereign Grand Secretary in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1960 he was elected Sovereign Grand Secretary and served until his retirement in 1977. Harold L. Scott of Gilmer County served as Sovereign Grand Master 1968. At the 1989 Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Reno, Nevada, Carl C. Williams of Clarksburg was elected Sovereign Grand Warden and will be elevated to Sovereign Grand Master at the 1991 Session.

The I.O.O.F. in Ripley and Jackson County has a long and enviable record of helping others giving emphasis to visiting the sick, relieving the distressed and giving help to those needing love and friendship. *Submitted by A. Ford Winters*

FARMERS CLUBS OF GRANT DISTRICT IN 1916-17

MEDINA FARMERS CLUB NO. 3

J.H. Holiday, J.W. Archer, E.J. Robinson, L.G. Naylor, W.T. McPherson, G.W. Franklin, P.H. Slaven, George Alexander, Ralph Archer, Ray Williams, W.M. Williams, Sarah Archer, Blanch Naylor, F.D. Robinson, Herman Shutts, Nellie Nesselroad, Fay Mallett and N.F. McBride.

SHERMAN FARMERS CLUB NO. 15

C.L. Boso, V.G. Keyger, G.W. Keiffer, Frank Funk, Roy Howell, M.C. Garrett, J.W. Hicks, Frank Archer, J.W. Watts, W.M. Hicks, F.F. Garrett and William Lindamood.

MURRAYSVILLE FARMERS CLUB NO. 16

W.T. Milhoan, J.H. Howell, Thad Farnsworth, M. Howell, Grover Groce, A.C. Robinson, W.I. Buffington, W.H. Milhoan, D.T. Howell, L.T. Denham, Arthur Milhoan, J.E. Jordan, John Norris and Harold Howell. *Submitted by Rex Miihlbach Jr.*

CEMETERIES AND POST OFFICES

Jackson County cemetery listings may be found in the following sources: *Jackson County Cemeteries, Volume 1*, by the Jackson County Historical Society; *Jackson County Historical Society Newsletters* (1970-1990), edited by Delmer Hite; *Grant District Cemeteries*, by Carolyn Miihlbach; *Ravenswood Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions, May 1984*, by Carolyn Miihlbach.

POST OFFICES

Currently there are only 18 post offices in Jackson County. As late as 1901, there were 50; one for every town and hamlet, but like the schools, as transportation improved, one by one they have been discontinued. The last being the one at Kentuck which was deactivated, December 31, 1989.

While this was part of Mason County, the first post office, Wright's Mills, was established January 26, 1828; name changed to Moore's Mill, April 26, 1850, and to Cottageville, February 24, 1860.

Jackson Courthouse was established, January 10, 1832; changed to Jackson, March 31, 1893, and to Ripley, September 16, 1897.

Sandy was established, January 31, 1833; changed to Sandyville, May 23, 1892.

Ravenswood was established July 19, 1839; Leroy, September 21, 1857; Murraysville, March 9, 1843; Statts Mills, October 21, 1879; Kenna, July 1, 1880; Sherman, March 22, 1883; Given, December 30, 1885; Gay, January 19, 1888; Evans, January 26, 1889; Millwood, February 10, 1890; Liverpool, August 13, 1891; Duncan, February 10, 1892; Rockcastle, July 9, 1892; Advent, June 9, 1893, and Mount Alto, January 2, 1932.

Early pioneers in Jackson County got their mail, if any, from mail boats or by traveling to Charleston, Parkersburg, or Point Pleasant, until the post office was established at Wright's Mills. At that time, mail carriers usually carried the mail on their backs over the mere trails in the county, later using horses as the trails were made into dirt roads. There were bridges over few streams until the late 1800's. Automobiles were not employed in most of the county for delivering mail until after World War II.

The attached map shows the location of most of the operational and discontinued post offices in the county. Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

EDGAR POST OFFICE, 1900

During the turn of the century, the Edgar Post Office was located on Jim Ridge near the head waters of Pleasant Valley in the home of Samuel E. "Ned" Stalnaker. He secured the establishment of a post office in his neighborhood during the congressional career of the Hon. C.E. Hogg; had it named Edgar in honor of Mr. Hogg, and was its only postmaster. The post office was in service from 1887 through approximately 1909. Samuel



Edgar Post Office, ca. 1900

Stalnaker was appointed Post Master on August 24, 1887. The Stalnaker family moved from Jane Lew, Lewis Co., WV to Jackson Co. in March 1874. Samuel married Mary E. Maddox and reared four children; Eddie Josephine Stalnaker Hill, Wooster Beech Stalnaker, Kinza Chalfin Stalnaker and Oda Dell Stalnaker Casto. All but one of his children were born in Lewis Co., that being the youngest. Oda Dell Stalnaker was married to James "Mance" Casto in 1911. They raised their family and lived their lifetime at that residence. The Stalnaker's and Casto's are buried at Grasslick Baptist Church cemetery on Pleasant Valley Road. The century old house remained in the family and on April 24, 1989 burned. There have been many happy memories associated with this part of our history.

Standing in front of the home, from left, were

Beech Stalnaker, Ruby Stalnaker, Flora Stalnaker, Ned and Mary Stalnaker, Eliza Maddox (mother of Mary) Oda Stalnaker and Chalf Stalnaker. Submitted by Delores H. Jarvis, Granddaughter of Mance and Oda Casto

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, EVANS, WEST VIRGINIA

The Post Office at Evans, Jackson County, West Virginia was established on January 26, 1889. Since its founding the Post Office has had 12 Postmasters:

1. Elmer E. Staats, appointed January 26, 1889.
2. George W. Staats, appointed March 26, 1890.
3. Anna Staats, appointed November 23, 1892.



4. John C. Dennis, appointed April 30, 1894.
5. Austin Shinn, appointed April 17, 1897.
6. Alexis A. Parsons, appointed March 13, 1912.
7. Oattie R. Ayres, appointed September 30, 1914.
8. John T. Sayre, appointed August 21, 1922.
9. Edgar E. Sayre, appointed January 16, 1923.
10. Charles A. Hill, appointed September 26, 1928.
11. Harry R. Kay, appointed August 1, 1935.
12. David R. Board, appointed February 5, 1972.

Jennings B. Kay was appointed acting postmaster on August 29, 1942 while the current postmaster was serving in the army during World War Two.

During the 100 years of its operation the Evans Post Office has had 14 locations. The current location of the post office has been in use since September 12, 1988.

The above information was supplied by the General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. at the request of the Postmaster, Evans, West Virginia 25241 on the occasion of the Bi-centennial celebration of the United States of America in July of 1976.

ROCKCASTLE POST OFFICE

The Post Office at Rockcastle, Jackson County (formerly Mason County) was established at Rock Castle, April 24, 1869. Its name was changed to Rockcastle (one word) February 10, 1894.

Names of Postmasters and dates of their ap-

pointments are as follows: Hugh M. Donnelly, April 24, 1869; Mrs. Nancy A. Duffield, November 2, 1882; Travis I.C. Parsons, October 19, 1893; Benjamin G. Casto, January 26, 1898; William R. Casto, April 10, 1899; Lawrence F. Wolf, August 20, 1903; William R. Casto, August 27, 1908; Gatewood L. Knapp, February 24, 1914; Mrs. Stacie L. Fisher, July 28, 1919; Clyde O. Casto, May 9, 1921; Clarence W. Mercer, October 16, 1923; Waiteman T.W. Paxton, December 7, 1925; Mrs. Minnie Casto, August 26, 1936; Mrs. Hazel Barnett, August 31, 1958; Mrs. Evelyn Belle Hall, August 30, 1968 to September 25, 1985.

According to the official records in Washington, D.C., the salary of Hugh Donnelly, the first Postmaster, was \$4.00 for the year 1871. Those records for 1879 show his salary was \$12.44. Hugh M. Donnelly was a native of Ireland. He was born June 30, 1835. He expired September 20, 1882. He is buried in the Shinn Graveyard near Rockcastle and across the Jackson County line in Mason County of Thirteen Mile Creek. *Submitted by Evelyn Hall*

SHERMAN POST OFFICE

The Sherman Post Office, in Grant District, was established on March 22, 1883. Each Postmaster furnished the building for the Sherman Post Office and was moved from one location to another within the general area of Sherman.

William L. Rector was first Postmaster and served until 1887; Theodore R. Cline to June 1889; John L. Barnhart to March 8, 1890; Joseph F. Ball to March 31, 1893; Theodore R. Cline to March 6, 1900. John Barnhart to June 5, 1907;



Marcella Jones, 1973

Joseph E. Ball to June 17, 1910. Joseph D. Cooper to May 7, 1915; Jessie L. Rector to July 24, 1920. Joseph D. Cooper to April 26, 1938; Anna L. Howell to March 1, 1972.

Marcella B. Jones started October 28, 1972 — present Postmaster.

The mail used to come by train from Parkersburg and stop at Portland Station which was just across from where Bob Sutphin lives. The Postmaster would have to have the mail bag ready to go and dispatch would be put on a snatcher and Sherman mail dropped as train traveled on to Ravenswood. Train would have to stop when the people would send cream cans to Ravenswood and cans returned back to Portland Station for the Post Office. There were stacks of catalogs delivered and the people ordered; Parcel Post and Baby chicks came to Post Office for delivery.

(In 1900, there were 20 Post Offices in Grant District and by 1952 there remained only two Post Offices.) *Submitted by Marcella Jones*

PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECTS

HERITAGE HOUSE

Heritage House, a memorial to the early settlers of Jackson County, stands on the grounds of the Cedar Lakes educational center. It is a two story log house which typifies genteel living of the families who came here to settle permanently and develop the region.

The main house is constructed of hand hewn logs with a board and batten kitchen. The roof is made of cut cedar shakes. The size of the house and the kind of logs used depended on the kind of trees which stood on the site selected for the home. The notching of the logs shows that the house was constructed in three stages by different craftsmen. A one story cabin became a two story house as the family grew in numbers and required more space. A kitchen, separated by a dog trot, was added when a wood burning iron stove became available and replaced cooking on the hearth. The stove at Heritage House was patented in 1878. Such stoves are rare as most of them were contributed to the scrap drive during the first World War.

The exact age of the original construction of the house or name of its builder is not known.



Heritage House

Such houses were common from the early 1800s to the end of the century. It is known that the house as completed was owned in the late 1800s by Jacob L. Starcher, the grandson of Jacob Starcher, Ripley's first permanent settler. After changing hands through the years, it was abandoned. In 1968 it was bought by Genevieve Starcher who restored it and gave it to the State Board of Education to be erected at Cedar Lakes as a living museum in the hope that it will help visitors, especially young people, acquire a better knowledge of how early settlers lived and the debt of appreciation owed to them.

Heritage House is completely furnished with original handmade furniture of walnut, cherry, poplar, and maple dating from the early 1800s which belonged to the Starcher, Doolittle, Keenan, and Skidmore families, all early settlers in Jackson County.

On the front of Heritage House is a bronze commemorative plaque which reads: "Heritage House honors the early settlers who turned forests into grain fields, built comfortable homes and established schools and churches. In answer to their petitions to the General Assembly of Virginia, Jackson County was created in 1831, and its seat of government, Ripley in 1832. These early settlers acquired the skills and knowledge essential to the westward development of the United States. To them posterity owes gratitude. Gift of Genevieve Starcher 1968" *Submitted by Genevieve Starcher*

OLD FIELD SCHOOL AT CEDAR LAKES

The idea of preserving some of Jackson County's pioneer schools, teaching aids and furniture in an authentic replica of an "Old Field School" was suggested by Mrs. Bernice Painter,

and enthusiastically supported by the Jackson County Retired School Employees and Jackson County Court. The Court agreed to match the money that the JCARSE could solicit from members and other local groups.

Under the able leadership of Luther Hutton, committees were named to research early schools, to draw up plans, to publicize the project, to solicit funds, and to obtain legal permits for construction of such a building in the vicinity of the Starcher Heritage Cottage at Cedar Lakes.

A permit was issued by the West Virginia Director of Vocational-Technical and Adult Education Division allowing the construction of the



Old Field School, Cedar Lakes

building.

Some of the early contributors lending both moral and monetary support were: Mr. Eldon McCoy, who donated logs from a dismantled log structure; Mr. John Rhodes, Jr., who provided cut stones taken from Wright's Mill at Cottageville; the Delta Kappa Gamma Honorary Teachers Society, who made the first monetary contribution designing it to be used on the foundation of the building; the U.S. Army Reserve, Royal L. Casto,

C.W. D., who provided heavy equipment to transport the logs and cut stones to the building site; Cedar Lakes maintenance employees, who dug the footer and later assisted in roofing the school with wooden shingles furnished in part by the Department of Natural Resources and the Arts and Crafts Fair Association; and Mr. Butner's construction class from the Arch A. Moore, Jr. Vocational School, who donated many hours of labor.

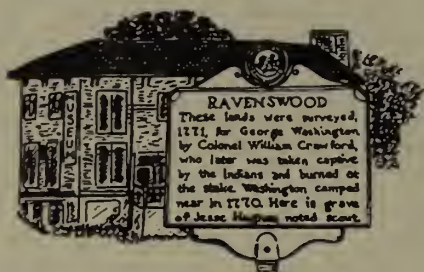
Many retired teachers, clubs, businesses, fraternities, and organizations donated to the construction of the "Old Field School." The dedication was October 9, 1979, at Cedar Lakes.

Taken from the Dedication of Old Field Pioneer School. *Submitted by Mabel Chapman*

WASHINGTON'S LANDS MUSEUM AND SAYRE LOG HOUSE

The Museum buildings are operated under the auspices of the Jackson County Historical Society, which attempts to collect the display items relating to the history of Jackson County and its early settlers.

Washington's Lands Museum & Sayre Log House



Washington Lands Museum

The Washington's Lands Museum takes its name from the fact that the land upon which it stands was once part of two large tracts owned by George Washington within the present boundaries of Jackson County. The first major display of county historical objects was sponsored by the DAR during the West Virginia Centennial. With the formation of the Jackson County Historical Society in 1969, the Museum was provided a

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Edward H. Greene and his father, John, were connected with one of the saddest events that ever occurred in the area. His father was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, and came to this section early in the nineteenth century, settling on Allens' Fork of Poca, now in Jackson County, where he reared seven children, Edward being the only son. A neighbor was Reuben Harrison, who settled on Thirteen Mile Creek, now in Mason County. He had several sons, among whom were Alexander, Josiah and Zebulon, who was then 12 years of age. These men often hunted together, and in the spring of 1817, John Greene, with his son, then 11, visited the Harrison's.

One day during their stay, Alexander Harrison and Greene were hunting on Eighteen Mile Creek, and after killing a deer, found a tree where, from the scratches, presumed it held a bear; they left the deer carcass and hastened home to secure an axe to fell the tree. Greene, begged to accompany them, which was granted. The four arrived at the tree late in the evening and upon felling the tree found no

permanent sponsor.

In Ohio River Lock building No. 22, which was remodeled to house the Museum, you will find numerous display cases filled with small articles of interest, including: old clothing, Indian artifacts, books, china, photographs, children's toys, and much more. There is a fine collection of paintings by local folk artist David Homer McFarland. Photos and memorabilia of Ohio riverboats donated by Goff Carder line a hallway.

As an appropriate setting for objects, the Museum has room settings which include: a Victorian parlor, a country store, an adjacent tool shed, a dress shop and a school room.

Objects of special note include: a glass sided horse drawn hearse, a pump organ made in Cincinnati and brought up river for use at Muses Bottom, c. 1875, and an old B & O railroad ticket stand.



*SAYRE
LOG
HOUSE
1875*

Sayre Log House, 1875

The log house built by Abijah and Ellen (Hartley) Sayre near Cow Run in southern Jackson County has been restored to the period 1840-1880. Country furnishings of the period decorate the house, many items belonged to the Sayre family.

SAYRE LOG HOUSE

Abijah Sayre and Ellen Hartley were married December 24, 1874. They went to housekeeping in a sawmill building on his father's farm. Abijah's parents, Ephraim and Mazilla (Hunt) Sayre, gave them 25 acres of land. Logs were cut and hewed and this house erected in 1875. Ellen's brother, Thomas Hartley, built the stairway and also the cupboard and dough box which are still in the house today.

Abijah and Ellen Sayre had seven children and when the two oldest sons became young men a

large kitchen and parlor were added to the log structure and the whole house was weather boarded. Here the Sayres lived the rest of their lives. When the youngest son, Thomas E., got married he bought part of the farm and built his home. Thomas eventually bought all the farm.

Abijah died in 1925 and Ellen in 1934. After that the log house was unoccupied and used for storage.

In August 1982, representatives of the Jackson County Historical Society toured the log house and immediately saw the possibility of preserving this log house for future generations. Mr. Sayre agreed to donate the house to the Historical Society if a permanent site could be found. The City of Ravenswood agreed to sub-lease a piece of ground in Ravenswood's River Front Park directly across from the Museum. Funds for the dismantling, move and restoration were made available from the Ravenswood Bi-Centennial Commission, the West Virginia Dept. of Culture and History — Historic Preservation Unit, the Jackson County Historical Society and many private contributions. Bob Parsons was engaged to oversee the project and by August 1983 the house was dedicated during the Ohio River Festival.



Sayre Log House, Thomas Sayre on the Porch

It is the hope of the Sayre family, the Jackson County Historical Society, and other sponsoring agencies, that this log house will stand as a monument to all of the individuals who cleared the land, raised their families, and enjoyed the good life through the generations here in Jackson County. *Submitted by Ed Rauh*

MISCELLANEOUS

bear. It being near dark, the party concluded to stay put until morning, and found a small cave under a shelving rock to spend the night.

After building a small fire, they lay down to rest, the men on one side of the fire and the boys on the other. Sometime during the night, the rock overhead, from the combined effect of the frost and the fire, burst, and a huge mass fell upon them.



Spot where men are buried

Both men were crushed from the hips down; the boys, though badly bruised, were able to crawl out, owing to the fact that the wood they had gathered for the fire partially supported the fallen rock on their side. Morning came, the men called for water, and the boys emptied the powder horns, and brought it. The young boys did not know the way home, so stayed with the sufferers. By the second day, their friends were searching for them, and on the fourth day, Alexander Harrison found them — his brother was already dead, and John Greene was near death. The two boys were near famishing from hunger.

Alexander put the two boys on his horse and hastened home. As he left, Mr. Greene cast one look of utter despair after them, and when a relief party hastened back, his soul, too, had departed for a better world. The rock was moved, and the two men buried where they had died.

This spot is on the old Nathan B. Casto farm, just below the Casto family cemetery where Nathan and Margaret Casto are buried. Edward H. Greene, after his first wife, Sarah Parsons, died,

wedded Chloe (Crites) Pfost, widow of Francis Marion Pfost, on Grasslick, and it was the scene of the Pfost-Greene murders. Mr. Greene died, December 18, 1895. *Submitted by Gaynelle Folden*

A.M. CARSON STORE COMPANY



A.M. Carson Store, Ripley

After arriving in Ripley in 1889 from Racine, Ohio, A.M. Carson purchased an interest in the mercantile firm of J.M. Hensley and Company which was located in West Ripley near the railroad tracks. In 1894 Mr. Carson and W.A. Ellis of Racine, Ohio purchased the James Poling property and moved the business to the North West corner of Main and Court Streets, the present location of the Family Dollar Store. In 1914, C.C. Staats, A.M. Carson's son-in-law, purchased Mr. Ellis's interest. The firm was always known as the A.M. Carson Company. *Submitted by Dorothy Staats Kerns*

DIXON R. KING COMPASS



Dixon R. King Compass

The Dixon R. King Compass, used by him before the Civil War. Also used by his son, Jackson County Land Surveyor, William John King. The entire surveying set, including stakes, flags, chain, boxwood stake, tripod, plumb bob, and assorted weights has passed through five generations of the family and now belongs to Lola Kessell-Johnson, daughter of Carroll King Kessell. The set is brass; the face of the compass is solid silver, 1/2 thick; the water in the levels has been there over 130 years. *Submitted by Lola Johnson*

JACKSON GENERAL HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Jackson General Hospital Volunteer Program began shortly after the hospital opened in 1965. Pastors of the various denominations participating in the Jackson County Ministerial Association are approved by the Chaplain Board in conjunction with the Hospital Board. They are then scheduled on a rotating basis to serve for one week at a time. They visit the hospital daily and

are on call 24 hours a day for that week. Many pastors have served down the years, and at present there are 13 on the list and involved in the project. *Submitted by Herman P. Robinson*

LAND USE DAY IN JACKSON COUNTY

On Thursday, September 15, 1949 at the county farm near Cottageville, WV and on U.S. Route 33, there was held a Land Use Day. This was sponsored by the Jackson County Agriculture Council in co-operation with the Western Soil Conservation District, The Little Kanawha Regional Council, and the West Virginia State Soil Conservation Committee. This committee was composed of Delmar K. Somerville, N.K. Speicher, Wayne Hughes, F.W.D. Parsons, Lawrence S. Cavendish, Sattis Simmons, William Strunk, Carroll Greene, Walter C. Gumbel, A. Clyde Wright and B.I. Speicher.

The conservation farm plan that was installed on this farm was a complete farm plan. It was based upon a study of the actual conditions on each field. The plan will result in more efficient production with the conservation of soil and water resources. Proper land use was determined from the capabilities map and follow by the development of supporting erosion control and water conservation practices.

Technical services were provided by the Soil Conservation Service, U.S.D.A. and the Agriculture Experiment Station WVU. Education services by the county agents and vocational agriculture teachers. Labor by ex-servicemen of Jackson, Mason, Putman, Wood, Wirt, Roane and Kanawha counties who were enrolled in the Veterans Administration "On-the-Farm-Training" program.

Engineers Branch of Parkersburg National Guard built a bridge across Mill Creek for the total renovation of the County Farm, which is now the site of the Jackson County Fair. They were helped out by veterans from different counties (On-the-Job-Training). Jackson County's On-the-Job-Training was the largest program in the United States.

(This information was obtained from Lawrence S. Cavendish and Dr. Delmar K. Somerville. There is more information in the Ripley Library on file. It was a notable event and the only one of its kind in the eastern United States.)

PINNELL GATHERING



Pinnell Family Gathering

Pictured above are three well-roasted pigs that helped make the following account of county interest.

In the spring of 1952, William Lloyd Pinnell felt the need to bring neighbors, relatives and family friends together in a fellowship celebration of thanksgiving for prosperity and blessings that had followed his life in Jackson County. He and his wife, Olevia, decided to furnish a pig from his large herd of swine for a pig-roast, and plans were immediately under way for the first annual pig-

roast and picnic at their spacious country home in Cottageville, always on the last Sunday in September. The event evolved into the largest private gathering in the county, and was eagerly looked forward to each year by the participants. Each guest had been personally invited by a member of the family, and the numbers grew so rapidly, that, by the second year, three pigs were roasted in order to guarantee each guest a slice of the succulent pork.

It was a family affair, that included the family of Margaret Cunningham, mother-in-law of Pinnell's daughter, Olevia (Dude). The roasting took place at the Cunningham farm in Evans, in huge Army surplus cast iron stove/ovens. On the eve of the pig-picnic, the younger family members and special friends kept an all-night vigil at the roasting site to prepare a bushel of tiny, new potatoes for browning, and to make certain that the pig was cooked to perfection, not burned to a crisp. Those moments of closeness and merriment are often brought to memory by those who were part of the scene.

The numerous cloth-covered tables were abundantly laden with a variety of pot-luck dishes that the guests brought along. The golden-brown pig, with the traditional red apple in its mouth and black-grape eyes, was delivered on a huge tray, and placed in its honored place on a table decorated with fall leaves, berries, gourds, pumpkins, squash, and large bunches of Tokay grapes. Lloyd welcomed everyone to his home, and after a prayer of thanksgiving, the carving duties each year were shared by Marion Pfost and L.C. Basham, dear and long-time friends of the family. *Submitted by Joann Hoffman*

RECALLS OF JACKSON COUNTY

Ravenswood, West Virginia, September 16

This is the story of an 83-year old Jackson County resident whose remarkable memory makes it possible for him to describe rural life here 70 years ago and list the names of many of the "old-timers" who resided in Grant District 70 or more years ago.

Clark A. White, who lives with his son at Muses Bottom, in an interview yesterday said that when he was a boy 10 years old the valleys in the Ebenezer, Milhoan Ridge, Toppins Grove, Road Fork, Muses Bottom, and Little Sandy sections of the county "were dotted with log cabins and a few plank houses".

"I can remember well how the people lived in those days," he said. "Not much land was farmed then, but the people made a living cutting timber for hoop-poles, oil barrel staves, tan bark, railroad ties, and wagon hubs.

"And let me tell you — the people showed plenty of hospitality in those days," he went on. "You could stop at a cabin any time and get a meal of corn bread, sorghum molasses, potatoes, beans, and fat meat. If you received any 'extras' they would be stewed turnips and dried pumpkin."

PEOPLE WERE HOSPITABLE

He hesitated, then continued:

"Speaking of hospitality, sociability was in full bloom in those days, but today the tree is dead. The war and politics take up the time of too many people, and the money-grabbers have their eyes open day and night."

Mr. White was born on Road Fork of Little Sandy Creek on March 19, 1861, a son of Jackson and Nancy Snodgrass White. He has three sisters and nine brothers. He was married March 28, 1882 to Miss Ida McKinley, who died March 31 of this year. For 15 years after his marriage, he lived on the James Morgan farm. He is the father of seven children, three of whom are living.

When he was 15 years old, Mr. White said he attended the Ebenezer Baptist Church, which then was a log structure. The minister was the Rev. Jabis Swager. Among the men of that time he remembers were Isaac Starkey, Oliver Cather, Henry Lamp, the Flannagan family, Gus King, James Gibbs, George Lodston, and Zery Kirkhart, all of whom resided in the Ebenezer section.

Asked if the boys in the country did much "gang fighting" in those days, Mr. White, his eyes snapping, said he did not remember much about such things, "But I did have one good fight myself," he said, smiling, adding:

FIGHT OVER GIRL

"That fight was over a girl, a pretty girl named Virginia Flannagan. I was attending the Road Fork School and became interested in her, and another boy, older than I was 'Bac' King, also wanted her as his girl. One day he told me if I didn't stop talking to her he'd whip me, and I told him I reckoned that was the best way to settle the argument.

"So we each selected a boy to go with us up on the hill, and for some reason, Virginia followed us. 'Bac' hit me a hard lick with his fist, and I fell backwards over an embankment. He jumped on top of me, but I managed to toss him off and get a straddle of him. I guess the girl sort of encouraged me, because when 'Bac' had me down I heard her say, 'Go on, Clark — you're not licked yet!' Anyhow, I made my rival yell 'enough' and from then on I had no trouble with him."

LOG SCHOOLHOUSES

Mr. White recalled that he was six years old when the men began to come back from the Civil War. "We had only three months of school then," he declared. "The schools were built of logs; the desks were hewn logs, and the buildings were heated by a large open fireplace.

"After the war, a man who said he was from Baltimore, came through this section of the county and asked my father, who was a school trustee, to give him a job for a month. All the pay he asked was his board and room and tobacco. He was William Keeffee, and he stayed at Road Fork for three terms, then taught in other places in Jackson County. He was one of the best teachers ever to have a job here."

When he was a young man, Mr. White played the violin and helped to furnish music for square dances. "Many a time I've played all night for dances that were held at the homes of different families. Tickets were sold for 10 cents a dance, and the girls came from all directions. They wore home-made dresses that reached below their ankles. Yes, those 'ho downs,' or 'shin-digs,' as we called them, were gay events."

RAVENSWOOD HIS HOME TOWN

Ravenswood has always been his "home town," Mr. White said.

"I remember a lot of old people here. Among them were Uncle Charley Harold, the tanner; 'Ran' Miller, the engineer at the Ravenswood Mill; George Leonard, Ben Williams, and Robert Wetzell, merchants; Judge R. S. Brown, Robert Park, grandfather of Robert K. Park, William Proctor, Gus' grandfather, and Jack Roliff."

Mr. White recalled the following persons who were old men when he was a young boy:

Milhoan Ridge — Peter, Lemuel, William, George, and John Milhoan, the Bloomfield family, George Sinnett, and Nathaniel Hoselton.

Toppins Grove — Capt. and Col. King, who were officers in the Union army during the Civil War. Scott and John King, "Old Man" Jacoby, who made coffins from black walnut and cherry wood; Dave Hale, the Watkins family, Henry Shafer, and Charles Boso, who was 106 years old when he died, and who operated a mill on Little Pond Creek.

WORKED FOR 25 CENTS A DAY

Road Fork — James Birch, William Staats, who lived up on Hog Trail, a branch of Road Fork; Oliver Gaston, Cyrus Jarrett, Daniel Landon, and Joshua Cox, for whom Mr. White worked for 25 cents a day on his farm.

Little Sandy — Stepto Rector, "Eleven" Rector, Ellis Nesselroade, Herbert Palmer, Peter Aten, Reuben Cooper, Isaac and John Safreed, DeWitt and Davis Rardin, William Safreed, Noah Staats, Tom and Sam Rardin, Israel Nesselroade, Lefe Cozart, William and John Slaven, James Conner, Sam McBride, and William Flinn, who owned a water mill.

Muses Bottom — Bennett and James Wheaton, Isiah Morgan, Thomas Coleman, after whom Coleman chapel was named; William Roberts, Phillip Polk, Thomas DeWitt, John Harrow, Nelson Bonar, Jack Flesher, Cole Tid, Solomon Bigley, and Jasper Congrove.

(Note: The above information was taken from an article written by Joseph W. Short in 1944.)

Submitted by Nadine Hofman

RANKIN BARN



Rankin Barn

The octagonal barn, located along the Wilding Road, in Ravenswood District, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Rankin family owned the property at the time the barn was erected. It is now owned by Okey and Florence Butcher. The Rankin Cemetery is located behind the barn and contains one unusual tombstone inscription: John Rankin was struck twice with a club by James Shepperson, May 24, 1860, and died from the effect of the blows, May 26, 1860.

Submitted by Carolyn Miihlbach

SANTA CLAUS CAME TO CENTER POINT

It was 83 years ago, my first term in school. Center Point was a rural school with all eight grades in one small room, a rostrum across one end, and blackboard made by adding a coat of black paint to the wall boards.

I had never seen Santa Claus. My only knowledge of him was that he came down the chimney late at night, left presents around the tree for the family, which, at our house, was always cedar, and left by the same route. Nor was my curiosity aroused when, along with an older brother, I watched, through a knot-hole, our parents arrange the presents in much the same fashion that we found them in the morning.

The pupils had talked excitedly about "treat day" which was always the afternoon before Christmas, and that Santa might come in person with the candy, apples and oranges if we had been especially good. Shortly after the noon hour, when it was "books" again, another first-grader and I were sent to the spring to fetch a bucket of water. My first commission for such an important task, but wasn't I big enough? I was a first grader!

As we approached the schoolhouse all bedlam

broke loose. Firecrackers, which sounded like atomic bombs to our young and tender ears, exploded all around us, and great balls of fire came roaring over the building, scarcely missing us! We had never seen a Roman candle before. With the bucket of water swinging between us, we dashed for the schoolhouse door, hoping to get there without serious injury. The door was locked! No one would let us in for all our frantic pounding. Finally, the teacher unlocked the door and we gave him our pail of water which, by this time, held scarcely enough to fill a dipper.

Once securely inside the schoolhouse, we did not have long to reflect upon our deliverance. There was a loud noise at the door and in bounced Santa with two of his helpers, all loaded with treats and goodies for boys and girls. Camaraderie continued. There were still some firecrackers to be exploded, and a general panic prevailed.

After leaving a bountiful supply of candy, oranges and apples for all the good boys and girls, Santa announced that he and his helpers had many other schools to visit and bolted out the door.

Some years later I made peace with Santa, but it was not until much later that I realized what had happened to the three "big boys" of the school, to whom I had turned for protection in my extremity, and could not find them anywhere in the building.

Submitted by Oliver D. Kessel

THE CASTO HOLE

During the Civil War, Nicholas Casto, of Statts Mills, a Union man, wrote a poem lambasting the Confederate cause and, in particular, deriding the Rebel leanings of his friend, Elihugh Powers. Powers, in return, wrote the poem known as the "Casto Hole", giving his friend as good as he had gotten. The Casto poem is long forgotten, but Powers' masterpiece is still fairly well remembered. Following are the 19 verses as remembered by Hoyt O. Powers, Elihugh's grandson.

Far in the woods on Upper Tug
They wrap old Union in a rug
Where Nicholas reads the Union Roll
And rallies 'round the Casto Hole.

The Casto Hole is a cavern deep
Where Union men can quiet sleep
Where all their warlike plans unfold
While fortified in the Casto Hole.

There you can hail the Union flag
For such they call their striped rag
Some two feet square, stuck on a pole
In the region of the Casto Hole.

Union, Union is their song
It's two feet broad and four feet long
Hold up your heads and sing it bold
A 100 feet in the Casto Hole.

Game-leg Miller took a-fright;
He took for Upper Tug one night,
His fears were far beyond control
So he bolted for the Casto Hole.

Since Wisc has gone, with him went fear
Except at night lest they should hear
Some demon howl, or ghost of old
Prowling 'round the Casto Hole.

A Southern Scout, horrors profound
A name that shakes the very ground
That name's a thunderbolt to Joel,
The General of the Casto Hole.

But, Oh! the horrors of a Scout,
To those poor creatures crowded out,
In their retreat, headlong they roll
Chock full they fill the Casto Hole.

No danger near, see how they prance
Like Indians at an Indian dance
Ignorant as Indians, 'pon my soul
Those warriors of the Casto Hole.

Go to their homes, give them a call
There reigns a solemn stillness all
But take their tracks, however cold
They'll lead you to the Casto Hole.

Lord, calm their fears, Thy Grace is good
Call those scared creatures from the wood
Call them like sheep into Thy fold
Those creatures of the Casto Hole.

Poor old Joel, he died of late
And took his flight to the Pearly Gate
Saint Peter knew the poor old soul
And kicked him back to the Casto Hole.

Down from the Pearly Gates he flies
A howling demon from the skies
A ghastly ghost — black, grim and cold,
Came sliding back to the Casto Hole.

On *terra firma* safe again
Young yelping devils in his train
To the old rogues march they beat a roll
And escorted him back to the Casto Hole.

Old Wizard Nicholas was on hand
In the Witches Department holds command
He spreads his signs from Pole to Pole
To 'luminate the Casto Hole.

Witches, Wizards and Goblins grim
Assembled there and were sworn in
Presiding, sat the ghost of Joel
At the meeting of the Casto Hole.

And traitors ghosts, they too were there
Old Hull and Arnold took a share
And rogues were there in numbers bold
All refugees in the Casto Hole.

And Woolly-heads they come along
With chalky eyes and odor strong
In that deep den high place they hold
All abolition in the Casto Hole. *Submitted by*

Delmer R. Hite

THE LIVERPOOL GENERAL STORE: A NOSTALGIC MEMORY

The Liverpool General Store, for many years, was nestled quietly in the sleepy hamlet of Liverpool, West Virginia, on the border of Jackson and Roane Counties, at the crossroads of secondary 13 and Hartley Run Road. Secondary 13 was a side road of West Virginia State Route 21, connecting the towns of Sandyville, West Virginia, and Reedy, West Virginia. Hartley Run Road crossed over the hill to join West Virginia State Route 33 at Frozen Camp, West Virginia. Many side roads and hollows branched off from the two roads where people, who served by the store, lived in a seven square mile radius. The shortest distance to Ripley, West Virginia, where most of the supplies for the store were obtained, was 16 miles. In the winter months, secondary 13 between Sandyville and Liverpool became impassable to traffic. Fortunately, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad passed within 100 feet of the store and supplies could be freighted in. Liverpool, West Virginia was in the early days a boom town, due to the discovery of oil in the surrounding hills and valleys.

The store building was erected in the late 1800s. It was one of the largest buildings in the village of modest homes. The design was rectangular, two stories high, a side room on the right, a small office to the rear, and a wide front porch across the entrance to the building. The most prominent fixtures on the porch was the long, wooden loafer's bench. It had been carved by the pocket knives of many youthful people over the years, leaving their initials for posterity. Tin type signs posted by hucksters on the back of the bench as well as the store front read thus, "I'd Walk a Mile for a Camel," "Chew Mail Pouch Tobacco," "Square Snuff—a square deal," and "Try Willard's Message of Relief". To the left of the porch was

the gasoline pump. Inside the two large four paned windows glaringly reposed carelessly stacked boxes of soap powder, oil for car engines, Putnam and Rit Dyes, and various other sundry items. A large pile of black, shiny coal was dumped in a bin beside the store, to be used as fuel for the stove in winter. The room to the right had a separate front door, but it was accessible from the inside of the store. The entrance doors to the store were double and directly in the center front of the building. The boards of the porch floor and the inside of the store were of the same wide, thick oak wood, oiled to keep down the dust that spread in from the mud road.

The interior of the store was arranged in a U shape. At first glance, the shopper could see the seasonal goods that might be stacked or sitting along the center aisle. Quite possibly there would be red apples in fall. A wood keg of salt fish, oranges or tangerines in winter, and bananas were a special treat. The large, black, pot-bellied stove presided, in an imposing manner, in the center of the room. An assortment of nail kegs, benches, and repaired chairs, usually filled with loafers, were arranged around the stove. Near the rear of the store were a battered meat case, a pop case, and a refrigerator. Directly behind them was the office where the telephones were. The large center aisle was lined on either side with three-foot-high counters, constructed of heavy wood and painted with many coats of paint, which had accumulated over the years. The counter tops were covered with linoleum scraps. Center openings in the counters allowed the storekeeper to step from counter to counter as he served the customer.

There was a wide range of products to be purchased at this store. Perhaps the most wonderful to me, as a child entering the store, was directly to my right. It was a huge assortment of candies, enclosed in huge glass show case. All manner of sweet concoctions seemed to be available there! There were suckers, jawbreakers, chewing gums, five cent candy bars, chocolate drops, hard candy, stick's of peppermint and, oh, so many more. Never again in my life would there be such an enticing display of candy! Many times my mother allowed me to take three eggs to exchange for some of these sweets. The next display was another of my favorites — the cookies and crackers. A ten pound box of oyster crackers was always pre-opened here, to be sold by the scoop full along with a slice of cheese or bologna. On the end of this first section of counter top was mounted a heavy metal holder for the wide roll of white wrapping paper. Just across the center opening was the section reserved for the placing, checking, and bagging of purchases. The customer did not move around the store to collect the items he wanted. This was the job of the storekeeper. A large, ornate, metal string holder swayed from the ceiling above this section of counter, dispensing the necessary string to tie packages which were wrapped in the white paper. To the right of the storekeeper's post were the cash register, the scales, and the wood cubbyholes where the charge account pads were stored. The walls behind this counter were lined with shelves from ceiling to floor. Scattered on these shelves was a maximum selection of one brand of canned beans, peas, corn, hominy, various fruits, flour, meal, baking powder, soda, salt, sugar, cocoa, and other basic supplies. Cereal, spices, tobacco, and cigarettes were stocked in a wider variety. For many years the meats and cheeses kept in the meat case, at the end of this counter, were sliced by hand with a large knife and wrapped in some of the white paper and tied with the string. The customers were happy when the storekeeper obtained a meat slicer and they could then designate thick or thin slices. It was a delight to have ten cents to buy a slice of cheese or bologna, a scoop full of soda crackers and a bottle of orange soda to devour, as we visited with neighbors around the store.

The left side of the store was reserved for dry goods, shoes, medicine, and other special items. The contents of the glass show case on this counter were as enticing to the shopper of the day as the counters of the first floor of the Diamond Department Store is for today's shopper. Ladies could select underwear, hosiery, hankies, and dresses from a very limited selection. The gentlemen purchased pants, shoes, boots, underwear, and stockings. There were very few articles of clothing for children. The mothers chose from the yard goods cloth to sew into dresses, petticoats, and shirts for their children. The sewing center was well stocked with cotton materials, thread, buttons, and tapes.

A large metal case was kept full of Dr. Myers patent medicines, which were guaranteed to cure all ills. Little girls found ribbons for their hair and dolls to wish for at Christmas. There were pocket knives for the boys to ponder over.

The ware-room to the extreme left contained the small tools, such as hoes, rakes, and shovels needed by the farmers of the area. The fox hunter purchased kerosene for his lantern as well as a collar and chain for his hound. A colorful display of seeds announced the coming of Spring.

The storekeeper, being a versatile man, performed many other services in the community. He would cut hair, charging 25 cents per head. In his spare moments, he pumped gas into car tanks, changed oil in the engines, and even greased the car for some customers.

The Liverpool General Store was a community center. The older members of the area whiled away the summer evenings with games of croquet. The youth congregated there to play ball, tag, hide-and-seek, or ante-over the roof. Winter afforded other methods of entertainment. The natives gathered around the pot-bellied stove, in which a warm fire was always burning. The men were complacent as they played checkers and dominoes. Others would tell spine-tingling tales of ghosts and strange happenings around the country side.

One cold winter night, one of the local exaggerators was indulging in his favorite pastime of telling frightening tales. A number of the young men, who were practical-jokers, devised a plan to get even with him. They quickly stuffed a pair of long white underwear with papers. They hurried to a spot along the road he would be traveling to go home. Bearing the ghastly image, they climbed high into an overhanging oak tree. They attached a long wire to the neck band of the underwear and waited, impatiently. When they heard the approaching footsteps of their victim, just at the right moment, they lowered the apparition into his path. He ran screaming all the way to the nearest home, and pounded frantically on the door. It was several nights before he ventured back out to the store.

Joke playing was an everyday occurrence. I had developed the habit of helping myself to the cookies and soda crackers. One day as I reached my hand into the partly open box for a free cookie, I got quite a surprise! Snap! went the mousetrap as it closed on my fingers! The audience enjoyed this caper immensely!

One of the first radios in the area was purchased by the owner of the store. On the nights Amos and Andy, Lum and Abner, Championship prize-fights, and election returns were broadcast, there would be standing room only at the store. The first Bell telephone in the community was installed in the store office. There was, however, a citizen phone co-owned by the people of the area. They used these phones to call in to the store and the storekeeper would make their long distance calls for them, in cases of emergency.

Some very diverse people and customers frequented the emporium. One eccentric, hermit-type man I remember well was Philip Anderson. His most distinctive feature was a long, white beard. His long white hair was down over his shoulders.

Some people said he had never had a hair cut or shave. He lived alone up one of the hollows. It was evident he never bathed himself or washed his clothes. He purchased his long bib overalls from the store. When the pair he was wearing became worn, he simply bought another pair to wear over the top of them. No one knew for sure how many pairs he had on.

Another local man I think of often, came to the store carrying a heavy, long stick. He was a very vocal person, telling me and the other children tales of mad dogs and snakes he fought off with the stick, along the way.

Two of my very favorite people made periodic trips to the store. Arthur Carter was a short, fat, Santa Claus type man. To walk the shortest distance, he traveled a path through the meadow, beside my childhood home. I knew the day Arthur would be coming by. I watched for him, diligently. He always had a gift for me, candy, a few pennies, or a handkerchief his sister had made. My Uncle Bert Sheppard was the other one. He lived about two miles back in the country. He came to the store in a horsedrawn buggy. I knew when he was coming because my Aunt Clara would call on the citizen phone and alert me. I watched the road, until I saw the dapple grey team come around the

bend. I would rush out to meet him, climb up beside him, and ride part of the way to the store. Then as he continued on his way, I hurried back to my home and persuaded my mother to allow me to go home with him for a visit.

Years passed and I grew older, but I still found favorite people at the store. My boy-friend, later to become my husband, worked as a clerk there. I made many unnecessary shopping trips while he was employed at the store.

The Liverpool General Store and the supermarket of today are unlike in many ways. The general store, of a by gone day had a warm friendly atmosphere; the supermarket of today has an impersonal air about it. When a customer was short of cash, he was allowed to charge food at the general store, whereas the customer must pay at the time of purchase at the supermarket. The general store was simply constructed, but supermarkets are complex in design. There was no choice of brands at the general store, in contrast to the wide variety of popular and name brands which may be selected in the supermarket. The owner of the general store was a well known member of the community, however few of us know the owner of the supermarket where we shop today.

With the passing years and the appearance of more supermarkets, there was a slow decline in the sales made at the Liverpool General Store. Roads were paved and the day of the automobile and the ability to travel to town to shop had its effect. Drastic changes were made in life styles. The patrons of the Liverpool General Store began to demand a larger variety in products. The store was unable to compete with the large chain stores which bought in volume and sold products cheaper.

Radios, and finally television sets, were purchased by the people. They no longer found their diversion at the store. The social life of the community was no longer centered around the store. The business steadily became less profitable. A few years ago, the Liverpool General Store closed its doors for the last time. The building was taken down. Parts of it were sold; some lumber was used as fuel for fireplaces in homes, and the remainder was built into a garage on the property. But the tall, metal pole that for so long supported the only lighted sign in town, still stands as a monument to the Liverpool General Store, a nostalgic memory. *Submitted by Mary K. Hill*

FAMILY HISTORIES

ABELS

John William Abels and Alice Anderson Abels, my grandparents, are buried in Wilding Cemetery, Jackson County, West Virginia, not far from the site of their homestead. John W. was the fourth generation of his family to live in Jackson County. His earliest known ancestor was Martin Able, who moved to Jackson County with his wife and children from the Morgantown area in the early 1800s.



John Wm. and Alice (Anderson) Abels

Alice was born in Meigs County, Ohio, one of three children born to Jeremiah and Parsidia Bishop Anderson. Jeremiah's earliest known ancestor was Edward Anderson, who, with his wife Agnes, appeared first in this area in Wills Creek, Fort Cumberland, Maryland. Following their deaths, their children moved down to Wood, Jackson and Meigs Counties. Parsidia Bishop's earliest known ancestor was George Bishop, born in Maryland and married to Ann Boothe about 1776 in Montgomery County, Virginia.

John and Alice were married May 22, 1874 in Jackson County. With an inheritance from her father, they bought 100 acres at the head of Straight Fork near Wilding, "right in the woods," according to the recollections of their eldest child, Nannie. As the years went by, additional acreage on the surrounding ridges was added. Clearing the land to build a home was a real challenge, as the land was well timbered. John leased plots of eight or ten acres to get help with the clearing. Bark was peeled off the oaks and sold for tan bark in Ravenswood, and barrel staves and hoop poles were made and sold. Some of the wood was split for clapboards and shingles, and the logs were used for their three-room house and other buildings.

The land was so rich and insect-free that all crops grew well. Tobacco was the best cash crop then, but John grew only vegetables, grains and fruits. Potatoes, corn, wheat, buckwheat, oats and hops were important crops, and cherry, peach and plum trees grew in abundance on the farm. John owned the first threshing machine in the community and did all the threshing of wheat, oats and barley within a large area near his home.

A cave built into the nearby hillside served as a convenient cold storage. Vegetables and fruits were dried, pickled, or made into fruit butters. Potatoes, apples, turnips and beets were buried. Cattle and hogs provided meat for the family, as well as rabbits, squirrels, raccoon, ground hogs and opossum.

Every family had a large selection of home remedies. Catnip, pennyroyal, peppermint, tansy, hops and various roots were gathered, dried, and served as the basis for healing teas and poultices. Castor oil and turpentine were staples in the medicine cabinet.

All clothing, except shoes, was made at home. Cloth was made "starting from the sheep's back,"

and used for clothes, blankets, jeans and hats. Heavy socks and gloves were knit.

John and Alice had eleven children, one of whom, Molly, died after only a few months. As the children grew to adulthood, three of them remained in Jackson County and the other seven located in Parkersburg and Marietta, Ohio. The family remained close through the years, bound together by fond memories of the Wilding homestead. Submitted by Nina Abels Pitthan

ARTHUR AND LUCY (BOWER) ADAMS

Arthur (1913-1982) was born near Chiselfinger Ridge, Wetzel County, West Virginia, son of Marion and Isabelle (Lemsters) Adams. He first came to Jackson County about 1940 and worked for Samuel and Victoria Blair near the Sheppard Chapel Church. He worked on their turkey farm.

Lucy (1918-1982) was born in the Providence Community, daughter of Stansberry (1873-1948) and Dollie (1876-1967) Bower. She was first married to David Bower (1898-1966). To this marriage was born a daughter, Beatrice Kathleen. They divorced when Beatrice was approximately three years old. Lucy and Arthur were married January 17, 1944 in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia by the Reverend Harley E. Bailey.

At the time of their marriage Arthur was serving in the United States Army and was shipped overseas to the European Theater of Operations a few days after their marriage. He served his country from 1941 through 1945 receiving an honorable discharge for his services. He was very proud to have fought for his country.

When Arthur was discharged from the United States Army, he returned to Parkersburg and his old job at the former Rig and Reel, now Walker/Parkersburg. At that time, Lucy was employed at the American Viscose Company, a division of FMC Corporation. She quit shortly after Arthur returned from the Army.

About 1947, they purchased a little farm on Missouri Creek, off Lost Pavement Road, Wood County, West Virginia. They lived there until May 1949. They then purchased the farm on Jaraires Run near the old Providence Church which had belonged to Lucy's parents. Arthur continued to work at the Rig and Reel and to be a farmer. It was hard work to do both jobs but he managed.

Beatrice, their daughter, attended Jackson County Schools, graduating from Gilmore High School with the class of 1956. She graduated on her 18th birthday.



Arthur O. and Lucy K. (Bower) Adams

Arthur and Lucy continued to live on Jaraires Run until 1971. They sold the farm and moved to a little house on Dutch Ridge Extension off State Route 47. They sold the farm for they felt they were too old to take care of it. Arthur retired from Walker/Parkersburg after almost 39 years of service. Lucy died February 3, 1982 and Arthur

followed very quickly on February 24, 1982. (I think their love for each other was so great, that they just didn't want to live without each other.)

They had both donated their bodies to science, through the Human Gift Registry, Morgantown, West Virginia for the purpose of furthering medical science. Their ashes were returned to their daughter, Beatrice, and buried in the Independence Cemetery on Copper Fork, Jackson County, West Virginia. Submitted by Beatrice Bower Jones, daughter

ISAAC M. ADAMS

Andrew B. Adams Sr., born in 1760 in Scotland, left Ulster County, Ireland with his wife, the former Miss Stuart, to come to the wilds of western Pennsylvania under the treaty of William Penn.

Andrew B. Adams, Jr. was born there on April 9, 1809. He died, aged 80, in Grandview, Washington County, Ohio. In 1830, he had married Mary Townsend, the daughter of John Townsend. Their daughters were Mary Elizabeth, Margaret (Jones), and Katherine. The sons were:

John T. died at the age of 83. He left four daughters, including Mrs. J. H. Bryan of Parkersburg, and four sons of Minneapolis, Minn.

Thomas D. was born in 1837 in Westmoreland County, Pa., and later came to Jackson County. He enlisted in Co. C, Seventh W. Va. Regiment (sic) in the Union Army, fought at the battles of Gettysburg, and became a captain. He was married in 1883 to Mary Carey Ford and was employed by Navy in Washington, D.C.

William Alexander S. was born in Pennsylvania and later settled at Meadowvale, W. Va. He then became postmaster at Hotwater, Va., and still later moved to Ewell, Va. It was near here, at the age of 65, that he was murdered on the road for the sake of his gold watch and \$4.00.

Robert M. was killed at the Second Battle of Bull Run at the age of 22. (Reportedly, all six of these brothers fought in the Civil War.)

David was born in 1851. He became a minister and married Sarah Elizabeth Douglas, by whom he had eight children. Died in 1927.

Isaac Maxwell Adams, Sr. was born in Pittsburgh (sic), Pa., Dec. 21, 1843. The family moved to Monroe County, Ohio in 1849. Devoted early part of life to school work and in employ of his father, then moved to Pleasants County, Va. in 1859. He enlisted in Co. E, 10th W. Va. Regiment (sic), April 7, 1862, and served until the close of the war, being discharged May 22, 1865 as a captain. He was engaged in many battles, among which were Snicker's Gap, Kernstown, Harper's Ferry, Opequan, Winchester, Cedar Creek, and others. He was in front of Petersburg when the city was captured, and was at Appomattox under Grant when Lee surrendered. Then, he located in Jackson County, finally becoming settled in Ravenswood.

He married Mary Staats, widow of D. W. Staats and daughter of Thomas Coleman. She died in 1876. In 1878, he married Ella McElhinney, widow of river Capt. James McElhinney and daughter of William Procter. They had one child, Edith, who married Lee C. Deming and lived in Fullerton, Calif., where their two daughters, Jane and Virginia (Shefflin) lived. In 1884, Capt. Adams married — for the third time — Belle Hollis Park, daughter of James and Sarah Starcher Park of Ripley, W. Va. Their children were: Robert Park, Marie Belle, Thomas Edward, Isaac Maxwell, Jr., and Kathleen Florence. (Thomas and Maxwell served in World War I.)

In 1892, Capt. Adams was elected sheriff of Jackson County; then, served as postmaster, and later was mayor of Ravenswood. He was a ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church for 53 years, and taught a Bible class for 50 years. He was a



Isaac M. Adams

state commander of the G.A.R. He was one of the founders of The Society of the Blue and the Gray, an organization whose purpose was the allaying of the ill-feeling and bitterness which came as a direct result of the Civil War. He died in 1926.

Park's children were Hollis (Mrs. Mort Farr), Charles, Edgar, and William—all of Pennsylvania. Charles' children were: Gale, Glenn, and April.

Marie married Michael Edward Ginther and their children were: Michael, Jr., Katherine Marie (Whitney) (Mrs. Wilson Ward), John Maxwell, Carolyn Elizabeth, and Lee Andrew. Michael, Jr. married Ruth Stutler and their children were Virginia Lee (Skinner), Nancy Marie (Thomas), and Michael III who married Claire Louise Dickerson. John Maxwell married Margaret Ashworth and their daughter is Margaret Anne. Lee Andrew married Wilma Hart, and their son, Lee Andrew, married Lynn Hawley.

Isaac Maxwell, Jr. married Beryl Chase Moore of Parkersburg, and their children were Mary Moore (Cather) (Mrs. Joseph C. Rieffenberger), Edward Maxwell, and Beryl Park (Peggy). Edward married Mary Lou Davis, and their children are Laura Kathleen (Conrad) (Mrs. Stephen Cuthbert), Edward Maxwell, Jr., and Melanie. Kathy's children are Laura and Stanley Conrad, and Jamie Cuthbert. Peggy married Robert Thomas Goldenberg, and their children are Hollis Park (Mrs. Robert E. Roach), David Maxwell, and Julia Adams (Mrs. Bruce Holden). Holly's children are Andrew David, Edward Maxwell, and Sarah Park.

Kathleen married Gerald Adams Price and their son, Gerald A. Price, Jr., married Maxine Morehead. Their children are Gerald III and Patti. Gerald III married Glenda, and their children are Holly, Lindsay, and Gerald IV.

The Adams family now lives in Calif., Minn., Mass., N.Y., Ga., Fla., Pa., N. Mex., Ky., and perhaps Germany, as well as W.Va. Submitted by Mary M. Ruffenberger

W. M. ADAMS

William Meade Adams was born in Fauquier County, Virginia 9/22/1829, the son of Peter Adams and Harriett Byron Smith Adams. His ancestry has been traced to *John Adams I* of Worcestershire England, who, according to a Marshall history, attended Oxford University along with his first cousin, Lord Littleton. Apparently, no documentation has been found to prove that this is so. John Adams I came to Charles County, Maryland about 1700 and became a wealthy planter. He was married to Elizabeth Naylor.

John Adams II, born 2/19/1718 married Sarah Stacy Gibbons 1/3/1743. She was born 12/19/1725. He gave his oldest son, John III large possessions in Maryland and removed with his wife and younger children to Fauquier County, Virginia about 1757. He purchased 4,000 acres of land in

the Deleplane area. His house, built of native stone was called "Pleasant Vale." Here he lived the life of the gentry class. Their children were:

1. John Adams III (married and remained in Maryland).
2. George Adams, b. 3/26/1747 — m. Anna Turner.
3. Littleton Adams, b. 2/12/1752 — m. Harriett Smith.
4. Elizabeth Adams, b. 6/20/1754 — m. Thomas Smith.
5. Ann Adams, b. 8/18/1757 — m. Frank Ashe.
6. *Thomas Adams*, b. 2/10/1760. d. 10/1/1828. m. Rebecca Wood.
7. Josiah Adams, b. 9/23/1762 — m. Sally Burrows.
8. James Adams, b. 9/3/1765 — m. Betty Brent.
9. Susanna Adams, b. 4/1/1769 — m. Capt Thomas Marshall, a son of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States 1801-1835.

(6) *Thomas Adams*, the sixth of nine children, was a private in the Virginia Continental Army. He was married to Rebecca Wood who was born in Maryland 2/10/1769 and died about 1794. They lived on a plantation home called "Aspen Dale" because of the many handsome aspen trees, heired from his father John Adams II. Their children were:

1. Elizabeth Adams: m. Nimrod Ashby.
2. *Peter Adams*: b. 1786 — m. Harriett Byron Smith, his first cousin, the daughter of Elizabeth Adams and Nimrod Ashby.
3. Thomas Adams II: m. Letitia Smith.
- (2) *Peter Adams* and Harriett Byron Smith Adams seem to have met with financial misfortune. (When and how has never been ascertained.) Their children were:

1. Fenton Thomas Adams, b. 7/9/1808-1/8/1858, m. second wife Ann Elizabeth Smith.
2. Marion S. Adams, 1819-1851, m. William Orlando Smith.
3. Emily Adams, 1820-(), (Never married, was a teacher and made her home with the William Meade Adams family).
4. Cassius Adams, 1822, m. Mary —.
5. Peter Adams II, 1823, m. Mary Morgan.
6. Adelaide Adams, () () m. William R. Glascock.
7. Helen M. Adams, 1828 () m. Augustine Smith.
8. *William Meade Adams*, 1829-1891, m. Martha Winter.



William Meade Adams

William Meade was well educated. His education was the result of tutors and schooling at an Episcopalian School in not so far away Alexandria. He came to Jackson County on a lumber survey for a Clarksburg, Harrison County firm and met Martha Winter, b. (11/16/1835-3/26/1883), the daughter of James L. Winter and Sarah Bennett Winter. The Winter family had, themselves, come from Harrison County in 1854 and had taken a large parcel of land on Grass Lick. William Meade and Martha were married 10/16/1856 and established a home in Kenna. William worked in an administrative capacity for the Haskell Woolen Company in Ripley and sold insurance. Their

children were:

1. Harriett A. Adams. 7/26/1857-1876 (Never married).
2. Emily Alice Adams. 10/6/1859-1927, m. Nicholas K. Marrical.
3. Sarah B. Adams. 3/7/1862-1957, m. Florney Maddox.
4. Peter M. Adams. 9/5/1864-1947, m. Cora Rawlings.
5. James A. Adams. 5/21/1867-1946, m. Minnie Good.
6. Mary M. J. Adams. 3/21/1870-1936, m. John Zearley Cadle. (See John Z. Cadle Family).
7. John A. Adams. 2/15/1873-1939, m. (1) Cora Tincher. (2) Mary Edwards.
8. Thomas Benton Adams. 3/15/1877-1956, m. (1) Faye Adamson. (2) Corda (Tincher) Fisher.

DESCENDANTS:

(2) Emily Alice Adams married Nicholas K. Marrical. b. 5/18/1862, d. 6/16/1949. (He was previously married to Samatha Rhodes. They had one child, Cannie Marrical (12/22/1882-11/23/1907). Emily Alice and Nicholas had one child, Lillian Pearl Marrical (2/15/1889-5/4/1976). Lillian Pearl married Edward Early Kelley (2/4/1883-4/22/1964). Their children were:

a. Beulah Edith Kelley, b. 1/9/1910, m. (1) Wayne Gault 7/1/1933 and (2) Fred W. Whitman, 6/26/1940 who died 5/2/1979. She worked in a clerical capacity in Washington, D.C. during World War II and for many years with an Elyria, Ohio Sears Store until her retirement. She is active in church and civic affairs and is a world traveler.

b. Emily Alice Kelley (7/28/1916-7/29/1916).

c. Edward E. Kelley, Jr. b. 4/10/1922. First married Irene Griffith in 1944, now deceased. They had one son, Edward Sargent Kelley, b. 8/22/1945, married and has the following children:

- (1) Bonnie Irene Kelley, 3/31/1963.
- (2) Edward Patrick Kelley, 12/5/1967.
- (3) John Frank Kelley, 10/28/1968.
- (4) Charlie Tim Kelley, 12/8/1969.
- (5) Timothy Kelley, 1983.

Edward E. Kelley, Jr.'s second wife Viola Ray was b. 6/28/1926. They were married 9/17/1960. (Viola has a daughter Linda Kahle by a previous marriage.) Edward and Viola have a daughter, Susanna Andrea Kelley 9/28/1961 who married Eric Stephan. They have one child, Jason Stephan, b. 10/31/1985. Edward also worked at the Elyria, Ohio Sears store until his retirement.

(3) Sarah B. Adams Maddox and Florney Maddox lived at Kenna where their three children were born: Renna, Bess and Leon. They later moved to Ravenswood.

a. Renna (1886-1973) started her career as a school teacher in what is now Elcanor, W.V. but later became interested in millinery. She found work with John Franklin, a widower, who owned a store in Point Pleasant. She designed and sold hats and finally married him and became a business partner. Mr. Franklin died in 1936. Renna sold the larger store and organized a small store exclusively for women called Mrs. Franklin's Store.

b. Bess (1888-1955) who never married, lived with her mother in Ravenswood and worked as a bookkeeper for the Harpold Hardware Store for many years. After the death of her brother-in-law, John Franklin, she and her mother, Sarah, moved to Point Pleasant. Bess worked in the store with Renna until she developed cancer and died.

c. Leon (1890-1919) served in World War I and died shortly after the war was over from food poisoning. He had married and had one child who resided in Florida, the last we knew. (Unfortunately, no details are known.)

Sarah, Renna and Bess were Baptists and members of Ravenswood and Point Pleasant DAR Chapters. (Sarah, Bess and Leon are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery; Renna in Lonoak Cemetery, Point Pleasant.)

(4) Peter M. Adams and Cora had no children. They lived at Red House and Poca in Putnam County where Peter worked as a miller, depot mail carrier and bus driver. He also worked for a time in Akron, Ohio. In late years they moved to Ripley where they died. Mabel Winter, a cousin to Peter and a niece to Cora made her home with them and cared for both in their declining years.

(5) James A. Adams and Minnie were married in Putnam County where he worked in the mill with his brother-in-law, John Z. Cadle. James and Minnie moved to a farm near Nellie, Coshocton County, Ohio, where they lived on the picturesque Walhonding River for the rest of their lives. (They had no children.)

(7) John and Cora Adams had two children, Mae (affectionately called Betty Mae) and Lester.

a. Betty Mae (1898-1987) became a school teacher. While working in one of the mountain counties, she met David Sheward, a bookkeeper for a lumbering firm. They were married and eventually moved to Galena, Ohio where Dave worked for a brickmaking firm — later became president, we think. They had three sons:

- (1) John
- (2) William Earl
- (3) Bobby

They are married and have families but we were unable to obtain information we needed to complete the Sheward line.

Lester Adams (1900-1977) married Irene Hite who resides in Huntington, W.V. Lester worked as a laborer most of his life. He was soft spoken; a gentle person who was easy to know and like.

John Adams' second wife was Mary Edwards (11/1/1879-4/15/1974). They lived at Staats Mill where John was a farmer. They had three children:

- a. Marie
- b. Margaret
- c. William Glen

a. Marie Adams (1915), spent her working years in Charleston where she first worked with the O. J. Morrison Store; worked in a clerical capacity for Sears where she worked for thirty years. After her retirement from Sears she worked another ten years with Montgomery Ward. Marie is a world traveler, a member of the Business Womens Club, DAR and the United Methodist Church.

b. Margaret Adams (1917). After completing business school started her career with an overseas assignment in Rome, Italy where she worked with FAO of the United Nations. Following her tenure with FAO, she returned to Washington, D.C. and worked with the State Department for thirty years. She remains to live in Washington where she is a patron of the arts.

c. William Glen Adams (1920-1988) graduated from Ripley High School; was in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was married to Ruby Woodfell and lived for many years in Cincinnati where he worked as a painter for Shillitos Department Store. Upon retirement he returned to Jackson County and lived his remaining years at Fairplain.

(8) Thomas Benton Adams (1877-1953). His early years were spent as a school teacher but eventually he joined the Buffalo Insurance Company in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. He was first married to Faye Adamson, a high school teacher and native of Marietta, Ohio. They had one child who was stillborn. After Faye's death and his retirement he returned to West Virginia; married Corda (Tincher) Fisher, a "kid sweetheart." They lived happily in New Haven, Mason County, until her death and where he died a few years later. Submitted by Marie Adams and Edith Kelley

near Henderson, WV. His parents were Benjamin Adams and Mary Ellen Sheppard.

Raymond was a barber in Pt. Pleasant for all his adult life. I believe he began barbering at age 14 on a riverboat tied up at the local dock. At age 28, Raymond was still single but had noticed a certain young (age 18) lady named Avis Plants. A friend of Raymond's needed a car for a date with Avis, so he asked Raymond to bring his car and they'd find him a date. His reply was, "We'll use my car, but I'll have Avis for my date." So, Raymond and Avis, my parents, met and the four attended the "belling" of Avis' brother, Russell Plants and his wife Grace. Raymond and Avis Carol Plants were married on November 15, 1933 in the home of his mother Mary Ellen White. This house was located behind the Lowe Hotel in Pt. Pleasant, WV. Their children were Jimmie H. (1935-1981),



Raymond and Peggy Adams

Tharon Elaine (1938-1945), Thomas (1943) and Barbara Ann (1945).

Raymond died of a heart attack on February 21, 1959. He had worked in a number of barber shops in Pt. Pleasant including the Lowe Hotel, Spencer Hotel and for many years, before his heart attack in October 1956, in the Greyhound Bus Station. In early 1959 after recovering from his first heart attack, Raymond put together a one-chair shop in his home at 1413 Ohio Street. His perfect haircuts would take well over thirty minutes. Such perfection caused many of his customers to follow him to his home and to a very plain barbershop. During his many years of barbering he shared shops with many other barbers. Among them were Earl Gibbs, Lewis Ball and Buck Fruth, to name a few. While at the Greyhound Station, Dad built a shoeshine stand for me to use. So, as a lad of six and seven, I shined shoes in my father's barber shop.

Raymond and Avis lived in several rented houses in Pt. Pleasant before moving to what was then Kaylong, now called West Columbia. It was in Pt. Pleasant that Jimmie and Tharon Elaine were born. Barbara and Tommy were born in the recently purchased (in 1941) home called "Adams Acre" in West Columbia. The house, a seven-room farm house and one acre of land cost \$500.00. They purchased it from Samuel Eads. It was while my family lived there that my sister, Tharon Elaine, age seven years, was struck and killed by a truck driver who admitted to drinking some beers that day. Mother was in the front yard and heard it happen. The joy and love that Tharon was to our family was gone, but God gave Mother a new gift of life when 78 days later Barbara Ann was born. While Raymond and Avis tried to recover from their loss, their pain was somewhat eased by shedding love and nurture on their new "gil," as I only 23 months old called her. So, while trying to recover from their loss of Tharon and looking forward, they decided to move away from sad

memories.

The new home was in an area known as Lock 11 on the Kanawha River just above Henderson, WV. The house doubled as a small food store for this little community as well as our home. We were now living in the area of my father's birth. The years at Lock 11 were some of my earliest memories. While living there, at age three, I fell from a dog house and broke my arm. My brother Jimmie was the "unlucky" one to be the right size and age to be lowered into the cistern to clean it out periodically. The cistern was a common type water supply in 1946, but for a young lad it probably was scary to be down in that deep, dark hole. We had a few chickens that would from time to time find their way to the dinner table. Dinner was cooked on a wood burning stove. In killing the chickens, Mama would chop off the head and hang the chicken upside down on the clothesline so that they could "bleed" properly.

Mama was very active in church at Vaught Memorial Methodist at Lock 11. She always took the wee ones. Dad would sometimes attend though not as regularly as Mama and the children. When I was in the first grade at Henderson Grade School, I got into my first and last fight. My teacher, Genevieve Butler, spanked me in front of the class. It was my last spanking — in school, at least. I had learned my lesson well.

Because the store was not a great financial success, the occasional flood waters that would isolate us and the drive that Dad made to the Greyhound Barber Shop each day, my parents decided to move back to Pt. Pleasant. I went to Central School in 1950. In early 1951 we made the move to Pt. Pleasant to 1413 Ohio Street. We purchased the house from Bessie and Jerry Atkinson. It was a good move. Dad was close to his work, Mama had more time to care for her family, and Jimmy was closer to his job at the *Pt. Pleasant Register* office. While living at Lock 11 during floodwater time, he walked the mountains to get to his work. Now that we lived in Pt. Pleasant, I could, by age eight, have a newspaper route and so became a *Register* carrier.

After Dad's first heart attack in October 1956, Mama went back to school to the Portsmouth Business College and this enabled her to secure a job at the Kaiser Aluminum Plant near Ravenswood. After commuting for a year, my family began planning for another move. This time to Jackson County, to be close to Mama's work. It was at this time that my father suffered the second heart attack and was in Holzer Hospital for kidney stones where he passed away on February 21, 1959. As a result, I had to become the man of the house. Jimmie was a student at West Virginia University in Morgantown and I was but 15 and a sophomore at Ravenswood High School. Yet, my youth had long before prepared me for the responsibility of work and meeting one's obligations. As previously noted, I was shining shoes at age six, at age seven, I walked the streets of Pt. Pleasant and the corridors of the Mason County Jail selling the *Pt. Pleasant Register*. By age eight, I was allowed by the newspaper, to have my own route. I had a permanent route of the *Register* and other papers until I was a freshman at Pt. Pleasant High School. I purchased, from my own earnings, a new trombone and played in school bands until I graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1961.

Mama, Barbara Ann and I settled into our new home in December 1959. I spent the summer of 1959 working for the contractor who built the house at Millwood, WV. The home is now called "Handley's Chateau" and the home of my mother and stepfather, Raymond L. Handley. Mama worked hard at the Kaiser Plant to keep us well fed and clothed. Seeing the need to have help, I took a part-time job at Cope's Super Market in Ravenswood. My grades were not great, but I was able to give my paychecks to my mother to help on family

RAYMOND O. AND THOMAS R. ADAMS

My father, Raymond Adams, was born on May 10, 1905, in Mason County on Redmond Ridge



Mrs. R. L. Handley

expenses. We managed and Mother made sure there was always lots of love in our home.

After graduation in 1961 at age 17, I joined the Army. Letters of love and boxes of cookies helped to keep away the "lonelies." I had electronics training at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. In early 1962, I went to Korea for a year. Shortly after I returned from Korea, I married Sharon Kaye Knox of Ravenswood. While I was in Korea, Mama met and fell in love with Raymond L. Handley. They had set the date for June 2 and since Sharon and I hadn't set a date, we all thought, "why not." So, on June 2, 1963, at the Ravenswood First United Methodist Church we had a double wedding ceremony, mother and son. Our attendants being so many, the line, i.e., for two weddings, went from one side of the church to the other as we stood for pictures by Heilman of Ripley.

In 1964, I reenlisted in the Army and became a dental assistant and later an oral hygienist. November 1966 found me bound for Vietnam. I was assigned to an evacuation hospital and therefore, quite fortunately, inasmuch as I didn't want to have to make a decision to kill. While in Nam, I was able to travel twice to Japan. My military travels helped me greatly to love and appreciate my country. In 1970, I left the military. I wanted



Thomas Adams

more freedom of choice, even the freedom to fail.

On May 15, 1975, I finished a four-year apprenticeship and became a journeyman electrician. I belong to IBEW Local #640 in Phoenix, Arizona.

My marriage to Sharon ended in divorce in April 1977. We have four children, Amelia Ann (1964), Joseph Mark (1967), Susan Elaine (1969) and Christian Theodore (1974). Amelia Ann is scheduled to deliver my first grandchild on November 1, 1986.

On May 27, 1978, I married Kay Vera Kappas of Mesa, Arizona. We had one child, Alicia Marie, born October 1979. Kay and I divorced in October 1981.

I have a great interest in family history and, five years ago, began to do video recordings. With Mother's help, we now have many, many hours of family history, both action and pictorial on videotapes. The work involved in being able to share with the family and our descendants and friends is indeed a labor of love. The great and good heritage left to us by the Plants, McKinnies, and Adams makes us want to leave footprints in the sand for others to follow. Our videotapes will serve that useful purpose. Submitted by Thomas R. Adams, Joseph M. Adams, Mrs. Jeffrey Ward

DELMAR AND JESSIE (SAFREED) ALEXANDER

Delmar Alexander, born in the Road Fork section of Sherman, Jackson Co., WV (April 7, 1903-August 3, 1979), was the son of Fred Alexander (Nov. 1878-Dec. 10, 1949) and Nellie Ball (May 30, 1883-Jan. 6, 1967). Delmar married on May 5, 1923, Jessie Marie Safreed, born at Sherman, WV, Dec. 22, 1898. She was the daughter of Thomas DeBussy Safreed (Jan. 16, 1871-May 17, 1951), and Belle Nesselroad Safreed (Jan. 15, 1874-Aug. 31, 1929). Delmar and Jessie had no children. Delmar worked for the Constitution Stone Company in the quarries at Sherman and Crow Summit for many years. He also worked at the hardware stores in Ravenswood, for the Coca-Cola Company and Home Service Electric Company.

Delmar had two brothers: Dale (b. Aug. 15, 1906) married Muriel Tumlin and they reside at Sherman; Clyde (May 21, 1899-Jan. 6, 1902). Jessie had one brother, Leon Carlon Safreed (Feb. 9, 1902-Nov. 28, 1915).

Delmar's father, Fred Alexander, had six brothers and two sisters: Jackson (1877-Mar. 1940); Robert E. (1880-Aug. 31, 1966); Jennie Mae never married (Nov. 10, 1882-Jan. 5, 1968); John M. (March 5, 1885-Aug. 25, 1968); Tom (March 5, 1885-1895); William M. (Apr. 8, 1887-Mar. 13, 1963); George B. (Aug. 12, 1890-July 10, 1956); Alice (Aug. 12, 1890-Aug. 19, 1978).

Delmar's mother, Nellie Ball Alexander, was one of seven children: Cleta White (b. Jan. 20, 1867); Cora Nesselroad (Sept. 26, 1869-1943); Mattie Alice (b. Nov. 9, 1871); Myrta Barnhart (June 1, 1873-Feb. 7, 1937); Josephine (Oct. 17, 1875-Aug. 12, 1953) married an Orem, then a Bair; Asa (Oct. 12, 1878-Oct. 15, 1941) married Myrtle Boso.

Delmar's grandmother was Mattie A. Ball (October 18, 1846-Sept. 9, 1933); his grandfather, Joseph Freemont Ball (March 12, 1843-May 8, 1919).

Jessie's father, Thomas DeBussy Safreed, was an only child. Her mother, Nancy Belle Nesselroad Safreed, had two brothers: John Franklin (Oct. 3, 1872-Nov. 13, 1936); William E. (Oct. 5, 1875-April 14, 1877). Nancy Belle also had eleven half-brothers and sisters: Elles (Sept. 27, 1852-Feb. 21, 1930); Susan H. (Jan. 17, 1854-Dec. 21, 1854); Herbert (Feb. 7, 1855-June 1, 1925); Charles L. (Feb. 3, 1857-Oct. 8, 1936); George W. (Apr. 19, 1858-Aug. 2, 1859); Mary C. (Feb. 17, 1860-Sept. 16, 1860); David McGary (Aug. 4, 1861-1931); Sophrona B. (Sept. 2, 1863-Aug. 12, 1864); James Henry (Dec. 17, 1865-Aug. 22, 1936); Limon (Oct. 10, 1866-Oct. 10, 1866); Ella Virginia (August 23, 1868-Sept. 9, 1935).

Jessie's grandfather was Elias Nesselroad (Feb. 20, 1829-Dec. 27, 1921). His first wife was Lucinda Barringer (Dec. 6, 1830-Feb. 11, 1870). She was the mother of the eleven children. His second wife was Elizabeth Perry (May 7, 1852-July 13, 1916). She was Jessie's grandmother.

Jessie went to school at Turkey Run for six years, until 1915, then to the Sherman school. She went to Reedy, Roane County, to Sumner Normal School where she earned her First Grade Certificate. The teachers there were Prof. McKown and Prof. Goff. She renewed her certificate every five

years, going to Marshall University to get credits. The schools she taught at for fifteen years were: Turkey Run, Road Fork, Murraysville, Willowgrove, Sherman, Kimball (McDowell Co.) and Ashford (Boone Co.). Jessie now resides at 1013 Virginia Street, Ravenswood, WV. Submitted by Jessie Alexander and Dave Alexander

GEORGE ALEXANDER

George Alexander was born, about 1811, in Ireland, son of Arthur and Isabel Alexander. Records indicate that he received a land grant of 50 acres, in Jackson County, on the right fork of Sand Creek, in 1842. This land was sold, in 1845, to David Hutchinson. In 1851, George purchased land on Straight Fork (now known as Wilding) and later purchased land on Nesselroad Run, in Grant District. He married, first, Letitia Robinson, Apr. 16, 1843, in Jackson County. There is no evidence to show that any children were born to this marriage. George married, second, Nancy Agnes Beaty, Apr. 19, 1849, in Jackson County. She died between 1860 and 1864. George married, third, Margaret Caton Holleron, Jan. 10, 1864, at Jackson County. She was born, ca. 1815, in Ireland, the daughter of Michael and Margaret Caton. She had married first, John Holleron. The log house built by the Alexander family is now the residence of Tom and Janet Spoerer. It is located on Nesselroad Run, not far from Medina. George and Nancy Agnes are buried in the Maddox Cemetery located between Lockhart and Odaville. Their children:

1. Arthur (1850-?) married Columbia VanGrey and moved farther west.
2. Violet (1854-1943) married Michael Holleron and resided in Grant District.
3. William (1856-1940) married Cynthia McKee and resided at Cavin Fork, in Grant District.
4. George (1857-1933) married Martha Archer and resided near Medina, in Grant District.
5. Agnes Letitia (1860-?)



William and Cynthia (McKee) Alexander

William Alexander married Cynthia McKee, Dec. 1, 1877, at Jackson County, WV. She was born, in 1857, the daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Redin) McKee. William was a farmer and also worked with his brother, Arthur, who was a stonemason. Family tradition says that they cut the foundation stones for the Warden Chapel Church located at Medina. Cynthia died in 1934. She and William are buried in the Cavin Fork Cemetery, in Grant District. Their children:

1. Ollie Belle (1881-1962) married Philip Mihihbach and resided near Little Sandy, on Negro Run, in Grant District. Their children: Nolia Clem, Kenneth Mihihbach, Ralph Mihihbach, Rex Mihihbach, Aulene Waddell, Katharine Isbel, Glen Mihihbach.
2. Tennie (1884-1964) married Charley Bever and resided at Cavin Fork, in Grant District. Their children: Noel Bever, Gladys Rawson, Garnet Dailey, Hilton Bever, Grace Corbett Walmsley.

3. John (1886-?) married Minnie Rogers and resided at Cuyhoga Falls, Ohio. Their child: Dean Alexander.

4. Carl (1888-1981) married Minnie Franklin and resided in Grant District until Minnie died. Their children: Freda Lane, Corrine Alexander, Hobart Alexander, Opal McKee.

5. Bessie (1890-1959) married Ernest Stephens and resided on Dutch Ridge, not far from Pond Creek, in Grant District. Their children: Olen Stephens, William Stephens.

6. William (1892-1969) married Pearl Thompson and resided near Medina for many years. Later, they moved to Vienna, WV. Their child: Ira Alexander.

7. Nellie Delona (1896-1919) married Martin McBride and resided in Grant District. Their child: Glada McBride (died in infancy). *Submitted by Katharine (Mühlbach) Isbel*

GEORGE ARLIN ALEXANDER

George Arlin Alexander, son of George Alexander and Nancy Agnes (Beatty) Alexander, was born September 16, 1852 in Jackson County, WV. On April 8, 1877 he married Martha Ann Archer in Jackson County. She was born on January 12, 1855 at East Union in Noble County, Ohio to Michael and Sara (Young) Archer. George and Martha then settled into a farm on Nesselroad Run, not far from Medina, in Grant District of Jackson County. It was on this farm that George was born; all his children were born; and where he died on March 20, 1930. His wife followed him in death on August 18, 1936. They are buried in Maddox Cemetery near Odaville in Jackson County in an unmarked grave by the side of George's parents.

To this union were born eleven children (two of whom died in infancy):

1. Charles W. (1878-1971) married Maude Ethel Beckwith on 5-12-1902 and eventually settled in Alliance, Ohio. Charles is buried in Fairmont Memorial Park in Alliance, Ohio. Their son: Clyde Beckwith Alexander.

2. Laura Lavena (1881-1945) married George Franklin Stanley (1880-1950) on 6-14-1908 and lived at Red Brush near Nesselroad. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their son: Hubert Dean Stanley (1909-?).

3. Lucy Mary (1884-1981) married Hiram Lloyd Custer on 9-20-1905 and lived in Marietta, Ohio. They are buried in East Lawn Memorial Park at Reno, Ohio, along with Lucy's sister Ethel Arah and Lucy's children. Their children: William Lloyd (1899-died three days later), and Clara Ethel (nick-named Suzie) (Custer) Dyke (by first marriage) Poole (by second marriage) (1906-1989).

4. Patrick L. (1886-1979) first married Jessie McElfresh on Labor Day, 1911. To them were born: Fred Alexander (1917-1979) and Arah (Alexander) Brombauh. Patrick later married Roxie Kirk who had two children by a previous marriage. Patrick is buried in Deland, Fla. with his wife Roxie.

5. Ethel Arah (1887-1970) married John Blaine Franklin on 3-22-1911. They settled in Waverly, WV and had five children: Clyde Benton (1913-1919); Lloyd Logan (1917-1989); Inez Martha Wingrove (1921); Evelyn Lora Childers (1924); and Virgil John (1928).

6. Elmer Arthur (1889-1966) married first Jessie Blanche Koch on 5-27-1911; second he married Hazel Fink on 7-16-1928. To Elmer and Jessie was born Lucy Mildred. Elmer and Hazel lived in Rochester, Pa., where he had a taxi business. Later he sold it and moved to Deland, Fla.

7. Ernest Emery (1891-1964) married Willa May Kerr (?-1971) and had a daughter Mary Lucile (1919-died very young). After living in Rochester, Pa.; Pond Creek, WV; he finally settled in Deland, Fla., where he joined his brother Elmer in business.

8. Lawrence Logan (1896-?) married Amelia Kendall and lived in Baltimore, MD. Their children: Marthalee (Alexander) Peavis, Audrey, Perin, Mildred, Patty, Lawrence, Lester, and Robert.

9. William Ray (1899-1985) first married Nelle Hartley (1899-1972) and had two children: Jean (who died at about six months of age) and Charles (1924). They lived on the family homestead on Nesselroad. He later married again late in life and eventually lived in Parkersburg, WV. He is buried in Ravenswood Cemetery. *Submitted by Gregory L. Franklin*

MARY F. ALLEN

Mary F. Allen was born in 1944 in Jackson Co. She is the daughter of the late John E. Mahan and Francis M. Mahan of Flatwoods, Jackson Co. She attended school at Cottageville and Ravenswood. Later she met and married Henry L. Allen and they resided in Jackson Co. They had two children: Billy Lee born in Louisville, Ky., and Robert Craig, born in Ripley. Later the two divorced and Mary moved back to Jackson Co. There she met and married Texal Ramsey and then moved to Columbus, Ohio. There they had two children: Beverly Melissa and Kitty Elaine. While Mary was pregnant with their third child, Texal was killed on December 2, 1969. Mary moved back to Jackson Co. and four months later their son, Texal Eugene, was born in Ripley. Later, Mary and her children moved back to Indiana and she married Glendon Keith Allen. They lived in Indiana while their son was born in Louisville, Ky. Later they moved back to Jackson Co. and resided in Cottageville, where their second child was born in Ripley, Lisa Dawn. Glendon and Mary later divorced and Mary resides in Cottageville, Jackson Co. *Submitted by Mary Allen*

ROBERT C. ALLEN

Robert C. Allen is the son of Henry L. Allen of Louisville, KY, and Mary F. Allen of Cottageville, WV. He was born in 1963 in Ripley, Jackson Co., WV. He lived with his mother and father and older brother Billy Lee at Gay, Jackson Co. Later his parents divorced and he lived with his father in Fairdale, KY. While Robert was a child his father moved from place to place often. Robert attended several different schools — Fairdale, Camp Taylor, Paxton — all of Kentucky. He also attended school at Johnathon Jennings, Charleston, Paoli, Roselin and Jefferson Jr. High — all of Indiana. Before his seventh grade year he moved back to Jackson Co. to live with his mother. He attended Cottageville Elementary and Ripley High, graduating in 1982. Later he married Melissa Burdette.

Melissa J. Burdette Allen is the daughter of Charles and Anna Burdette, Jr., of Cottageville, Jackson Co. She was born in 1966 in Ripley. She lived at home with her mother and father, two brothers and three sisters. She attended school at Cottageville Elementary and Ripley High, graduating in 1984.

Melissa and Robert were married on August 31, 1985, making their home in Cottageville. Their only child was born in Point Pleasant, Mason Co., on February 15, 1988, Charles Tyler Allen. *Submitted by Robert C. Allen and Melissa J. Allen*

ROLLIE E. ALLEN

Rollie Edward Allen was born Mar. 12, 1898 at Jackson County, WV, the son of Benjamin and Alice (Shaffer) Allen. He married Inez Orr Ott on Aug. 11, 1918. Inez was born Sept. 21, 1900 at Wirt County, WV, the daughter of Fidellis William and Lucy Elnora (Dernberger) Ott. They lived a few years in the Leroy-Liverpool area of Jackson County and later moved to Canton, Ohio where Rollie was a bus driver. After living there several years, they returned to Jackson County for a while. The family moved to Akron, Ohio in 1935 where Rollie was employed by the Goodyear Tire Com-

pany. In 1949 they moved back to Jackson County and lived on a farm at Beech Grove in Grant District until the construction of Interstate 77 in the 1960s. At that time they bought a house in Ripley where Inez continues to reside. Inez was the pianist at the Beech Grove Church for many years. Inez attends the Sidneyville United Methodist Church. Rollie died Dec. 12, 1976 and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Lucy Belle Allen and Harry Delmar Allen (1924-1944). Harry was killed in World War II.



Rollie and Inez (Ott) Allen

Lucy Allen was born Mar. 7, 1920 at Jackson County, WV. She married first Gerald Park McVey in 1938. They later divorced. He was born Oct. 15, 1915 at Wirt County, WV, the son of Amos and Lonnie (Anderson) McVey. He died in 1981. They lived in Wirt County, WV. Their children: 1. James Franklin "Frank" McVey, 2. Linda Carol McVey and 3. Ilona Sue McVey. She married second Lawrence Roscoe Taylor in 1955. He was born Feb. 10, 1910 at Jackson County, the son of Captain Andrew and Mary Ada (Meeker) Taylor. Lawrence and Lucy lived beside her parents at Beech Grove for several years. Lawrence was employed by Kaiser Aluminum at Ravenswood, WV. After the construction of Interstate 77 took their house, they moved to Trace Fork near Sandyville. Lucy attends the Sandyville United Methodist Church at Sandyville. Lawrence died in 1981 and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: 4. Inez Faye Taylor and 5. Roscoe Allen Taylor.

1. Frank McVey was born Dec. 2, 1940 at Wirt County, WV. He married Nina Jean Thompson in 1961. She was born July 1, 1941, the daughter of Ernest and Audra (Burdette) Thompson. Frank drives a tractor-trailer for Allegheny Freight Lines. They are members of the Beech Grove United Methodist Church and reside in the Beech Grove community. Their children: Howard Wayne McVey and Nancy Louise McVey.

Howard Wayne McVey was born Apr. 24, 1963 at Jackson County, WV. He married Debbie Davis in 1983. She is the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Morgan) Davis. They reside in the Beech Grove community. Howard and Debbie are employed in the cutting department of Ripley Sportswear. Their children: Amber McVey (step-daughter, born 1978) and Jessica McVey (born 1986).

Nancy Louise McVey was born May 5, 1966 at Wood County, WV. She married Michael Eugene Shamblin in 1989. He is the son of Eugene and Virginia (Casto) Shamblin. Nancy is employed by Nashua Photo and Michael works for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. They reside at Beech Grove and attend the Beech Grove United Methodist Church.

2. Linda Carol McVey was born Oct. 25, 1942 at Wirt County, WV. She married John Amon Tippens in 1966. He was born Mar. 4, 1930 at Wetzel County, WV, the son of John Ewing and Bessie (Hoskins) Tippens. They reside on Tracc Fork near Sandyville. John is employed by Penzoil and Linda works part-time at the Jackson County

courthouse. They are members of the Sandyville Church of Christ. Their children: Carol Sue Tippens (born 1959) and John Alan Tippens (born 1974).

3. Ilona Sue McVey was born Jan. 20, 1946 at Wirt County, WV. She married David Allen Mullins in 1963. He was born Sept. 23, 1945 at Kanawha County, WV, the son of William Ray and Lucie Bay (White) Mullins. Ilona is a teacher's aide for the Jackson County School system and David is employed by Ravenswood Aluminum (formerly Kaiser Aluminum). They are members of the Independent United Brethren Church at Ravenswood. They reside on Barr Run, south of Ravenswood. Their children: David Joe Mullins, Bryan Edward Mullins and Michael Dean Mullins.

David Joe Mullins was born Dec. 16, 1963. He married Melissa "Missy" Harbin in 1987. She was born Sept. 18, 1966, the daughter of Charles and Claudette (Thomas) Harbin. Missy is an elementary school teacher at Gilmore School and David is employed by Ravenswood Aluminum. They attend the Independence United Brethren Church at Ravenswood. They reside at Ripley, WV.

Bryan Edward Mullins was born June 6, 1965. He married Monica Lee Divers in 1984. She is the daughter of James and Carol Jane (Brogle) Divers. Bryan is employed by Hartley Oil Company and Monica is an elementary school teacher at Ripley Elementary. They attend the Independent United Brethren Church at Ravenswood. They reside at Silverton.

Michael Dean Mullins was born June 18, 1968 and died June 19, 1968.

4. Inez Fay Taylor was born Apr. 16, 1957 at Jackson County, WV. She married Clarence Allen Freshour in 1975. He was born Sept. 2, 1952, the son of William Earnest and Helen Corinna (Jones) Freshour. Clarence is employed by Hartley Oil and Inez is working on a degree in elementary education at WVU. They attend the Sandyville United Methodist Church and reside on Trace Fork Road near Sandyville. Their children: Nathan Allen Freshour (born 1978) and Holly Freshour (born 1983).

5. Roscoe Allen Taylor was born Oct. 19, 1959 at Jackson County, WV. He married Laura Stemple in 1980. She was born May 6, 1960, the daughter of Thomas L. and Janice (Woodard) Stemple. Roscoe is an auditor with Centurion and Laura is a dental hygienist for Dr. Randy Smith. They attend the Epworth United Methodist Church and reside in Ripley. Their child: Rachel Taylor (born 1988).
Submitted by Frank McVey and Lucy (Allen) Taylor

CECIL FLOYD ALLMAN

Cecil Allman was born May 22, 1907 in Parkersburg, W. Va. His parents were: John Allman (1877-Feb. 1926) and Drusilla Province (May 19, 1886-Jan. 20, 1969). The family was forced out of Parkersburg by the 1913 flood and came to Jackson Co. Cecil married Ora Valma Jones (Oct. 13, 1906-Mar. 26, 1957). They were married at Silverton, W. Va. Sept. 18, 1926 by Rev. Combs. Ora's parents were Lewis Jones (Feb. 17, 1881-Dec. 3, 1955) and Viola Ellis (April 8, 1882-Jan. 21, 1968). The Jones family lived up Turkey Run (above Ravenswood) and they used to walk up to the top of the hill on the DeBussy farm and watch the boats go by on the river because boats were something they had never seen in Roane Co.

Cecil and Ora had four children: Austin Francis (April 26, 1929) married Clarabelle Staats July 2, 1949. Austin is now married to Ellen Hess Claypool; Dorothy Irene (May 23, 1932) married George H. Mason; Donald Allen (Nov. 24, 1939-Jan. 28, 1983) married Margaret B. Rogers; Ronald Ross (Nov. 24, 1937) married Rebecca Jones. They have eighteen grandchildren.

Cecil had four brothers: Zebbie (deceased), Brady (deceased), Wilford lives at Big Run, Jackson Co. and Denzil lives in Parkersburg.

Cecil's father, John Allman had two sisters: Dessie who married Tom Wyant, and Ida who married Tom Sams.

Drusilla, Cecil's mother, had two brothers and three sisters: Sanford, Jimmy, Nancy, Becky and Sarah.

Cecil's grandfather was Embert Province. His grandmother was Sarah McKittrick.

Ora's parents were: Lewis Jones (Feb. 17, 1881-Dec. 3, 1955) and Viola Ellis (April 8, 1882-Jan. 21, 1968). They were married Dec. 18, 1902. Ora's brothers and sisters were: Opal (Oct. 2, 1903-Apr. 12, 1975); Orpha (Sept. 26, 1904-June 4, 1974); Delta (Jan. 30, 1908) married on Aug. 5, 1933 Everett Hafer (Jan. 28, 1900-July 18, 1980), and resides in Ravenswood; Francis (Feb. 27, 1911-Apr. 26, 1989); Mable (Mar. 18, 1912) lives at Wadsworth, Ohio; Alice (Aug. 21, 1913) lives in Florida; Orland (May 3, 1916) lives at Sherman, W. Va.; Glazier (June 22, 1918-April 1, 1956); Pearl (Dec. 7, 1919) lives in New Jersey.

Lewis Jones' parents were: J. F. Jones (April 15, 1852-May 23, 1941) and Sarah E. Raines Jones (Feb. 2, 1861-Feb. 23, 1949). They were married April 8, 1880. Their children were: W. L. (Feb. 17, 1881-Dec. 3, 1955); J. K. (Aug. 19, 1882-Dec. 5, 1941); Omar (Nov. 5, 1889-Aug. 21, 1984); Hoyt (Sept. 18, 1891-Apr. 20, 1984); Howard (Aug. 20, 1893-Dec. 8, 1976); Stella Gay (Apr. 20, 1895); Ollie Mae Wildman (June 20, 1899-Mar. 17, 1981); Fred (Mar. 7, 1901-Jan. 28, 1927).

Viola Ellis' parents were: Joseph B. Ellis (Sept. 13, 1855-Aug. 30, 1934); and Luvernia Alice (Westfall) Ellis (Sept. 18, 1864-Jan. 24, 1948). Their children were: Viola (Apr. 8, 1882-Jan. 21, 1968); Willie A. (Dec. 30, 1884-unknown); Lula B. (Dec. 13, 1887-Feb. 18, 1920); Martha Jane (Mar. 19, 1889-1890); Joseph B. (Oct. 8, 1890-Sept. 8, 1978); L. Jarrett (July 17, 1892-June 13, 1932); Matilda C. (May 20, 1896-Jan. 29, 1977); Zona E. (Sept. 19, 1877); Tressie V. (July 2, 1900); Elsie V. (July 2, 1901-July 10, 1940); Fanny (May 30, 1903-March 22, 1982); Elizabeth E. (Aug. 4, 1905); Mary E. (Oct. 22, 1907).

Joseph B. Ellis's parents were: Zatto Cushion Ellis and Fannie Francis Ellis.

Since the 1913 flood Cecil has lived in and around Ravenswood, including Turkey Run, Lockhart, and Latham Ridge. He worked for the Ravenswood Wholesale Grocery Co. for thirty-one years, the Ravenswood Porcelain Plant for six years, and was self-employed for fifteen years selling candies and tobacco. During these years he was also a farmer and carpenter.

Cecil's second wife is Virginia Nesselroad (Aug. 31, 1917). Her parents were: Charlie Nesselroad (Oct. 1893-Aug. 28, 1985) and Clara McMurray (Aug. 26, 1899-Oct. 5, 1972). Virginia was one of five children: brother Clarence (Apr. 20, 1919-Aug. 1987) and three sisters: Freda Fletcher (Mar. 10, 1921), Juanita Blackburn (May 24, 1923), Norma (Sept. 7, 1927). Virginia worked at the Trendle Blake China Co. and helped Cecil in the candy and tobacco business.

Cecil and Virginia now reside at 906 Race St., Ravenswood, W. Va. *Submitted by Cecil Allman and Austin Allman*

ANDERSON

About 1787, Andrew Anderson came to seek the adventure of life in the unbroken wilderness of the Ohio Valley. Andrew crossed the mountains and drifted down the "Beautiful River," as far as Big Bend, below Ravenswood, where he established a home in the hollow of a sycamore tree which was large enough to turn an eleven foot rail in.

Andrew's father, Edward Anderson (1735-1795), enlisted in the Third Battalion of the Delaware-Pennsylvania Militia in 1758 and 1759. In the 1759 enlistment, Edward is noted to be 24

years old, born in Virginia, five feet four inches tall, and of fair complexion. In 1772, he obtained patents for land on Buffalo Creek, Washington Co., PA — 1772, The Paxton; 1777, Buffalo Waters. During the first year, the family lived in a hut built of poles and covered with bark; built the first water mill west of the mountains — a small tub-wheel mill. Parts of his land he deeded 20 July 1790 (Washington Co. PA Deed Book 1-H, pages 59 and 62) to his son, Peter. On 1 January 1796, Peter and his wife sold to Mathew Merrit what was left of his father's lands. Sarah acknowledged the deed from Harrison County, (W)V. (now Wood County). Edward m. Agness/Ann. Known children: William; Peter, Hannah m. David Lee; Andrew; Nancy.

Andrew Anderson (1760/70-1832); m. Chloe White (1773-1859), d/o Benjamin and Phoebe White. They settled in the vicinity of Silverton, Jackson Co., and Long Bottom, Oh. Andrew died in Lebanon Township, Meigs Co. Chloe died near Evans. Children: Joseph (1792-1856), m. 1823, Nancy Stanley (d/o John); John (1794-1886), m. Susan Boice; James (1801-1888), m. 1826, Susannah Hughes; William (1802-1870), m. Mary Hyde and in 1821, Charity Shinn; Andrew, Jr. (1804-1874); Sarah (1805-), m. Oren Seely; Samuel W. (1816-), m. Prudence Shinn and Christena Derenberger; Polly, m. Benjamin Woodruff; Elizabeth, m. Robert Curry.

Peter Anderson (1758-1838), b. Wills Creek, Fort Cumberland, MD, drafted at the age of 16 in the Revolution, m. Sarah Coleman (d/o Michael who was scalped by the Indians at Cottageville, February 1793, and Margaretta). Michael was from the Juniata Valley, PA, a soldier in the Revolution, doing garrison duty at Fort Pitt, PA, Wheeling, and Fort Harmar, Marietta, OH. They lived at Belleville, Wood County, (W)V.

My great-great-great-grandfather, Peter's oldest son, Edward Anderson (1790-), b. at Fort Belleville, m. 1809, Elizabeth (1794-) (d/o Isaac and Mary (Hannaman) Staats. Isaac bought land in Wood County but for some reason was buried in the Red Brush Cemetery, Grant District, Jackson Co. Mary is a daughter of Christopher and Mary (O'Neill) Hannaman, of Ross Co., OH, and later of Wood Co.

William Anderson, m. Margaret. Children: John, m. Myraham Price; Elizabeth, m. Luke Anderson; Mary, m. David Lane; Margaret, m. George Derenberger.

Nancy Anderson, m. James Coleman (1780-1803), s/o Michael and Margaretta. They had a son, Thomas (1801-1890), m. Sarah Roush. After James died, Nancy married second Elijah Staats (1793-1876). Elijah's first wife was Margaret Alkire, d/o John. *Submitted by Juanita Burke*

CHARLES L. AND MARTHA (STANLEY) ANDERSON

Charles Anderson was the son of Peter S. and Mary Palmer Anderson and the grandson of Peter G. and Julia Cooper Anderson. He was born in the Ravenswood area and lived about all his life there. He married Martha Stanley, the daughter of John and Ellen Stanley of Liverpool. After Charles and Martha married, they lived for a while in Beaver Falls, PA where Charles worked for the railroad. They returned to Ravenswood and in 1922 started the Diamond Electric Hatchery. The name was later changed to Anderson Hatchery. Charles and Martha ran the hatchery until they retired. Charles served one term on the Ravenswood City Council from 1935 to 1937.

Charles had a twin sister who died young. He had another sister, Lenna, who married Fred Emerick. They had three daughters: Lucille, Dorothy, and Virginia. Charles had one brother, Herman, who married Ocie Bell. They had one son, Frederick, who married Virginia Knapp. Their



Charles and Martha (Stanley) Anderson

children were John and Mary Jane. Herman ran a dry-cleaning business for a number of years in Ravenswood. Charles and Martha were the parents of five children: Charles Stanley, Marjorie Ellen, Pauline Mary, Paul Robert, and Thelma Pearl. Pauline and Paul Robert are twins.

Charles Stanley Anderson married Ruth Hupp. They had two daughters: Karen, who teaches school in Jackson County; and Mary Frances who married Robert Dodson. Mary Francis and Robert Dodson are the parents of two children, Thomas and Laura.

Marjorie Ellen Anderson married Donald W. Adams. He is a Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army Retired. They have three children, Donn W. Adams, Jean Clare Adams, and Charles David Adams. Donn W. Adams married Bonnie Survec and they have two children: Robert Eric Adams and Ann Taft Adams. Jean Clare Adams married Larry Doby and they have two children; Dawn Denise Doby and David Trigg Doby.

Pauline Mary Anderson married Ronald Pinnell Lewis. They are the parents of two daughters, Claudia Ann and Mary Beth. Claudia Ann Lewis married Steven Chancey and they have two children: John Wesley Chancey and Mary Susan Chancey.

Paul Robert (Bard) Anderson married Peggy E. Riggs. They have three children: Peggy Dee Anderson, Charles R. Anderson, and Nancy Ellen Anderson. Peggy Dee Anderson married G. Dean Bumgardner. They have one daughter, Kimberly Kay Bumgardner, who married Timothy D. Long and two grandchildren, Jared Dean Long and Bethany Ann Long. Charles R. Anderson married Nancy L. Pickens and they have two children, Jamie Lynn Anderson and Jason Todd Anderson. Nancy Ellen Anderson married David A. Eads and they have one son, James Robert.

Thelma Pearl (Pert) Anderson married Paul F. Shinn. They had one daughter, Martha Lou, who married Robert Taylor and one granddaughter, Kathryn Taylor. "Pert" married Truman Rawlings after the death of her first husband.

As of the writing of this article, January 1990, Charles and Ruth Hupp Anderson are both deceased. Marjorie Ellen and Donald W. Adams are retired and live in Huntsville, Alabama. Pauline Mary and Ronald P. Lewis are retired and live in Ripley. Pauline worked as a nurse and Ronald as a surveyor on various construction jobs. Paul Robert worked at Foote Mineral for a while but retired from Kaiser Aluminum. His wife, Peggy, retired from Foote Mineral. They are living in Mason, WV. Thelma Pearl (Pert) Anderson Shinn Rawlings retired from the U.S. Government and now lives in Ripley with her husband, Truman, who is retired from Kaiser Aluminum. *Submitted by Pauline Anderson Lewis and Paul (Bard) Anderson*

ELIZA (APLIN) ANDERSON

Eliza Aplin married late in life. She lived with her father, Wm. Henry (Billy) Aplin, until her marriage to George Anderson on March 21, 1901 in Ripley, WV. Eliza and George Anderson had no children.

Eliza (Aplin) Anderson was born on Aug. 26, 1860 to Wm. Henry and Mary Frances (Lett) Aplin, in Gay, WV. Eliza's husband, George Anderson, was born in 1880, to Andrew and Susan (Goff) Anderson in Gay, WV.



George and Eliza (Aplin) Anderson

George Anderson had the first Model T car around the Gay, Billy's Run, and Aplin Ridge area. George was a tall, skinny man to Eliza's short, fleshy build. He loved to tease and joke with Eliza, family and friends.

George and Eliza Anderson's home was a two-story white house, located on Billy's Run, Gay, WV. Billy Aplin, Eliza's father, had this home built for her. The house was either built on or very close to the site of Billy Aplin's home according to some family members.

Eliza (Aplin) Anderson died on Oct. 24, 1919, and she is buried at the Halbert Cemetery, Gay, WV. George Anderson sold the land and the home Eliza received from her father in 1921 to Jonah and Nettie Rhodes. That same year some of Eliza's family bought them out. They wanted to keep the land and the home in the family.

George Anderson died June 2, 1937 in Spencer, Roane Co., WV. George is buried at the Aplin Church Cemetery, Gay, WV. *Submitted by Robin (Morris) Casto*

JAMES AND RUTH ANN ANDERSON

Ruth Ann Rogers is the youngest daughter of Wm. Dorsa and Edith Virginia (Thomas) Rogers, born March 25, 1940, Gay, WV. (See Family Histories under Alice (Aplin) Westfall and Rev. A.D. Thomas for more information.) When Ruth Ann was a little girl she named herself "Ike." The family still calls her Ike or Ikey at times.



James and Ruth Ann Anderson

Burton Carroll Anderson (known as Carroll) was the first husband of Ruth Ann Rogers. Carroll and Ruth Ann (Rogers) Anderson were married on July 17, 1957, Ripley, WV. Carroll Anderson was born Aug. 8, 1936 to Wm. Andrew and Iva Jane (Walker) Anderson, in Kenna, WV.

Cathy Ann Anderson is the first child of Carroll and Ruth Ann Anderson. Cathy was born May 25, 1958 at Kentuck, WV. Cathy married Wm. Gaither

Lewis (known as Bill) on March 23, 1979, in the Sinaiville Church, Statts Mill, WV. Bill Lewis is the son of Forrest Elmo and Sally Jane (Miller) Lewis, born Oct. 30, 1957, Charleston, WV. Bill and Cathy Lewis have three children: Wm. Michael Lewis, born Dec. 7, 1979; Janette Nicole Lewis, born July 22, 1982; Joshua James Lewis, born Aug. 10, 1988. The second child of Carroll and Ruth Ann Anderson is Burton Paul Anderson, born Sept. 1, 1959 at Ripley, WV. (He's known as Buddy.) While Buddy was working in La., met Betty Verrett in July of 1980. Betty is the daughter of Julies and Ernestine (Verrett) Verrett. Betty was born on June 19, 1961 in Houma, La. Buddy and Betty (Verrett) Anderson have two children: Billie Jean Anderson, born Sept. 28, 1983; Derek Burton Anderson, born Aug. 21, 1985.

Carroll and Ruth Ann (Rogers) Anderson were divorced July of 1974, in Charleston, WV. Carroll Anderson married second, Phyllis Burdett on Aug. 13, 1974, in Charleston, WV. Carroll and Phyllis Anderson have one son, Avery Carroll Anderson, born Sept. 20, 1975. Carroll Anderson died on Sept. 24, 1988, in Charleston, WV. He is buried at the Stonelick Cemetery, Kenna, WV.

Ruth Ann (Rogers) Anderson married second, James Kermit Anderson on Nov. 23, 1974 in Ripley, WV. James Anderson was born on Aug. 25, 1953 to Herman and Ada (Price) Anderson, at Grasslick, WV. Jim and Ruth Ann Anderson met while they both worked at the Big R in Ripley, WV. *Submitted by Burton (Buddy) Anderson*

JEFFERSON DAVIS ANDERSON

Andrew Anderson was a brother of Peter Anderson, who came to Belleville in 1785. After the Indian War closed, Andrew drifted into the wild forests beyond the Ohio River where he was a hunter and trapper. He made his home in a giant, hollowed out sycamore tree near the big bend across from Ravenswood. Who or when he married was not preserved, nor was the exact site of his home known. He was a victim of cholera. Andrew had a large family and several of his children lived on Sandy, above Ravenswood. (The preceding excerpt was taken from Wood County Pioneers, by John House.)

Andrew's son, Joseph Anderson, married Nancy Stanley, Feb. 25, 1823. Their son, Joseph Anderson Jr., born in 1829, married Hepzibah Rowley. On May 19, 1880, they moved to Cabin Run, in the Liverpool area, where Joseph and his sons, William, Robert Lee, Joseph, Jefferson and Phillip had earlier blazed a trail one mile from the Ravenswood-Spencer Road. Here, they also had cut logs to build a farm and house. The kitchen was attached to the main house by a breezeway. The kitchen and the barn are still standing. The farm is currently owned by Flavy Kelly's son. Joseph and Hepzibah also had three daughters, Hepzibah (died Mar. 24, 1885), Susana and Theodocia. Joseph and Hepzibah lived out their lives on this farm. Joseph died Mar. 8, 1907.

Jefferson Davis Anderson married Leona Burrows, Feb. 26, 1896. They later left the Liverpool



front row: Dewey Everet, Jefferson Davis, Leona, and William Hugh Anderson, back row: Albert Fulton, Henry Clay, and Nellie Ethel Anderson.



Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Anderson



Ernest and Minnie (Waggoner) Angus

area and moved to Cavin Fork, in Grant District. They are buried in the Pond Creek Baptist Cemetery, in Wood County. They had seven children. 1. Nellie married William Miner. They raised a son, Harry Eugene Richmond. Nellie lives at Barberton, Ohio. 2. Henry "Clay" Anderson, born Dec. 19, 1898, died Dec. 3, 1989, married, July 23, 1920, Mae Rader, from Wirt County. They lived near Rockport, WV and had six children. Charles married Ferne Piggot. William married Helen Brown. Davis married Tiny Holpp. Carroll married Marilyn Pyles. Theodore married, first, (?) Bonnett and, second, Sarah (?). Dolores married Earl Clegg. 3. Della, born Nov. 11, 1900, died Dec. 1911, is buried at Liverpool, WV. 4. Albert "Fulton," born Jan. 20, 1902, died July 12, 1973, married Hazel Staats, Dec. 24, 1924. They lived in Spencerville, Ohio and had nine children: Earl, Paul, Howard, Harold, Dale, Ray, Darrell (died in infancy), Lorene and Hazel Ruth. 5. Orville, born June 21, 1904, died April 10, 1919, is buried at Liverpool, WV. 6. Dewey Evert, born Oct. 14, 1907, married Virginia Rawson, April 12, 1933. They live at Vienna, WV. Their children: Lavern Edward married Barbara (?). Evelyn married James York. 7. William Hugh, born June 24, 1910, married Lora Lemley, Oct. 13, 1936. They had three children: Joseph Hugh, Karen Kate and Ellen Diane. Joseph Hugh, born Nov. 3, 1943, married Ruth Helen McDonald, Mar. 24, 1962. They have four children. Diane Lynn, born Nov. 14, 1962, has a daughter, Nicole Lyann, born May 22, 1986. Susan Kay, born Oct. 8, 1965, married George Longoria, born Dec. 14, 1963. They have two sons, George Paul, born May 17, 1984 and John Anthony, born Aug. 18, 1985. Joseph Hugh Jr., born Oct. 18, 1967, married Teresa Wise, Aug. 28, 1986. He has two step-sons, Anthony Reynolds, born 1974 and Christopher Reynolds, born 1976. Brian Nathaniel was born Mar. 8, 1971. Karen Kate, born Apr. 5, 1939, married, May 22, 1977, Johnny Pedigo, born in Tennessee. Ellen Diane was born Apr. 8, 1941 and died Oct. 2, 1941. Submitted by W. H. Anderson and Joseph Hugh Anderson

ERNEST THEODORE ANGUS

Ernest Theodore Angus, born July 25, 1903 in Jackson County where he lived his entire life. He died June 7, 1977. He married Minnie Waggoner, daughter of Samuel and Bessie Waggoner. Their children are: Ruth, wife of Burhl Pepper; Evelyn, wife of Lewis Morgan; Billy, Olive, Lewis and Dennis, who died when a baby.

Early in Ernest Theodore Angus's life he was a farmer and later had other occupations including State Road Supervisor. He retired from Kaiser Aluminum Plant in 1969. He enjoyed living on his farm at Drift Run, where he raised gardens and food for the wild life. Hunting, camping, and fishing was an important part of his life as well as being active in church and community.

His parents were Joseph Edward and Alice Daily Angus. William Angus (1845-1924) was his grandfather. He was married to Margaret Hen-

dershot. John Daily (1835-1907), who was married to Rebecca Hartshorn, were also his grandparents.

His brothers and sisters are: William (half-brother), married to Mable Griffith; Homer, married Rena Forshey; Golda, married Fred McCauley; Edith, married (1) Leslie Perdue, (2) William Williams; Herbert, married Ruby Waggoner; Lucille, married Holly Maddox; and Clarestine, married Delbert Wilkinson.

It is interesting to note that the home farm was formerly owned by his grandfather, John Daily, and has been passed on from generation to generation and is now owned by Scott Pepper, the sixth generation from John Daily and the great-grandson of Ernest. Submitted by Evelyn Morgan

JOE ANGUS

My ancestors have lived in Jackson County since the early 1800s. I have traced my roots back several generations and have found the graves of forty-two direct ancestors buried in Jackson County. All eight of my great-grandparents, all sixteen great-great-grandparents, eleven third great-grandparents, three fourth great-grandparents, and one fifth great-grandparent, John DeWitt, first settler of Murraysville.

Many of my ancestors were war veterans. My father, Billy Angus, was in World War II. Three great-great-grandparents, William Angus, John Dailey and John Franklin, fought for the North in the Civil War while one, Wade Hampton Benson, fought for the South. Wade Hampton Benson was shot and captured at the Battle of Droop Mountain and served two years in a Union prison camp. In the Revolutionary War, eight of my ancestors, John Culbertson, Jacob Jones, Jacob Hendershot, and his son John Hendershot, John Waggoner, Benjamin Rector, Abel Sherman and John DeWitt fought for America, while one, James Trimble, was a British officer. I had one ancestor, William Bills, who fought in the War of 1812.

I've traced the Thorns (see Thorns) all the way back to Hugh Capet, King of France. My great-great-grandmother was Caroline Thorn who married John Waggoner. John's grandfather, John Waggoner, fought in the Revolutionary War and had a difficult time getting his war pension because all his proof of being a veteran had been burned. On May 7, 1792 in Lewis County, Virginia, a band of Indians killed John's wife and four children. Three children were captured, but later escaped back to their father (see Waggoner). Ten generations back will take you to Plymouth, Massachusetts and Isaac Allerton, who came to America on the Mayflower (see Rector). My fifth great-grandfather, Abel Sherman, was killed by Indians near Marietta, Ohio in 1794. His tombstone is now in the Campus Martius Museum in Marietta.

My father, Billy Angus, is the son of Ernest Angus and Minnie Waggoner Angus. My mother is Maxine DeWitt, daughter of Otmer Salser and Mayme Rector Salser. I have three brothers, Doug, Norse and Terry and one sister, Rita Hill, wife of Doug Hill. I am married to Rina Angus, daughter

of David and Phyllis Casto. Submitted by Joe Angus

JOSEPH EDWARD ANGUS

Joseph Edward Angus was born August 1870 in Wood County. Shortly after his birth his father, William Angus, moved to a farm at Drift Run. Here



Joseph Edward and Alice (Daily) Angus

he grew up and worked with his father on the farm.

In 1892, Joseph Angus married Cora Winebrenner, daughter of James and Nancy Maddox Winebrenner. They had a son, William. Cora died sometime in 1893. September 1896, Joseph Angus married Alice Daily, daughter of John Daily. They were the parents of Ernest (wife Minnie Waggoner); Homer (wife Renna Forshey); Herbert (wife Ruby Waggoner); Anna (husband William McCauley); Ethel ((1) Talmage Weekly, (2) William Williams); Lucille (husband Holey Maddox); and Clarestine (husband Delbert Wilkinson). He reared his family on a farm at Drift Run, which he purchased from a brother-in-law, Enoch Robinson.

Joseph Angus, known as Ed, was a life-long farmer. He loved the farm and worked hard without modern equipment, and used horses to pull the plow and work the fields. As young boys, Edward and Billy Angus spent many summers helping Grandpa in the corn fields. Grandpa was a great influence on all of the grandchildren and they enjoyed being with him. He enjoyed his earthly home but looked forward to his home in Heaven. Joseph Angus was a devoted husband, father, and Christian. As a member of the Drift Run Methodist Church, he attended regularly. Even in his last years, past ninety years of age, he would often walk a mile to church. He was always ready to help a neighbor in need, and shared the produce from his garden with them.

Joseph Angus led an active life, although limited in later years, until the time of his death on February 3, 1970 at the age of 99½. Submitted by Ruth Pepper

WILLIE GROVER ANGUS

Willie Grover Angus b. 8-9-1893, d. 11-20-1965. He married Mabel Blanche Griffith, b. 8-25-1901. Willie was the son of the late Joseph Edward and Cora Winebrenner Angus. He was the



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grandson of the late William and Margaret Hendershot Angus and James and Ann Maddox Winebrenner. Mabel is the daughter of the late Albert E. and Anna Richard Griffith. She is the granddaughter of the late Robert and Margaret Crook Griffith and Elmore and Emma V. Morehead Richard.

Willie and Mabel were married September 20, 1916 by the late Rev. I. N. Smith of Copper Fork Road, as they sat in the horse drawn buggy, which was the means of transportation in those days.

They went to live on the Howard Oaks farm at Little Hocking, Ohio, where their first child, Elmer Leroy, was born 2-15-1919. Then they moved to Belleville, West Virginia on the Humphrey Farm where the following children were born: Dorothy Elizabeth 7-18-1922, Marjorie Ellen 11-29-1924, d. 1-3-1934, and Edward Elwood 11-10-1926. October 14, 1929 the family moved to Drift Run in Jackson County, West Virginia, where they purchased a farm and the following children were born: Barbara Alene 7-7-1930, Helen Virginia 7-22-1933 and Seldon Woodrow 6-24-1935.

They had 21 grandchildren of which 18 are living and 30 great-grandchildren. Mabel just celebrated her 88th birthday and still lives on Drift Run. *Submitted by Dorothy Riggs*

JOHN APLIN

John Aplin, the first child of Wm. Henry (Billy) and Mary Frances (Lett) Aplin (See Family Histories — Wm. Henry Aplin), was born Feb. 24, 1848, in Ripley, Va. (WV). John's father, Billy Aplin, worked as a shoemaker at the time of John's birth.

When John Aplin was three years old the family moved to their farm located between Gay and Red Knob, Va. (WV). John and his family lived there until early 1863, when John's father, Billy Aplin, moved them to Ohio. The Civil War was in progress.

On June 24, 1863, John Aplin enlisted in the U.S. Union Army at Athens, Ohio. John was a member of Capt. L.H. Stedman's Co. A, 129th Regiment of Ohio V.T., commanded by Col. H.D. John. Two letters John Aplin wrote to his parents, during the Civil War, have been preserved in the Ellen (Rogers) Morris family. Ellen Morris is a descendant of John Aplin's sister, Alice (Aplin) Rogers Westfall. (See Family Histories — Alice (Aplin) Rogers Westfall)

The two letters John Aplin wrote home are interesting to read. The letter dated July 28, 1863 was sent to Wm. Henry Aplin, Nelsonville, Athens Co., Ohio. John wrote about Morgan's Raid, Buffington Island and Nelsonville, Ohio being burned. John also asked his father for two or three dollars to send letters home. The second letter is dated Sept. 21, 1863. John was in camp on the Tennessee side of the Cumberland Gap. John wrote about Cumberland Gap being surrendered, and of the Confederate surrendering, the prisoners taken, and of having guard duty all that day. John asked his mother, Mary Frances (Lett) Aplin, to have a can of peaches ready for him when he came home. John concluded this letter, "I have not time to write any more at present time, but remainin your son until death." On Jan. 27, 1864, John Aplin, 28 days short of his 16th birthday, died in a hospital at Cumberland Gap, Tenn. Exact cause of death unknown, grave site unknown.

On Oct. 23, 1865, a final pay certificate was prepared for \$13.66 payable to Wm. Henry Aplin, father of deceased, with deductions for clothing. Pay was from Oct. 31, 1863 until time of death. Wm. Henry Aplin finally received the last pay for his son, Pvt. John Aplin, while living at New Geneva, W.V., in Dec. of 1866. *Submitted by Wilma Jean (Rogers) Kelch*

WILLIAM HENRY APLIN

W. Henry Aplin was known as Billy Aplin until his death, four days short of his 94th birthday. Billy Aplin was well known in the Aplin Ridge, Gay and Red Knob areas of Jackson Co., Va. (WV). Aplin Ridge, Aplin Church and the Aplin School (now Haynes Trading Post) were all named for Billy Aplin.



William Henry Aplin

Billy Aplin was born Aug. 2, 1813 in Providence, R.I., to Benjamin and Lydia (Gray) Aplin. Billy was the eleventh child out of the fifteen born to Benjamin and Lydia Aplin.

Benjamin Aplin, Billy Aplin's father, was born Nov. 26, 1769, in Providence, R.I., to John and Elizabeth (Arnold) Aplin. Benjamin Aplin married Lydia Gray on Dec. 16, 1792 in Providence, R.I. Lydia (Gray) Aplin was born Aug. 14, 1777 in Providence, R.I., to Amasa and Sarah Lydia (Turpin) Gray. Benjamin Aplin died Dec. 23, 1843 in Norwich, Muskingum Co., Ohio. Lydia (Gray) Aplin died Sept. 19, 1845 in Norwich, Ohio. Benjamin and Lydia Aplin are buried in Norwich Presbyterian Cemetery in Norwich, Ohio.

Billy Aplin's grandmother, Elizabeth (Arnold) Aplin was the great-great-granddaughter of Wm. Arnold. Wm. Arnold was associated with Roger Williams in the founding of R.I. Wm. Arnold is also the great-great-grandfather of Benedict Arnold V, the traitor. The Arnold Memorial and a Genealogy of His Descendants, compiled by Elisha Stephen Arnold, 1935, is a good book concerning the Arnold family descendants.

Sarah Lydia (Turpin) Gray, Billy Aplin's maternal grandmother, married second Christopher Cooke, great-great-grandson of Francis Cooke, who came over on the Mayflower. There is no blood relationship between the Cookes and the Aplins. Christopher and Sarah Cooke did not have children.

Billy Aplin married Mary Frances Lett on Aug. 29, 1847 in Ripley, Va. (WV). Mary (Lett) Aplin was born March 14, 1833 in Putnam Co., Va. (WV) to Lemuel C. and Nancy Elizabeth (Landers) Lett.

According to family recollections Mary Aplin, being 14 years old when she married Billy Aplin, him being 34 years old, would play with her dolls under a tree, while her husband did the plowing.

When Mary Lett married Billy Aplin, her father, Lemuel C. Lett gave them three slaves, Samp, Jim and Judy, as a wedding present. Billy Aplin treated these slaves as family and eventually freed them. One slave, Jim, who had decided to stay with the Aplins, was a smart man. He taught school for the young slaves, and saved the money Billy Aplin paid him for working on the farm. At times Jim would go to town by himself. On one of those trips Jim did not return. Jim's body was found beaten and hung from a tree, on the Radar farm, Gay Rd., Ripley, WV. It was never known for sure why, or who, did the hanging.

Billy and Mary Aplin had nine children, three sons and six daughters. Five daughters lived to

adulthood. John Aplin, the eldest child of Billy and Mary Aplin was born Feb. 24, 1848 in Ripley, Va. (WV). (See Family Histories under John Aplin).

Lydia Aplin was born June 13, 1851 in Ripley, Va. (WV). Lydia Aplin married first Venson Tibbles on Dec. 23, 1871 in Ripley, WV. Lydia and Venson Tibbles were divorced on Dec. 5, 1876 in Ripley, WV. Lydia Tibbles married second, Benjamin T. Hudson on Sept. 19, 1877 in Ripley, WV. Lydia and Benjamin Hudson were divorced in Spencer, Roane Co., WV. Lydia (Aplin) Hudson died July 1, 1928, in Spencer, WV. Lydia is buried at the Halbert Cemetery, Elk Fork Rd., Gay, WV. (See Family Histories under Lydia (Aplin) Hudson).

Emily Aplin was born Feb. 7, 1853 in Ripley, Va. (WV). On May 31, 1856, when Emily was with her father, Billy Aplin, at the family's grist mill, there was a fatal accident. Emily's clothing caught in the belt of the mill, killing her. This was a great tragedy for Billy and Mary Aplin.

Sarah Aplin was born Nov. 14, 1855 in Gay, Va. (WV). Sarah Aplin married Megary (Doc) Archer on June 29, 1877 in Ripley, WV. Sarah (Aplin) Archer died on Feb. 26, 1912 at her home in Gay, WV. Both Sarah and Doc Archer are buried at the Halbert Cemetery, Gay, WV. (See Family Histories under Sarah (Aplin) Archer.)

Alice Aplin was born April 26, 1858 in Gay, Va. (WV). Alice Aplin married first, Rev. James Alfred Rogers on Oct. 28, 1877 in Ripley, WV. Alice Rogers married second, Henderson (Sank) Westfall on Nov. 28, 1903 in Ripley, WV. Alice Westfall died on April 20, 1920. She is buried at the Halbert Cemetery, Gay, WV. (See Family Histories under Alice (Aplin) Westfall.)



Nigger Jim, one of William Henry Aplin's slaves

Eliza Aplin was born Aug. 26, 1860 in Gay, Va. (WV). Eliza Aplin married George Anderson on March 21, 1901 in Ripley, WV. Eliza Anderson is buried at the Halbert Cemetery, Gay, WV. She died on Oct. 24, 1919 in Gay, WV. (See Family Histories under Eliza (Aplin) Anderson.)

Everet Aplin was born April 6, 1862 in Gay, Va. (WV). Everet Aplin died on Sept. 18, 1864 in Athens, Athens Co., Ohio.

Esther Aplin was born Aug. 2, 1864 in Athens, Ohio. Esther Aplin married first, Thomas Waybright on March 7, 1884 in Ripley, WV. Esther Waybright married second, George Thomas on Oct. 11, 1895 in Ripley, WV. Esther Thomas died on July 9, 1947 in Gay, WV. She is buried at the Evans Cemetery, Gay, WV. (See Family Histories under Esther (Aplin) Thomas.)

Walter Aplin was born on Feb. 23, 1867 in Gay, WV. Walter Aplin died on Jan. 9, 1868 in Gay, WV.

Billy Aplin dearly loved his five daughters that lived to adulthood. For each daughter he had built a two-story white house, on the 390⁷/₁₀ acres, more or less, that he deeded to each one, for the affection he felt for them.

Billy Aplin was a very smart man. In his lifetime he worked as a shoemaker, attorney, surveyor, farmer and even an astronomer. Billy Aplin loved to read. He had bookcases full of books, which gave him great pleasure. Some of these

books are now in the possession of his great-grandson, Glen E. Romine. Billy Aplin was a great landowner, owning several thousand acres of land in Jackson County and surrounding counties. Letters to Billy Aplin for advice, bids on his timberland, asking to rent some of his land and for loans of money, are now in the possession of his great-granddaughter, Ellen (Rogers) Morris.

Billy Aplin's wife, Mary Frances (Lett) Aplin, died July 7, 1882 in Gay, WV. Wm. Henry Aplin died July 29, 1907 at his daughter Alice (Aplin) Westfall's home, Gay, WV. Billy and Mary Aplin rest side by side at the Halbert Cemetery, Elk Fork Rd., Gay, WV. Submitted by Ellen (Rogers) Morris and Ruth Ann (Rogers) Anderson

ARCHER

The Civil War had been over for about ten years, the railroads were beginning to open up farm land to the west, and the third generation of Archers living in Noble Co., OH were getting restless for new lands and opportunities. Between 1850 and 1870 several left for Kansas, Illinois and Indiana, but a few came back disillusioned. For those who were not willing to take the risks of the western frontiers or who wanted to try their luck, before venturing west, Jackson Co., WV looked attractive because it was near kinsmen in Noble Co., OH and land was cheaper because it was still forested.

Between 1870 and 1880, 18 Archer families moved from Noble Co., OH to Jackson Co., WV. They were the third and fourth generation descendants of the sons of James Archer, an early settler in Noble Co., OH. James Archer (b. ca. 1747 Ireland?, d. ca. 1830 Monroe (now Noble) Co., OH), had been the Captain of a Greene Co., PA militia unit fighting Indians during the Revolutionary War. James was the son of Patrick Archer (ca. 1717-ca. 1793), an Irish tailor. By 1800, sons of Patrick Archer had scattered from the original settlement in Greene Co., PA; Michael moving to Wirt Co., WV; Simon's sons, to Indiana; Joseph, to Guernsey, Richland, Franklin, and Wood counties, OH; James to Monroe (now Noble) Co., OH by about 1812, by way of Ohio Co., WV, where he lived 1798-1812.

Additional information on pre-1870 family history and relationships can be found in *The Genealogical History of the Archer Family* by M.B. Archer, F.J. Heer, Columbus, 1919 and in *The Descendants of Patrick Archer* by George Archer published serially in *The Archer Quarterly*, P.O. Box 6233, McLean, VA 22106.

Space permits only a brief outline of family relationships of the Jackson Co. Archers and related families. Descendants of James' six sons, except for Simon, moved into Jackson Co.:

1. Of Joseph, James: Nathan and Henry
2. Of James, James: Jacob
3. Of Nathan, James: James and Stephen
4. Of James, Joseph, James: Elisha, Weeden, Peter
5. Of Simon, Michael, James: Abraham
6. Of Michael, Jacob, James: Aaron, James William, John Riley
7. Of Michael, Joseph, James: Asberry; Martin's widow Celia Archer (James, James, James); Jocephus; John McGarry; Joseph, William Leeper.

These families initially settled in Grant District. Some bought land in Wirt and Wood counties and moved there later. Most remained in Jackson Co. until their deaths, but a few moved to Washington or Guernsey Co., OH or went west to Franklin Co., KS. Those who did not migrate were mostly descendants of the Michael, Joseph, James line. By the 1950s there were very few Archers in the Jackson Co.

These Archer families were members of the Grose, Providence and Warden Methodist Episcopal churches near Lockhart and Medina, WV. The Archers preferred farming or teaching. Those

teaching in Jackson Co. were: James William (Michael, Jacob, James); Simon (Stephen, Nathan, James); and Simon (Stephen, Stephen, Nathan, James). However, Weeden (James, Joseph, James) was the Grant Dist. Justice of the Peace.

Stephen Archer (Nathan, James) married on 27 Nov. 1844 in Monroe (now Noble) Co., OH, Nancy Grandon (daughter of Enoch Grandon and Nancy Enochs) shortly after the death of Stephen's father, Nathan [b. 15 Feb. 1800; d. 15 Jun. 1845]. Stephen enlisted in Co. D 174 OVI 17 Aug. 1864 in Lowell, Adams Twp., Washington Co., OH and applied for a pension in Jackson Co. 10 Aug. 1883. Stephen and Nancy had nine children: 1. Nathan [b. 19 Apr. or 21 Aug. 1845 or Sep. 1846 Monroe Co., OH; d. 5 Apr. 1913, md. (Mrs.?) Fannie Roberts on 21 Apr. 1885, Coahoma Co., MS]; 2. Mary E. [b. 4 Mar. 1849 OH; d. 7 Dec. 1879, md. 1866 Freeman C. Thompson, b. 25 Feb. 1846, Washington Co., PA, recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War]; 3. Stephen [b. ca. 1858, Stock Twp., Noble Co., OH; d. winter 1883, md. in Jackson Co., 24 Dec. 1878, Helen Josephine Butcher, b. 31 Dec. 1855, Wood Co., OH; d. 2 Feb. 1939, Waynesburg, PA]; 4. William [b. 5 Dec. 1856, md. Melissa ca. 1890]; 5. Simon [b. 13 Jul. 1858, md. Elizabeth M., b. Kansas]; 6. Amanda [b. 19 Sep. 1860, md. Jacob T. Morehead 17 May 1883, Jackson Co., WV]; 7. Martha [b. 4 Mar. 1865]; 8. Charles [b. 3 Apr. 1867]; 9. Alcina [b. 4 Oct. 1870 or 17 June 1871, Stock Twp., Noble Co., OH].

Stephen accompanied William and Melissa (Sweeney) Grandon, his wife's brother and wife from Noble Co. to Jackson Co. Nathan and his sister, Mary E., had already made homes in Alabama and Noble Co., respectively. In Jackson Co., Nancy (Grandon) Archer, not her husband, bought 150 acres 13 Mar. 1873 on Copper Fork of the Sandy. After ten years, they were unable to make any payments on the outstanding \$1200 after making a downpayment of \$100. The seller, R.S. Brown, foreclosed on 1 Oct. 1883. They probably lived with William and Melissa Grandon or one of their children. About 1895, except for Stephen and Amanda who remained in Jackson Co., the rest of the family moved to Franklin Co., KS where Nancy Grandon Archer died 25 Nov. 1897. After Nancy's death, Stephen stayed in the National Soldiers Home, Leavenworth, Kansas. He remarried 12 Nov. 1903 in Rantoul, Franklin Co., a widow, Mary Ann (Mrs. Solomon W.) Newlen, b. ca. 1830. Stephen died 6 Jun. 1904 in Franklin Co., KS.

Stephen Archer (Stephen, Nathan, James)

Stephen married Helen Josephine Butcher. Helen was the daughter of Thomas Jefferson Butcher and Lodema Lee. Thomas' parents were founders of Wood Co., WV and trace back to John Butcher of Loudon Co., VA, a Revolutionary War soldier. According to family stories, Helen was living with her brother, John Wesley Butcher, and went to a dance where she met Stephen, as the Archers liked to dance. Stephen and Helen had three children. All of them married in Jackson Co.:

1. Margaret [b. 17 Jan. 1880, Meadowdale, d. 27 Jul. 1947 Columbiana Co., OH; md. John Currey 29 Oct. 1899]; 2. William Thomas [b. ca. 1882, d. 13 Dec. 1937, Waynesburg, PA, md. Adda Vannoy 15 Sep. 1910]; and 3. Simon David.

Simon Archer (Stephen, Stephen, Nathan, James)

Simon David, b. 24 Aug. 1884, Sandyville, d. 6 Jul. 1948, San Diego, CA, md. 1. Marguerite Germain Bourlier 5 Mar. 1921, Belfort, France, b. 18 Apr. 1904, Etupes, France. Divorced 31 Mar. 1925, no children, md. 2. Mary Bernice Smith 10 Oct. 1930, Santa Monica, CA, b. 12 Jan. 1910, Farmington, MO, d. 28 Jan. 1971, Ventura, CA, daughter of William Alexander Smith and Virginia

Lee Covington. Child: George Warren Archer b. 11 Jun. 1939, San Diego, CA.

Stephen died in the winter of 1883, and Helen remarried Larkin Grayson [b. ca. 1848, Boyd Co., KY] 19 Nov. 1887, Jackson Co. and had one son Earl Ross [b. 26 Aug. 1888, d. 4 Dec. 1938, Chillacothe, OH]. Larkin disappeared one day and was believed to have been killed by river boat gamblers and thrown into the Ohio River. Helen and her children moved in with her brother John Wesley and Rusha (McPherson) Butcher living in a small house he built for them. Helen worked for others doing cleaning and eventually moved to Akron, OH and opened a boarding house (1918-1920) for workers at the tire factory, including some Archer relations from Jackson Co., Viola (Angus) and Sherman Archer (John, Michael, Joseph, James). John and Margaret Curry moved to Columbia Co., Ohio. William and Ada Archer accompanied Helen. Earl Grayson joined the Army and became a career NCO running a recruitment office in Chillacothe, OH where he married Sarah Etta Schofield [b. 12 Aug. 1895, Chillacothe, OH].

Simon received a grade school education (1891-1900), took an additional year of teacher instruction at the Rankin Teacher's School (1901-1902), and taught school at the White Rose School on the north fork of Little Sandy (1903-1907). He then left Jackson Co. to work for the C.R.J.&P. Railroad in Denver, CO and for the post office in Kansas City (1911-12), Denver and Washington, D.C. (1917-1918), for the Internal Revenue Service (1918), and then got a Commission in the Sanitary Corps during WW I and was stationed in Chicago. After the war, he briefly rejoined the IRS but resigned to rejoin the Army and went to France (1920-22) to collect the bodies of American soldiers for stateside burial. In France he met and married his first wife but divorced her shortly after they returned to the United States. He returned to Washington, D.C. and was employed in the Treasury Dept. for a few years, went to Miami, Florida and began a real estate business that was wiped out either by a hurricane or a land bust (1926). He went to Los Angeles and went on active duty with the Army (Jul. 1927-Jan. 1928), met his second wife, Mary Bernice Smith. After marrying they moved somewhere near El Centro, CA for his health, but Simon got restless and wanted to pursue his real estate career. They moved to San Diego about 1934, and he worked for a couple of real estate firms as a salesman before opening his own office in Sept. 1936. He hired some salesmen in 1936 and really began to sell after WW II as the Navy veterans began to settle in San Diego. He died 6 Jul. 1948 and is entombed in Cyprus View Mausoleum in San Diego, CA. Submitted by George W. Archer and Christopher W. Archer

ELISHA ARCHER



Eula, Elisha, and Ora Archer

Elisha Archer was born Oct. 1, 1829, the son of James and Catherine (Headley) Archer. He married Catherine Weekley, born Nov. 20, 1832, the daughter of Benjamin Weekley. They lived in Noble County, Ohio before moving to the Jackson-Wirt County, WV area in the 1870s. Elisha died Aug. 12, 1909 and Catherine died Sept. 9,

1898. They are buried in the Limestone Cemetery, at Wood County, WV. Their children:

1. George (1851-1921) married Lucinda Jearls and resided on Maul Camp, in Grant District.
2. Mary (1853-1926) married Alfred McGee Gant and resided in Wirt County, West Virginia.
3. Peter (1855-1940) married Sarah Sheets and resided near the Wirt-Jackson County line, not far from Route 21.
4. Matilda (1862-?) married William Beabout and resided in the Middleport, Ohio area.
5. Miranda (1863-1924) married Alfred Archer and lived in Grant District, before moving to Wood County.
6. Levi (1866-1929) married Elizabeth Gates and resided on Gates Ridge, in Wood County.
7. Ida (1872-?) married a Robinson and resided at one time in the Middleport, Ohio area.



Marybelle, Peter, and Sarah (Sheets) Archer

Peter Archer was born, Nov. 20, 1855, at Noble County, Ohio. He married Sarah Martha Sheets, Feb. 19, 1882, at Wirt County, West Virginia. She was born in Wood County, West Virginia, Jan. 18, 1864, the daughter of Henry and Almira (Stucky) Sheets.

Peter and Sarah (known as Sis) lived on a ridge above Route 21 at the Jackson-Wirt County line. They never had a lot of material goods but they always had plenty to eat from what they grew on their hillside farm. Their daughter, Ora, and her sons stayed with them after the other children were grown. They also cared for their granddaughter, Grace, whose mother, Eula, had died a few days after giving birth. Eula's son, Wayne, stayed each summer at their house.

Sarah, a kind, considerate person, was a hard worker who knew how to manage what little they owned. She always raised two gardens, so there would be plenty of food to store away for the winter. She was very particular about how her onions were planted. She would raise plants in a hot bed for her own garden and give extra plants to neighbors. Sarah was very successful at grafting apple trees and had one tree with five varieties of apples. A large copper kettle was used to make apple butter and Sarah always used the apples from one certain tree for this task. Apples were always plentiful and the cellar was filled with them each fall. Popcorn was also raised on the farm and this along with the apples would be the snacks for the family.

Hogs and cattle were raised on the farm and when it was time to butcher the hogs, several neighbors or relatives would come to help. The grandchildren would take the bladder from a hog and blow it up like a balloon. Some of the lard from the hogs would be used to make soap in the copper kettle. The hogs were often fed with the extra apples. One time when Grace and Sarah had washed clothes on a washboard and hung them out to dry, the hogs got out and knocked down the clean clothes. Needless to say, the job was to do all over again. There was always plenty of pork to eat. Many times, pork and potatoes were served for

breakfast. The cattle were sold and some of the income would be used to pay taxes.

During the Depression when drought conditions existed, Sarah would tell the grandchildren to work hard at picking beans, digging potatoes and other chores so they would not have to go to the poorhouse. The grandchildren would help hoe the corn at a very young age. Grace was given a hoe when six years of age so she could help. At that time Grace did not have any shoes to wear and she would get sandbriers in her feet. Later, when she did get a pair of shoes, she hated them because they buttoned up and had pointed toes. The shoes cost ten cents. Sarah would sell cream so they would have a little extra income. During the construction of Route 21, some of the Negro workers would climb the hill to their house and buy fresh buttermilk from Sarah for five cents a half-gallon.

Other than visiting relatives and attending church, the family did not go very many places. Occasionally, they did go to the fair, at Evans. The grandchildren would go out the road to Uncle Jake Sheets house to listen to the radio program, Amos and Andy. Sarah gave them certain rules to follow when they went to his house. They must take off their shoes and be quiet when the program was on. They were also not allowed to ask for anything to eat. The grandchildren considered Uncle Jake rich, because he had a radio and carbide lights.

After Sarah's mother died, Sarah inherited \$400 and she felt this would at least secure their financial future for awhile. Peter had other plans and used the money to purchase the only car they ever owned, a Model T Ford. Peter was a good moral person; however, he could be quick-tempered at times. He loved to sit by a tree in the yard, or on the porch, where he would sing and yodel. Peter died in 1940 and Sarah in 1941. They are buried in the Limestone Cemetery at Wood County, West Virginia. Their children:

1. Marybelle (1882-1957) married Charles McPherson and they resided, on Brushy Fork, in Grant District. Their children: Grace Thomas, Nell Smith, Lester McPherson, Hazel Thompson, Edith Wines, Murhl Corns, Nina Whited, Jean Belvin and Rae Corns.
2. Charles (1890-1965) married, first Effie Morris. Their children: Juanita Pickens and Charles Archer (died in infancy). He married, second, Martha Luck. He resided at Detroit, Michigan.
3. Willie (1891-1896)
4. Eula (1898-1919) married Ebon Shepherd. Their children: Wayne Shepherd and Grace Kent Dawson.
5. Ora (1900-1987) married, first, Oscar Miller, second, Harley Lockhart and, third, Delbert Jenkins Skinner. She resided at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Her children: Roland Miller, Grover Lockhart, Delbert Ronnie Skinner, Betty Steinmetz Snyder.
6. Docia (1904-1978) married Theodore Shephard and resided at Mineral Wells, West Virginia. Their children: Ted Shephard and Helen Riddle. Submitted by Grace (Sheppard) Kent and Patricia (Kent) Garrett

JOCEPHAS ARCHER

Joecephas Archer was born May 17, 1848, near the town of Summerfield, in Noble County, Ohio. He was the second child of Michael and Sarah (Young) Archer. His mother died when he was thirteen years old and at the age of fifteen, he ran away from home and joined the Army, enlisting in Company 1, 20th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He moved to Jackson County, WV in the late 1870s and worked as a veterinarian. He spent fifty-two years specializing in the care of horses. He lived in the Silverton-Hemlock area and set up a blacksmith shop just outside of Ravenswood. He traveled all over Jackson and Roane counties, advertising his arrival in the newspapers ahead of

time. He was a charter member of the Dan Frost Post No. 16 G.A.R. and, in 1885, he joined the I.O.O.F. lodge at Ravenswood. Joecephas had two sisters who lived in Grant District, Jackson County. Martha (Archer) Alexander and Lydia Jenny (Archer) Franklin lived on Nesselroad Run. Half-brothers, John M. Archer, Joseph Archer and William Leeper Archer also moved here. Martin Archer, another half-brother, died in Noble County but his family came to Jackson County and lived near Lockhart.

Joecephas married, first, Percy Capell on Dec. 24, 1876 at Noble County, Ohio. Their children: Della married a Dawson and lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Kermin married — Radar and lived at Hamlin, WV in Lincoln County and is buried there. Cephas married Lilly — and lived at Spencer, WV. They later moved to Williamstown, WV. He died at the home of his son in Syracuse, NY, but was brought back to Spencer, WV.



front row: Dewey, Joecephas, Dessie, "Mima", and Asbury Archer, back row: Mary Matilda, Lucas, and Ruby Archer, ca. 1900

Joecephas Archer married, second, Jemima "Mima" Murphy. She was born Oct. 20, 1865 and died Sept. 26, 1913. Joecephas died Dec. 4, 1922, at the home of his son, Lucas, who lived at Hemlock. Joecephas and Mima are buried in the Baptist Cemetery at Silverton. They had nine children. Lucas Michael (1889-1930) married Oda Hall and lived on the homeplace, at Hemlock. Mary Matilda (1891-1983) married Arthur "Ott" Barber and lived at Hemlock. Ruby Jane (1893-?) married John Powell, in 1910, but they later divorced. She married, second, Albert Jones, in 1912, and they moved to Lansing, Michigan. Dessie May (1895-1987) married J.D. Patterson and lived at Portland, Ohio. Lawrence Dewey married Lillian — and lived at Akron, Ohio. Asbury Young (1901-?) married Gleneth Stokes and lived at Akron, Ohio. Lillie (1904-1986) married, first, Herbert Cornelius Tribett, and, second, Vernon Elisha Leek. They lived at New Martinsville, WV. Flossie Ann (1907) married Ackison "Ack" Edward Lincicome and lives at Ravenswood. They had three children. Clay (1927) married Nell Alltop and lives south of Daytona Beach, Florida. Ruth (1933) married John Pugh and lives at Franklinville, NJ. Ruby (1937) married, first, Eugene Roberts, second, Irvin Heugatter (deceased). She lives at Lorrain, Ohio. Oakey Allen (1911-1916) is buried in the Baptist Cemetery, near Silverton. Submitted by Flossie Lincicome

JOHN MEGARY ARCHER

My great-grandfather was John Megary (McGarry) Archer (Michael, Joseph, James the first) who was born in Monroec County, Ohio, 17 January 1829. He married his second cousin Matilda Archer (Jacob, James the first) in Monroe Co., June 11, 1847, and to this union were born 13 children.

John enlisted at age 35 in the Civil War Sept. 5, 1864 for one year, and was in Co. G 176th Ohio Volunteers. His pension number was 412116. He



John M. Archer

saw action at the battle of Chickamauga, Tenn. and when discharged returned to his Ohio home which was in Noble County, Ohio. Shortly thereafter the family started west and in Indiana, Taylor Archer was born. Hearing of an Indian uprising in the west the family returned and made their home in Jackson County, W. Va. John M. Archer died 22 April 1920 and is buried beside Matilda who died April 19, 1900 in the church yard of the Providence Methodist Church.

John M. Archer took as a second wife Rebecca Ann Archer, the widow of Nelson Archer, Sept. 25, 1902, Jackson Co., W. Va. There were no children by the second wife.

John M. Archer and first wife Matilda Archer's 13 children are as follows:

1. Sarah Ann — died a baby
2. Cornelia Ann — Married Thomas Hughes. Mother and four children drowned in the cloud-burst 19 July 1889. Buried in Providence Cemetery.
3. Viola Belle — married Malachi Cavanaugh Thornton, son of Elijah and Mary Jane Cavanaugh Thornton. These were my grandparents.
4. David Megary — called Dock, married Sarah Aplin
5. Rebecca Jane — married George Dowler
6. Daniel — died a baby
7. Chrisman — died a baby
8. Catherine Susan — married John Gault
9. Alfred L. — married Miranda Archer
10. Sherman — married Ollie Angus
11. Taylor — born in Indiana, drowned in the Ohio River when ice struck his row boat.
12. Michael — married Hattie Moore
13. Columbus — married Mary McClain *Submitted by Christine Thornton Mangold*

MacKINLEY "MAC" ARCHER

MacKinley "Mac" Archer was born on July 4,



MacKinley "Mac" Archer

1896, to Megary "Doe" and Sarah (Aplin) Archer in Gay, WV. This is where Mac and his sisters, Bertha (Archer) Romine and Florence (Archer) Winters Scrote, with brothers Guy, Clarence and William Archer were raised. They lived on the Aplin farm until Mac was about 18 years of age. The farm was sold and Mac and Bertha traveled about the United States for about a year.

Mac Archer settled in Akron, Ohio after serving in the Air Force during World War I. Mac was working at the Miller Rubber Company in Akron where he met his future wife, Mary Estelle Barstow. They were married in 1924 and had five children: William Archer, twins Ellen (Archer) Martin and Robert Archer, Evelyn (Archer) Lanielle and Mary (Archer) Timms.

Mac was one of those unfortunate people who lost their money in the 1929 stock market crash, and like many others, survived and went on to lead a happy and productive life. Mac began working at B.F. Goodrich Rubber Company shortly after the crash and retired from there after approximately 40 years.

Mac and Mary Archer bought a duplex home on Wilbeth Rd. in Akron, Ohio (area known as Kenmore) where they raised their family. Mary (Barstow) Archer died in 1951 and Mac continued to live in Akron until the time of his death. Mac enjoyed raising his children, and also enjoyed the children of the neighborhood, often taking a gang of them to local parks. Later, he also very much enjoyed his 15 grandchildren.

Mac was very fond of fishing which he did as often as he could all summer long, teaching his children to fish as well. Mac was a very strong-willed person, as well as a very colorful person (regarding his language). He was a heavy smoker all of his life until his first heart attack and when the doctors told him he had to stop . . . he stopped. After taking a medical retirement from Goodrich, Mac planned on doing some traveling, but suffered a second (fatal) heart attack on September 9, 1960, before he could implement his plans. *Submitted by Robert Archer*

MARTIN ARCHER

Martin and Celia (Archer) Archer were born in what is now Noble Co., OH. Martin was born in 1832 or 1835, son of Michael and Ann (Miller) Archer. Martin died in 1876 and is buried in the East Union Cemetery, in Noble Co., OH. Celia was born in 1839, the daughter of James III and Cynthia (Morris) Archer. Martin and Celia are both descended from Captain James Archer and Enoch Enochs. After the death of her husband, Celia and her family moved to Jackson Co., WV and lived near Lockhart, in Grant District. She died Oct. 6, 1903 and is buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Their children:

1. John Wesley Archer (1854-1930) married Sarah Bates and lived at Kitts Hill, OH. Their children: Susan L. Archer (married Albert Thornton), Violet Archer (never married), Cynthia J. Archer (married — Kirkley), Cyrus M. Archer (married Ella Merritt), Martha C. Archer (married John F. Burks), Martin "Pete" Archer (never married).
2. Violet (1856-1887) never married.
3. Cynthia (1857-1942) married Albert Archer and lived in northern Jackson Co. Their children: Estella Archer (married David Ott), Ollie E. Archer (married, first, Criswell Kelbaugh, and second, Willie Griffith), Pearl Archer (married Joseph VanFosson).
4. Martin "Leeper" (1859-1935) married, first, Mary Full. They had at least one child: Ethel. He married, second, Mrs. Hattie Lutes. They had at least one child: Margaret Lorena. Leeper lived in Wood Co., WV.
5. Mahala (1861-1940) married Cyrus Thomas and lived near Pleasant Ridge, in northern Jackson County. Their children: James Wiley

Thomas (married May Gilpin), Odell Thomas (died in infancy), Albert Maywood Thomas (married Martha Ellen Harbin), Arthur Luther Thomas (died in infancy), Cicero Thomas (married Nellie Shaffer), Asbury Reed Thomas (died as a young child), Leonard Thomas (married Minnie Hupp), Yancy Glen Thomas (married Grace McPherson) and Raymond Nelson Thomas (married Alma Bower). Mahala and her sister, Cynthia, worked for a period of time at the local tobacco packing house. Neither one of them particularly liked crossing the footbridge that went over the creek. Mahala would get on her hands and knees to cross while Cynthia would run across it.

6. James Lewis (1863-1889) never married.



Cyrus and Mahala (Archer) Thomas, and son Raymond

7. Lilly (1865-1894) never married.
8. Stephen "Morris" (1867-?) married Lillian — and lived at Westerville, OH. Their children: Archie Archer and Mildred Archer.
9. Michael (1869-1952) married Sarah Robinson and lived in northern Jackson Co. Their children: Otto Archer (died in infancy), Ruby Archer (died in infancy), Mary E. Archer (married Fred Robinson), Martin H. Archer (married Ada Rardin), and Dessie Archer (married Charley Rardon).
10. Robert (1871-1943) never married.
11. Isaac (1874-?) married Annie — and possibly lived in Florida. *Submitted by Jessie (Thomas) Allen*

ARCHER — McCOY — MOORE

My story begins with Robert Atkinson, native of Ireland. A son, Cornelius (1732-), and his wife, Mary (Cross) emigrated to America a few years before the Revolution and settled in Northumberland Co., PA. He was a Lieutenant in the Revolution.

A son, Charles Atkinson (1760-1834), enlisted in the Revolution at the age of 16; a first settler of Salem Township, Monroe Co., OH; married second Elizabeth Stephens (1768-1841) (daughter of Andrew (ca. 1723-), a ferryman of Juniata, PA).

A daughter, Keziah Atkinson, m. Mitchell McCoy (1784-1864); b. PA [son of William and Ann (Brown) (1779-1844)]; early settlers of Adams Twp., Monroe Co. Ann is a daughter of Josias and Hannah (Mitchell) Brown, who are buried in the Old Tent Cemetery, Wheeling, WV. Hannah is a daughter of Gawain and Isabella Mitchell.

A daughter, Julia Ann McCoy (1817-1892); m. in Monroe Co., Thomas Hart. In the spring of 1878, they came by wagon via Marietta to Jackson Co. with their families and settled on Turkey Fork, in Grant Dist. Children: Mary Ann (1843-), m. Nathan Wickham and lived in Monroe Co.; Jane Ellen (1845-1917), m. in Noble Co., OH, Valentine Cooper, son of Joseph and Kathryn (Simons); John M. (1848-1879), m. Mary E. Shipley; Charles (1850-), lived PA; Keziah; Silas, lived Cambridge, OH.

"Kizzic" Keziah Elizabeth Hart, b. Noble Co., ca. 1853; m. there, 3 August 1872, Enoch Moore

(1852-Aug. 1878), son of Elly and Phoebe Ann, daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Enochs) Archer, daughter of Enoch Enochs and Rebecca, son of Col. Henry and Elizabeth (Ross) Enochs. Elizabeth, daughter of William and Arminella (Whitesides) Ross. Joseph, son of James I and Jane (Lincicome). Elly, son of John Moore and Mary (Archer), daughter of Capt. James Archer I, and Sophia (McClelland), son of Patrick Archer. Soon after coming to Jackson Co., Enoch died of typhoid fever. Children: John T. (1873-), m. Della, then Bertha, lived OH; Minnie; Julia Ann (1877-1918) m. John A. Beaty, son of James B. and Sarah E. (Kester). Kizzie married second, Emanuel Lent and had: Silas Edward (1899-1963), m. Sadie VanFossen, daughter of Willard and Lydia (Crum); Charles, m. and lived in PA.

Minnie Rose Moore (30 Sept. 1875-29-Sept. 1951), b. Noble Co., m. in Wood Co. 22 Sept. 1899, Charlie Anderson (1868-1951). Children: Joe; Frank (1902-1968); Elizabeth Margaret (1903-Jan. 1938), m. in Marietta, Hunter Moss Cline, son of Levi and Sarah Jane (Wigal).

"Joe" Joseph William Anderson (1900-1969), b. Rockport, Wood Co., m. in Marietta 24 Dec. 1920, Edna Mae Nicholson (29 March 1900-16 April 1984), daughter of Addison Hite and Margaret Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Smith) Bates. Hite was a son of John Thomas and Diantha (Barnhart) Nicholson, of Nigglest, Grant District. Children: Eugene (6 Oct. 1921-), m. Cindy Bricker, live Wichita, KS; Minnie (27 Sept. 1923-10 Oct. 1923); Juanita; Evelyn (24 March 1927), m. in NJ, Robert McGraw; Ronald (5 Sept. 1929-).

Juanita Lucille Anderson (16 February 1925-), m. Charleston, 27 January, 1945, Edward Uiol Burke (1924-1967). Live Charleston and Parkersburg. Children: Gloria, m. James Dellinger; Sue, m. Jack Simmons; Betty, m. Ray Hickman; Sharon, m. Dennis Carder and Denzil Seckman; Cynthia, m. James Vaughn; Carol, m. Gregory Lyons. *Submitted by Juanita Burke*

MICHAEL H. ARCHER

Our Archer line is descended from Patrick Archer of Ireland. His first known location in America was in Greene Co., PA about 1774.

Members of the Archer family are mentioned a number of times in Howard L. Leckey's book *The Tennesse Country and Its Pioneer Families* (Knightstown, IN: The Bookmart, 1977).

The Archer Family settled east of Fort Jackson about 1774, taking up land in the vicinity of the old double bridge at Morrisville . . . Captain James Archer was the first to come here. He went back over the mountains and convinced his father to come out with him. Patrick Archer, the father, brought out his whole family, consisting of five sons and three daughters . . . during the troublesome days the Archers played an important part in the defense of the frontier, with at least one son giving his life in the struggle against the Indians (344).

Martin Archer, father of Michael H., died in 1876 in Ohio. His widow Celia and children moved from Ohio to West Virginia, probably in early 1880.

Michael H. Archer, son of Martin and Celia Archer, was born Oct. 28, 1869, in Noble County, Ohio. His lineage is Martin, Michael, Joseph, James I, Patrick; this ancestry has been established earlier through extensive research of others. He married Sarah (Sadie) Robison, daughter of John A. and Hanna (Truex) Robison. Their children were Mary Ellen (May 1894-Jan. 1982), Martin Hobert (Aug. 1896-Sept. 1962), Dessie Gladys (Nov. 1902-May 1988) and two children who died in infancy (James and Ruby).

Michael and Sarah Archer lived in Jackson County except for a short time when they moved

to Wellsville, Ohio. About 1907 they returned to Jackson Co. and to a farm on Isaac's Run (Blood Run) in Grant District. They later had a farm on Little Sandy and still later a small farm on Independence Road.

Michael Archer was a thoughtful, industrious worker who owned and operated farms in the days when a productive farm with clean fields and good fences was a goal which was achieved through long hours of hard manual labor.

Sarah Archer died in 1937; Michael died in 1952. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery.



Michael H. and Sarah (Robinson) Archer

Their daughter, Mary Archer, married Fred D. Robinson, son of E.J. "Squire" Robinson. Fred Robinson was a teacher and principal in the Grafton, WV schools. Their children were Frederick Clay (1915-1945) and Mary Margaret (1918-1964). Margaret was a teacher in Grafton, WV. F. Clay, a medical doctor, was commissioned in the Naval Reserve and on active duty in 1945. He participated in the Iwo Jima Operation in the Pacific and was declared missing in action. Fred and Mary Robinson are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery, and their tombstone also bears an inscription of their son.

Dessie Gladys Archer, daughter of Michael and Sarah, was a school teacher. She taught at Beech Grove school prior to her marriage to Charles E. Rardon in 1927.

They lived for some years on Little Sandy, in the home Michael and Sarah had built. They later moved to Spencer, WV where Charlie Rardon owned and operated the Rardon Barber Shop.

Their children, all born on Little Sandy, were Jean Evelyn (m. George Patrick Riggs), Gladys Lois (m. Sherl L. Edler), Earl D. (m. Mary Ellen Smith) and Carl W. (m. Ginger Lou Keeton).

Charles Rardon spent considerable time in making cabinets for clocks after retirement, making a number of grandfather type for relatives and others, which, no doubt, became prized possessions.

Charles Rardon died Sept. 1985. Dessie Rardon died May 1988. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

Martin H. Archer married Ada M. Rardin, daughter of William D. and Almeeda M. (Cox) Rardin. Both had attended the Cuba School, which was then located on a point above the public road on a dividing hill between Blood Run and Little Sandy. Martin and Ada taught school before their marriage in 1917. Martin taught his first term in Mingo Co. and Ada in Mason Co. They lived in Jackson Co. until 1920 when they moved to Rosemont, WV. While there, Martin taught in Rosemont, attended classes in Grafton for additional credits, and worked part time at a tippie on a coal mine.

They returned to Jackson Co. in 1922 and bought a farm on Isaac's Run. Their children were Martin Dole (b. 1918), Ina Ethel (1919-1974), Lewis Russell (1922-72), and Calvin Michael (b. 1927).

Martin taught for thirty-five years, teaching at a number of schools in Jackson County, including Red Brush, Beechgrove, Cuba, Sarvis Fork, Lone Star, Lockhart, Providence, Flinn and Cavin Fork. He also farmed on a part-time basis, normally doing farm work of a morning before school and at the end of his teaching day. Grading papers at night by lamplight often completed a full day. It may be difficult for those reading now to picture farm and home life of those days. The work week was often Monday-Saturday with many hours of daily work by those who operated the farms by manual labor, hand tools and horse-drawn equipment and machinery. Women cooked on wood stoves, washed the clothes on washboards, sewed, managed to find time to help neighbors when needed, helped with some outside work and often attended church on Sundays.

After he retired from his teaching career, Martin and Ada built and operated a gasoline station and limited grocery store, Archer's Esso, on their property near the intersection of Route 21 and Turkey Fork Road. As Route 21 was well used those years as a north-south route before Route 77 was built, they had a busy and enjoyable several years meeting friends, neighbors, and the traveling public in the first gasoline station at this location. The station had a friendly atmosphere; often a game of checkers was in progress.

Martin Archer died in 1962. He is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

Ada Archer continues to live at the Route 21 family home. She was active in the church and in the Order of the Eastern Star for many years. She is Past Worthy Matron of the R. Douglas Chapter No. 15, O.E.S. *Submitted by Martin D. Archer*

SARAH (APLIN) ARCHER

Sarah Aplin was born on November 14, 1855 to William Henry (Billy) and Mary Frances (Lett) Aplin in Gay, WV. Sarah was known to her family as Sade or Aunt Sade. Sarah Aplin married Megary (Doc) Archer on July 1, 1877 in Ripley, West Virginia. Megary (Doc) Archer came to Jackson county, West Virginia, from Noble County, Ohio. Doc Archer was the son of John Megary and Miltilda (Archer) Archer born on August 18, 1855. After Sarah Aplin married Doc Archer, she later received from her father Billy Aplin, a large farm of 390⁷/₁₀ acres, more or less. Doc Archer was a good man; he never took advantage of his wife; he worked the farm to the best of his know how, and he loved Sarah dearly.

Doc and Sarah Archer had eight children, six living to adulthood. Clarence Archer was the first child of Doc and Sarah Archer born on April 6, 1878, in Gay, West Virginia. Clarence married Bertha Williams daughter of Dan and Martha (Rhodes) Williams, born on February 16, 1884 in Gay, West Virginia. Clarence and Bertha Archer were married on September 19, 1903. Ray C. Archer born on October 10, 1907; was the only child of Clarence and Bertha Archer. Ray Archer married Fay Greathouse-Rhodes on November 1, 1931. Clarence Archer died on August 13, 1956; Bertha died on December 31, 1936; both are buried at the Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley, West Virginia. Ray Archer died on September 18, 1972; he's buried at the Pine Hill Cemetery, also.

Guy Archer is the second child of Doc and Sarah Archer, born on April 24, 1879 in Gay, West Virginia. Guy married Lillie Pearl Romine on August 27, 1904 in Roane County, West Virginia. Lillie (Romine) Archer was born on October 3, 1882 to John and Sarah (Riley) Romine in Zona, West Virginia. Guy and Lillie Archer had nine children: Ruby Archer born December 24, 1904, married Oshel Whited September 16, 1925, died November 14, 1988; Opal Archer was born April 15, 1906, married Bert Drake, May 1, 1925, died December 18, 1966; Homer Archer born August 20, 1907, married Floda Westfall, March 17, 1933;

died August 31, 1969; William Howard Archer was born on May 12, 1909, married Erma Wadtley, died November 24, 1962; Ernest Clair Archer was born on September 10, 1910, married Ruby Conley, died April 11, 1968; Robert Archer was born on June 20, 1912, married Anna Dogley, died September 22, 1965; Mary Archer born September 29, 1916, married Starling Tolley, September 16, 1925; Eleanor Archer born December 12, 1918, married Zue Baker; Helen Archer born October 11, 1923, married Bernard Maleski. Guy Archer died on June 24, 1932; he's buried at the Aplin Church Cemetery, Gay, West Virginia. Lillie (Romine) Archer died on June 17, 1963; she's buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Byesville, Ohio.

The third child of Doc and Sarah Archer was John Archer born on October 11, 1881 in Gay, West Virginia. John died at 11 months on September 15, 1882.

Bertha Archer was born on May 13, 1884 in Gay, West Virginia. Bertha married Webster Clyde Romine on January 13, 1915 in Gay, West Virginia. Bertha Romine died on January 24, 1955. (See Family Histories under Bertha (Archer) Romine.)

Florence Archer was born on September 16, 1886 in Gay, West Virginia. Florence married first Harvey Winter, second Merle Scrote. Florence Scrote died on October 14, 1949. (See Family Histories under Florence (Archer) Scrote.)

William Henry (Willie) Archer was born on May 4, 1888 in Gay, West Virginia. Willie was named for his grandfather William Henry (Billy) Aplin. Willie married Toy Westfall, daughter of Henderson (Sank) and Charity (Raines) Westfall. Willie and Toy Archer had two daughters: Sadie Fay Archer born November 19, 1906, married Fred M. Martin; Ernestine Marie Archer born January 31, 1913, married Gerald Miller. Willie Archer died November 18, 1915; he's buried at the Halbert Cemetery, Gay, West Virginia.

Rafield Archer was born on September 4, 1892; Rafield lived one month and 21 days.

McKinley (Mac) Archer was born on July 4, 1896 in Gay, West Virginia. Mac married Mary Estelle Barstow in 1924, Akron, Ohio. Mac Archer died September 9, 1960. (See Family Histories under McKinley Archer.)

Doc and Sarah Archer were faithful members of the Elk Fork Church, Elk Fork Road, Gay, West Virginia. Sarah (Aplin) Archer died suddenly of heart failure at her home, on February 26, 1912. Megary (Doc) Archer died on September 27, 1913, at home. Doc Archer never seemed to get over the loss of Sarah. Doc is buried beside Sarah at the Halbert Cemetery, Elk Fork Road, Gay, West Virginia.



Megary and Sarah (Aplin) Archer Family

The photo is of: front row: Mac Arthur; Doc Arthur; wife Sarah (Aplin) Archer; Bertha Archer; second row: Bertha (Williams) Archer; husband Clarence Archer; Guy Archer; wife Lillie (Romine) Archer; Willie Archer; Harvey Winter; wife Florence (Archer) Winter. Baby's name unknown. Submitted by Mary (Archer) Trimmis

SUMPTER ARCHER

Sumpter Archer, one of eight children of Milard and Mary Sheets Archer, was born in Grant District of Jackson County on July 4, 1901. He lived most of his life on the family farm located on Windy Ridge along the Jackson and Wirt county line.

Sumpter attended elementary school in both counties and received an eighth grade diploma from each. The Wirt County diploma was awarded on May 30, 1916. The Jackson County diploma is dated March 2, 1918.

On September 21, 1918, Sumpter was issued an emergency teaching certificate and began his career in education on November 11 of the same year. In 1919 he was granted, as a result of passing an examination, a First Grade Elementary Certificate by attending Morris Harvey College, now University of Charleston.

After teaching the Fulls Fork one room school in 1918-1919, Sumpter taught at several one room schools in Jackson County, including Emma, Morning Star, Beech Grove, Providence, Lockhart, Fairview, and McGraw. The last several years of his life, he was the fifth grade teacher at the Sandyville Elementary School.

In 1921 Sumpter Archer and Ola Balderson (1900-1975) were married and spent the school year of 1921-1922 in Logan County where he was principal of the school at Mico, a small mining town near Omar.



Sumpter Archer

Sumpter and Ola became the parents of five children, three sons, Jack (born 1922), Wayne (born 1937), and Jerry (born 1946), all of Sandyville, and two daughters, Evelyn Wells (born 1925) of Williamstown, West Virginia, and Mary Frances Brown (born 1931) of Chillicothe, Ohio. There are 22 grandchildren.

Sumpter died suddenly at his home on December 24, 1958. Submitted by Evelyn Wells

ARMSTRONG

James Armstrong came from Beverly, Randolph County West Virginia about 1833, with his wife, Catherine (Weas) and their first child, a son Benjamin Franklin. In the 1830s, James bought from Jacob Starcher lots 45, 47, 49 and 51; he then owned all the lots that fronted on North Street 43 at the corner to the crossing at Mill Creek. Between 1840 and 1850, he started a tannery business, which was located on the neck of land behind the house, and between Mill Creek and Sycamore Creek. About 1848 James had the present house built, and now owned by his granddaughter, Anne King. By this time he was well to do, as can be seen by the house he built. The house originally had four bedrooms, two sitting rooms,

kitchen, and a dining room. The front hall had the main stairway, and between the kitchen and the dining room was a stairway to the back bedrooms. The house had a small front porch with settees on each side, and a porch at the back of the front hall running along the dining room and kitchen. Later addition to the back of the house added a bedroom and bath upstairs and 1/2 bath and utility room downstairs. The back stairway was later removed and another bath was added upstairs. The outside walls as well as the portions of the house are made of local bricks. The heart pine floors and the doors, and the window trim are original.

James and Catherine had seven children; James Armstrong was born September 6, 1804 and died November 28, 1879; he married June 23, 1831 to Catherine (Weas); she was born on January 12, 1812 and died January 6, 1900.

Children: Benjamin Franklin 1832-1919; married Sarah (Moore) 1835-1895

Juliana 1834-1907 married Joseph Watson 1832-1877

Virgil Stewart 1836-1917 married Annie J. Thompson 1842-1904

Martha Jane 1839-1919 married Dr. Charles Newton Watson —1903

Florance 184-1907 married James Brown.

Katherine 1856-1936 married Thomas Graham 1856-1920

George Weas 1843-1909 married September 7, 1880, Cora A. Rader 1856-1921.

Children of George Weas and Cora Armstrong:

a. Mary Alphadea Armstrong, August 16, 1881-March 1, 1971. b. George Ross Armstrong, April 11, 1893-December 15, 1960. c. Russell Rader Armstrong, September 25, 1888-May 1, 1967. d. Max Armstrong, October 2, 1883-January 1, 1963, married Mayme Woodruff. e. Jean Clifford Armstrong, April 13, 1886-April 8, 1966, married John Edwin Carson. f. Florance Brown Armstrong, December 14, 1890-January 20, 1978, married January 29, 1910 to Hollis King February 5, 1883-December 15, 1952 (daughter Anne King). Submitted by Anne King

MALCOLM C. ARNOLD

The Arnold family came to Jackson County in December 1957, when Malcolm (Mack) left the coal fields of southern West Virginia (McDowell County) to come to the Kaiser Plant as an electrician. Because of the housing shortage, Mack boarded first with the Neff family and later with the Ray Kennedy family, both on Wilson Street.

In August 1958, Margaret and their three sons, David 11, Jim 8, and Jeff 6, moved to 814 Ann Street, Ravenswood, where Mack and Margaret still live. In December 1958, their fourth son, Ralph Henry (Hank) was born.



Arnold family, 1959, front row: Jeff, second row, Hank, Mack, and Jim, third row: David and Margaret

Mack became active in the Ravenswood Volunteer Fire Department and the Isaac Walton League. Some of the chestnut trees he helped plant as an Isaac Walton League project are still standing. He also worked at a second job, wiring houses for Fred Miller, building contractor.

In 1960 Margaret began substitute teaching for the Jackson County Board of Education in the old high school on Sycamore Street. The next year she started teaching on a regular basis in the old 1887 building. John Hall was the principal.

All of the boys attended the Ravenswood schools and graduated from Ravenswood High School. At one time, because of the classroom shortage, they attended classes in churches and apartment buildings. All four boys were paper carriers for either the *Charleston Gazette*, the *Parkersburg News* or the *Ravenswood News*; David won a trip to Brazil as a carrier for the *Parkersburg News*; Jeff wrestled for the Ravenswood High School Varsity; and Hank participated in the band and Chamber Singers.

In 1968 David married Paula Kirk and they established a home in Kokomo, Indiana, where both worked for the Chrysler Corporation. They had two children — Jason and Melanie. David was killed in an airplane crash in 1976.

Jim served in the U S Air Force from 1968-1971. In 1971 he married Patty Hughes and the marriage ended in 1973. They have one son, Christopher, who is serving in the U S Air Force. Jim later married Rhonda West of Bath, South Carolina, and they live in North Augusta, Georgia, where both work for the Savannah River Plant.

In 1973 Jeff married Pam Moore of Rockport, West Virginia. They have four children — Nicki, Scott, Melissa, and Kelli Beth. The marriage ended in 1985. Jeff graduated from West Virginia University and has an accounting business in Parkersburg.

In 1982 Hank married Joni Kennedy of Zanesville, Ohio. He worked for Halliburton in the oil fields of Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania for ten years and is now employed by Dupont in Parkersburg. Joni works for Home Health Care of Washington County, Ohio. They live in Marietta, Ohio.



Jeff, Hank, Jim, and Mack Arnold

Mack served four years in the U S Navy, worked sixteen years in the coal mines, and worked twenty-five years for Kaiser Aluminum, retiring in 1983. His hobbies are fishing and woodworking. Margaret worked four years as a postmaster in McDowell County, taught there one year in a rural one-room school, and taught twenty-seven years in the Jackson County Schools, retiring in 1987. She devotes much time to her church and to weaving and quilting. *Submitted by Margaret Arnold*

ASHBY

Thomas Ashby was born in 1829, died 1925. His wife's name was Nancy, who died in 1893. They were my great-great grandparents. Tom fought in the Civil War, the West Virginia Infantry. They're buried on a hill near the Cicerone Church, in Roane County; not far from the Jackson County line.

John Henery and Polina (Pliny) Harris Ashby are buried beside them. Polina's parents came from Winston Salem; North Carolina. Her father's name was Charles Harris. He is buried at Bald Knob in Roane County.

Henery and Polina acquired a farm on White Oak Run, near the Advent Post Office in Jackson County. They had several children, whose names were Lilburn, Laura who married Perry Parsons, Henerietta who married Asbury Parsons, Halley who married Boyd Raines, Melvin, George Nannoy and my grandmother Mamie Macy, who married Roma Owens Jones.

The house at White Oak, John Henery built still stands today. Although it has been remodeled and repaired.

He also built a log school house, which was later replaced by a new school, after the land was donated to the county. The school is also still there today; it was called the Ashby School. The church that stood across the creek from the school is no longer standing. The land for the church was also donated by Henery and Pliny.

After the death of Henery and Pliny, my grandparents inherited the farm. They had seven children. One who died when she was very young. The other six were, Bessie who married Clarence Jones, Donald who married Lilly Payne, Kermit who married Fletus Buzzard, Hamon who married Dela Breedlove, Cassie who married Bernard Counts, and Verlin who married Dorothy Lacy.

My grandmother took care of Thomas (her grandfather) in his declining years. He was 96 when he died. At times he would become disoriented, throw his tray of food across the room and shout that the enemy was coming. He thought he was still fighting the war.

Bessie and Clarence lived in Roane County; they had several children who died at birth. Donald and Lilly who live in Putnam County (Liberty) had two children, a son Elwood and a daughter, Christine Stevens, who lives at Fairplain. Kermit and Fletus had three children: Carl, Frances and Phillis; they lived in Boone County; Hamon and Dela had two children: Roger and Carol. Cassie and Bernard had four children; Janet Wheatcraft, Robert Counts, Judy Sink, and Brenda Pinkerman. Bernard still lives in Jackson County. Verlin and Dorothy had two children, Katrina, and Rodney. Katrina married Paul W. Hayes. They have three children and live in Racine, Ohio. Rodney was married to Joyce Hackney; they had two children. He later married Tammy Armstead; they also have two children; they live at Silverton.

My grandfather, Roma O. Jones, was also raised in Jackson County. His parents were Frank and Nancy Jordan Jones. They are buried in the cemetery near Advent on First Creek. While my grandmother stayed at home and raised seven children, my grandfather worked away; he drove a team of horses in the oil fields of Boone County. *Submitted by Katrina M. Hayes*

W.J. ATKINS

William James b. 1-20-1830, d. 3-11-1894 and Mary Amanda Peterson Atkins b. 9-15-1833, d. 3-22-1920: family as written by Amanda Murrey Coe about stories her grandmother told her when Grandmother Atkins lived with the Grant Murrey family.

"Will, another letter came from Dr. Mairs today," Mary announced as her husband came in from the chores. As Will's trembling hands opened the letter both hoped and dreaded what he would say. They read slowly the brief message:

Sandyville, Va. July 20, 1861

Dear Will,

Things are peaceful here. I have my practice and have built a large house from bricks made here on my farm. No battles have been fought here and I will help you establish a home.

Joseph Mairs

Mary was the first to speak, "It sounds as if the war isn't bad in those parts. If we stay here you

will have to fight and neither of us believe in fighting." "Can you stand to leave this area, Mary? My mommie is gone and your sisters at Luray and Culpepper won't go with us. My sister, Lucy, and Boot say they will go."

Mary thought a long time before she answered, "Oliver is four and doesn't need to see the fighting; neighbors upset and yesterday John Peterson received word Tad was dead. It will be hard with Oliver and Julia and me expecting another one (Mollie) but write Dr. Mairs back and see if we can come next summer."

The summer of 1862 found the families of Wm. J. and Boot Burke loading their belongings on covered wagons drawn by oxen. Their destination was an area called Sarvis Fork where Dr. Joseph Mairs had settled. They crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains to Charleston, WV mostly on trails, then northward to Ripley, over "Nigger Hill" and down Mud Run valley. Grandmother said they camped on the Lon Spears (presently compressor station) farm as a log house with a well stood there. The house was vacant but they stayed in the yard. The next morning they traveled all day to get to Dr. Mairs (Alvy Riggs property now).

He helped them settle in a large log house on Turkey Fork (where her future grandson-in-law, Charley Owens, was born). Another son, Edward, was born. Grandmother had four children but none of her family was near. The war prevented letters, so Mary dreamed of home and became very ill. Will knew she would die if they remained in Sandyville so they returned to Culpepper Court-house. When they saw the devastation, family and neighbors dead, Mary welcomed the opportunity to return to the Ohio River. Will's father, Larkin, b. 3-12-1800, d. 11-11-1889 returned with them to Ravenswood where my mother, Amanda Catherine, b. 9-15-1869, d. 6-1-1926 was born. Between Edward and Catherine two other children had been born, Thomas and Lucy.

Will and Mary finally settled at the mouth of Beaty Run and had four more children: Ben, Henry, Philip (Spanish American War veteran) and George. They had 13 children and raised 11.



Mary Amanda (Peterson) Atkins

My mother, Amanda Catherine, married Charles Grant Murrey, April 16, 1889. They had three children live to maturity:

Jessie Juno, b. 5-26-1891, d. 6-26-1972, m. 3-2-1907 Charles Owens; Amanda Frances, b. 3-15-1893, d. 2-21-1985, m. 6-10-1914 A.A. (Ottie) Coe; Frank, b. 10-13-1900, d. 8-12-1937, m. 10-3-1922 Bernice Currey.

Will, Mary and eight of their children are buried at Independence Cemetery beside the McGee Chapel. *Submitted by Ruth Coe Fisher*

REV. WILLIAM A. ATKINSON

William Albert Atkisson (Billy) (1841-1928) was born March 6, 1841 in Jefferson Co., Ill. At 14 he and his brother Pleasant went to live with a sister, Sara, in Weston, Va., now West Virginia. There they enlisted in the Union Army August 15, 1862, Co. D, Reg. 15, W. Va. Volunteers. Sgt.

Atkinson was in the Army hospital in Cumberland, Md. recovering from war wounds when the Civil War closed and did not know where Pleasant was. He had mustered out and returned to Missouri to rejoin relatives. Sister Sara had also returned to Missouri. Billy lost all trace of his family for forty years. About 1903 he applied for a disability pension and his name (which the Army had changed on records to Atkinson) appeared in the soldiers' newspaper of that day and was seen by Pleasant who contacted Billy by long distance telephone, quite a feat in that day. Billy, wife Lucy, and daughter Ruth visited Pleasant and his family and sister Mary Ellen and her family in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. (Billy kept the Atkinson spelling of his name because of the difficulty in having it changed.)

In the late 1700s, a Mr. and Mrs. Atkisson and small sons, Benjamin and James, joined a wagon train from Tennessee and headed for the Middle West. Travel in those days was slow and dangerous. Disease plagued the travelers, to say nothing of the Indians who very much disliked the newcomers. Cholera broke out among the people of the wagon train. Two of the victims were the parents of Benjamin and James. Another couple in the train took charge of the lads. They grew up in southern Iowa. James became a Baptist minister. He married Elizabeth Mendenhall and became parents of 11 children, William Albert being the ninth. Among the children were:

John who served in the Union Army and married Mary Robinson.

Newton who lived in Nebraska, also in the Union Army.

William Albert.

James Pleasant (J.P. or Plez) was a contractor for the railroad throughout the Midwest; married a girl named Sophia. They lived in tents which were moved from place to place as the railroad was constructed.

Sara moved to Weston soon after she married a Kazad. During the Civil War they moved to the Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

Betsy Jane married a Hayes, lived in Oklahoma.

Lida married a Ferdon, lived in the Midwest.

America died soon after her marriage, also lived in the Midwest.

Mary Ellen married Peter Lunsford Robinson, brother of Mary Robinson, wife of John. They lived in Missouri, later Arizona.

In 1852 Elizabeth Mendenhall Atkisson died leaving the young ones much in need of a woman's care. Some of the older children were married and had established homes of their own. A young widow, a Mrs. Shock, with a little son lived in the community. She and James married. She mothered the family and the children loved her very much. However, less than a year later she died in childbirth and the family again was left motherless. James married another widow from the community. Her treatment of the motherless children was cruel and the time came soon when it was necessary to make a change. John, the oldest son, took Mary Ellen; Lida and America went to live with another older brother. This was when Billy and Plez went to Weston to live with Sara.

Billy married (1859) Elenor Elizabeth Rausbottom (1844-1893). To this union were born Martha Jane Atkinson Boswell (1860-1936) (see Wiley A. Boswell); Prince Albert (1862 died in infancy); Laura Ellen Atkinson Staats (born 1864) lived in Charleston; Elnora (born 1866); Elizabeth Catherine Atkinson Burdette (born 1868) lived in Charleston; Geneva (born 1872) married Jenk Jones; Olive Ella Atkinson Shaver (born 1874).

Billy and Elenor made their home in the Rock Castle vicinity where he was a school teacher, then later owned and operated a saw mill business and acquired land. William gave each of his children a house pattern (lumber for a home) when they



Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Atkinson

married. In his early forties William felt the call into the ministry.

After the death of his first wife, William married (1895) Lucy May Custor (1860-1949). He and Lucy moved into a log cabin back of Leon where Otis Howard (1896, lived two weeks) and Ruth Rebecca (1898-) were born. During this time Rev. Atkinson was building a home at the top of Shiloh Hill near Leon.

Ruth married Hoadly Rowe, later after his death in 1944 she married Freeland B. Shannon who died in 1956. She has lived in the Charleston area most of the time since girlhood. She lived a few years in Michigan, then much later in Santa Barbara, California, before moving back to Charleston.

Rev. Atkinson organized several Advent Christian Churches in Mason County and was their pastor: Harvey Chapel on Ten Mile Creek; Guiding Light on Tumbleston Run, Letart; Mt. Moriah near Letart in a different direction, as well as one in Ohio about ten miles down river from Gallipolis. In 1911 he became pastor of the First Advent Christian Church in Charleston. After two years he retired as a pastor.

During the last years of his life he continued to preach the gospel to the many visitors who came to see him. His numerous stories of his experiences in pioneer days of preaching and raising up churches were of interest to his many friends and family. He led a multitude of people to Christ. He continued to preach to the last, as was his wish and was talking about his Savior a few minutes before his death.

He held a great love and concern for his family and had the pleasure of holding in his arms the fifth generation. *Submitted by Ruth Atkinson Rowe Shannon and Rosemary Harvey Nowlon*

BAILES

Gerald "Jack" Bailes is the son of the late Lawrence Bailes and Eva O'Dell Bailes of Summersville, WV. Anna Groves Bailes is the daughter of the late Ira C. Groves and Annie Neff Groves; they grew up on farms in Mt. Nebo, WV which is near Summersville.



Gerald Bailes Family

Jack and Anna came to Jackson County in 1959. Jack went to work at Kaiser Aluminum.

Their daughter, Ramona was born in August 1959; a month later they moved to Pomeroy, Ohio, then to New Haven, WV. Their son Gregory was born in January, 1961. They built a home in Evergreen Hills, Cottageville, WV, which brought the family back to Jackson County in August 1964.

Ramona has been in Huntington for 10 years working as an ophthalmic technician. Gregory was married to Debra Kelly in January, 1988. Debra has a daughter, Jennifer and Greg and Debra have a daughter, Julie, who was born June 1989.

Gerald has worked at Kaiser, now called Ravenswood Aluminum for 30 years, 15 years in the potrooms; he is now working in Hot Lines.

Anna has worked at H & R Block, Harlow Lime, for Dr. Eskwith, Community Antenna Service and also had her own income tax service. Since July 1989 she is enjoying retirement. Gerald plans to retire in 1991. *Submitted by Gerald R. Bailes*

OMA THELMA (HARRISON) BAILEY

Oma Bailey, daughter of Cornelius and Rebecca Goodwin Harrison, was born in Charleston in a tiny white house directly behind Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church on February 21, 1896. Her parents were native Jackson Countians; Mrs. Harrison was the daughter of William and Barbara Goodwin.

Cornelius Bailey moved to Charleston because he hated working on the farm. He supported his family mixing mortar and pouring cement. Ome, the only child to be named by her father, was sixth of nine children. In order of birth they were: Ofa, Bess, Abigail, Ruby (the only other surviving child, Ruby is now 99), Pearl, Oma, Opal, Pauline, and Sattis. A third son died in infancy. The family lived on Charleston's west side, on Edgewood Road and on Charleston Street (now Washington Street West).

As the children got old enough to work, they quit school and sought employment. Ome suffered the loss of most of the vision in her right eye in an accident when she was nine and it was difficult for her to do a lot of reading, so her parents allowed her to quit school at age 14 and go to work. Her first job was at the Kanawha Woolen Mill at the corner of Clendenin and Virginia Streets. She worked at every job in the mill, from winding the large bobbins to bagging the blankets made there which were then sent to local merchants to be sold. She was making \$18 per week, an impressive salary, doing piece work at the mill when she got married.

Ome worked at other jobs besides the mill, but her favorite job was as a collector for Nelson Transfer. Charleston merchants ordered merchandise for their stores which arrived in Charleston by train which Nelson Transfer would pick up at the depot and deliver it to their customers using horses and wagons. It was Ome's job to collect the money due Nelson's from their customers. She had no problems collecting the bills. People prided themselves on their honesty and paid promptly. Ome wore out a pair of shoe soles each week in her job and when she told her boss, Mr. Abbott, that she'd have to have a raise or go collecting barefoot, he gave her the raise. Her top salary at Nelson's was \$15 per week. She paid her mother a minimum of \$7 per week for room and board and many weeks gave her the entire \$15 to help supplement the family income.

Ome married Everette O. Bailey in 1920, and on a bitterly cold day in January 1922, with their five-month old son Cecil Lee, they moved to Jackson County. They traveled in a two-seated hack with no top on it, pulled by two horses. They began their journey from the west end of Charleston at 6:30 a.m. and arrived at their two-room log house situated on Eighteen-Mile Creek near Dirty Fork (it was not yet called by the illustrious name

of Pleasant Valley Road) at 7:30 p.m. The roads were poor, making the long trip seem even longer. At times the hack buried in mud up to the hubs on the large wheels.

Eventually Everette, Ome, Cecil and their younger son, Lawrence Edward (Bob), moved into the big house owned by Everette's parents at the fork of Pleasant Valley Road and Eighteen-Mile Creek. They lived there all their married life. Everette died January 5, 1972 and Ome remained at the old homeplace until 1981, when at the age of 85, she had local homebuilder Robert Stover build her a new house on the strip of land facing Pleasant Valley Road where the old school house used to stand, a small brick house with no upstairs, plenty of storage space and a cellar to store the fruits and vegetables she cans from her garden.

In the house she has a refinished-until-it-looks-like-brand-new pump organ whose appearance belies its age of 74 years. Carved into the burnished wood is a delicate design of roses spiraling toward the spindles that line the top, with beveled glass mirrors adding the crowning touch to the regal old instrument. Ome plays the instrument and sings in her rich alto voice.



Oma Thelma (Harrison) Bailey

Ome is always attired in a freshly ironed print dress covered with a full-length apron, her white hair neatly piled on her head in a top-knot. And she is always happy to have visitors.

But give her time to put on a clean apron before she answers the door. *Submitted by Joyce Stover and Kymberla Easter*

BAKER

Andrew and Margaret (Powers) Baker were married in Ravenswood on October 14, 1856, by Reverend Gibbs. Andrew was born in 1835 in Monroe County, Ohio, to John A. and Susan (Farley) Baker. Andrew was a son of a preacher and farmer, and a great-grandson of a Revolutionary War soldier, Captain John Baker. Margaret Powers was born February 10, 1840, in Noble County, Ohio, to Joseph and Jane (Farley) Powers. Andrew and Margaret were first cousins.



Andrew F. and Margaret (Powers) Baker

Andrew and Margaret's children were: 1) Sarah Ella Baker, b. Sept. 29, 1857, in Sandyville, d. June 10, 1893, in Jackson Co., WV; 2) Susan A. Baker,

b. Sept. 21, 1859, in Ohio; d. Feb. 3, 1865, in Jackson Co., WV; 3) James William Theodore Baker, b. March 23, 1862, in Monroe Co., Ohio, d. Dec. 26, 1913, in Beaver Co., Pennsylvania; 4) George Washington Baker, b. February 5, 1864, in Belmont Co., Ohio, d. July 1, 1929, in Beaver Co., Pennsylvania; 5) John Adam Baker, b. July 10, 1866, in Jackson Co., WV, d. July 3, 1949, in Jackson Co., WV; 6) Dora Belle Baker, b. in 1869, d. April 22, 1870, in Jackson Co., WV of lung fever; 7) Ida Mae Baker, b. February 15, 1870, in Jackson Co., WV, d. November 15, 1955, in Warren, Ohio.

Sarah Ella Baker, the oldest of Andrew and Margaret, married Edward Israel McCrady, on March 7, 1878, in Sandyville. They had the following children: 1) Minnie L. McCrady, 1879-1879; 2) Ota McCrady, 1880-1880; 3) Oka Wilmer McCrady, 1881-1881; 4) Winifred McCrady, 1883-1883; 5) Charles Clayton McCrady, 1886-1974, married Rose Mary Shonebarger; 6) James William McCrady, 1889-1893. Only one of these children, Charles Clayton McCrady, actually grew up to raise a family. Sarah Ella (Baker) McCrady died of consumption.

James William Theodore Baker, third child of Andrew and Margaret, married Martha Amanda Morrison, on April 14, 1888, in Ravenswood. Their children were: 1) Ethel Eulela Baker, 1888-1933, married William Ambler; 2) Edward Emery Baker, 1890-1966, married Laura Scott; 3) Vincent Allen Baker, 1892-??, married Leona Mercer; 4) Julia Baker (twin), 1895-1895; 5) Julius Baker (twin), 1895-1895; 6) Richard Harrison Bently Baker, 1896-1967, married Anna Langnecker; 7) Morrison Curtis Baker, 1899-1977, married Gertrude Druschel; 8) William Lowell Baker, 1902-??, married Idella McFarland; 9) Charles Alvin Baker, 1906-1970, married Edna Lloyd; 10) Samuel Burton Baker, 1910-1944, married Louise McMillen. James William Theodore Baker died from an industrial accident on December 26, 1913, in New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

George Washington Baker, fourth child of Andrew and Margaret, married Ella McMurray on September 4, 1890, in Jackson County, WV. Their children were: 1) Harry Leland Baker, 1894-??, married Marie Rousseau; 2) Walter Maywood Baker, 1897-1985, married Esther Fye; 3) Wilbur Baker, 1902-1910; 4) Mabel Baker, 1906-??, married Wilbus Shanor. George Washington Baker died in New Brighton, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

John Adam Baker, fifth child of Andrew and Margaret, married Mary Francis "Molly" McMurray on June 22, 1884, in Sandyville. They lived most of their life in Ravenswood. John Adam's occupation was a stone mason. After he retired, he and his wife Molly made rugs and sold them. Their children were: 1) William Clarence Baker, 1885-1885; 2) Ottie Everett Baker, 1886-1886; 3) Corda Mae Baker, 1888-1974, married Wells Whited; 4) Erma Ella Baker, 1891-1891; 5) Georgia Edith Baker, 1892-1979, married Otis Johnson; 6) Hallie Earl Baker, 1893-1978, married Effie Whited; 7) Harl Gideon Baker, 1895-1965, married Flora Plumly; 8) Daisy Belle Baker, 1897- , married Henry Carpenter; 9) Charles Spurgeon Baker, 1899-1977, married Mabel Mills; 10) Bessie Emma Baker, 1902-??, married Robert Coen; 11) Mabel Esther Baker, 1903-1904; 12) Beulah Beryl Baker, 1908- , married Russell Casto, Dewey Robinson, and Charles Moore.

Ida Mae Baker, the seventh child of Andrew and Margaret, married Charles J. Bosworth on November 24, 1886, in Jackson County, WV. Their children were: 1) Noah Frederick Bosworth, 1887-1963, married Anna Linger; 2) Mabel Salina "May" Bosworth, 1888-1966, married Homer Woodfell; 3) Jessie Blanche Bosworth, 1890-1968, married James Easter; 4) Alice Ellen "Ella" Bosworth, 1892-1968; 5) Holly Bosworth, 1893-

1977, married Alice Henderson; 6) Charles Jefferson Bosworth, 1895-1979, married Mable Riffle; 7) Rex Bosworth, 1897- , married Opal; 8) Georgia Pearl Bosworth, 1898-1979, married George Spellman; 9) Margaret Isabelle Bosworth, 1900-1972, married Ralph Bowen; 10) Clarence Otmar Bosworth, 1903-1971, married Nancy Rector; 11) Dollie Bosworth, 1905- , married David Rardon; 12) Harold Edward Bosworth, 1907- , married Elsie Richard; 13) Elmer Hopel Bosworth, 1909-1967, married Idabelle Fezzel; 14) Freda Gaye Bosworth, 1911-1978, married Forest Gill; 15) Cecil Ray Bosworth, 1913-1967, married Sylvia Bowman. Ida and Charles Bosworth lived in the Washington District of Jackson County.

Andrew F. Baker was a private in the Civil War. He entered at the age of 29 from Ravenswood, and was wounded three years later and was discharged from the militia. Andrew died on July 5, 1876, at his home in Jackson County, West Virginia after a lengthy illness resulting from the wound he received in the war. His grave cannot be located, but relatives feel that he is buried in Silverton Cemetery.

After his death, Margaret, his widow, married James Ashford McGlothlin, on June 7, 1877, in Jackson County, West Virginia. They had a son, Oda Lee McGlothlin, b. March 26, 1878, d. June 25, 1956.

Margaret (Powers) Baker McGlothlin died March 23, 1924, in Silverton, Jackson County, and is buried in the Silverton Cemetery. *Submitted by Ellen Boch and Nancy Jacobs*

MARTIN VAN BUREN BAKER

In 1902 Martin Van Buren Baker 1841-1916 and his wife, Mary Elizabeth McIntyre 1850-1931 migrated from Alvy, Tyler Co., WV to Angerona, Jackson Co., purchasing the George B. Crow farm bordering on Mill Creek.



Martin Van Buren Baker homestead

At that time the family traveled by train, household furnishings were transported by boat to Ripley Landing, and then picked up and delivered by horse and wagon.

They have seven children: John, Angeline, Victoria, Dora, Jacob Abner, Benton Lee and James Russel. Four of them remained in Tyler Co., Jake, Benton and Russ lived on and farmed the homestead until their deaths. Jake never married. Benton married Hannah Jane Pitts and had three children. Charles married Edith Sayre and had three children. Forest died in infancy. Alma Loraine married Raymond Kerwood, one son, Robert Vaughn, one grandson, James. Wynema Elaine married Herbert Donahue, had one daughter, Charlotte Ann Johnson, and one grandson, William Johnson. Atha Lillian married James A. Long and had three children: Earle Monroe who married Doris Tallman and had five children, Jackson, Judy, Daniel, Joseph and Melody. Olive Lorena married Larence Barker and had three children, Patricia, Lavonna Jane, and Larry. James Lee and wife Ella had two children, Dwight and Kathy by first wife, and Jeanette and step-son, Danny. Boyde Commodore married Blanche Irene Lloyd and had two

children, Dorothy Gwendolyn who married James E. Hamilton and had two children, James Rhett and Elmer Boyd, two grandchildren, James Boyd and Mark Allen. Commodore Martin married Mary Lee Cain and had two children, Benton Lee who married Sheila Barnett, and had two daughters, Cara Jo and Marci. Later married Susan Whitman and had two sons, Benton Ross and Aaron. Bonita Marie married William Casto and had two sons, Jeffrey William and Russell Martin. Later married Toney Plumley. Russell married Clara Pearl Sayre, and had seven children; James Haldren married Audrey Bailey and had one son, Gary who married Emma Bradley and had four children, Russel, Dec, Connie, and Jay. Avis lone married Samuel Balch; he was killed in World War II. Later married Lawrence Raines and had two children, Max Emerson and Marilyn Raines Luson and four grandchildren: Charity, and Hesper Raines, Nicholas Luson, and Jason, deceased. Iris Lovine was killed in a car accident while a young woman. Chester Camden was killed in World War II. His wife Helen Starcher also is deceased. Ann Elizabeth married James Harless, deceased, and had two sons: Roderick married Joan Kidd and had four children, Robin, Holley, David and John. Larry married Sharon Wright and had nine children, Staci, Heather, William, Cara Camille, Mary Beth, Russel Raymond, Sara Grace, Stephen and Anna Victoria. She later married Raymond Skeen, and had four children: Rocky (deceased) who married Penelope Flesher, and had two children, Noel and Heather. Benjamin Clay married Jo Ruth Hall, no children, and later married Lisa Durst and had two sons, Shannon Lee and Adam Benjamin. Barbara married John Upton and had two children, Matthew and Elizabeth Ann. Rebecca married Thomas Stafford. Lila Roberta married James W. Casto, Sr. and had two children. Shirley married James Hutton and had two sons, Stephen James and Scott William. James W. II married Karen Conner and had three children, James William III, Megan Rebecca, and Morgan Tyler.

Boyd Commodore, Ann Elizabeth, and some of their children still live on this beautiful old farm.
Submitted by Dorothy B. Hamilton

LUTHER BALIS

Luther G. Balis (Feb. 21, 1916-Feb. 12, 1985) and Velma C. Ashcraft (Feb. 27, 1919) were married Dec. 25, 1936 at her home in Silverton, W. Va. Luther was one of eleven children. His parents were Peter Earl Balis (Dec. 29, 1891-Sept. 3, 1980) and Emeline Margaret Smith (Mar. 23, 1893-Jan. 26, 1963) of Sandyville. Velma is the only child of Aaron L. "Stoney" Ashcraft (July 12, 1886-Dec. 29, 1969) and Vera Blanche Davis (May 21, 1891-July 4, 1965). Stonic was a purebred Hereford cattle breeder from 1911 until his death. At the time of his death, he owned over a hundred head of purebred Hereford cattle which he kept on his farm at Silverton. This farm was well known in the area as "The Ashcraft and Balis Hereford Bull Ranch."



Luther G. and Velma C. Balis, 1944

To the union of Luther and Velma were born: Emelee Blanche (Oct. 18, 1937), Earl Livingstone (Mar. 2, 1939), Olive June (Aug. 27, 1940), Donald Edwin (Nov. 25, 1942).

Luther worked at the Sandyville Dryer Gasoline Plant for ten years. He was then one of the first to be hired at the Kaiser Aluminum Plant as a custodian and pipefitter. At the same time, he owned and operated the Balis Dairy at Silverton for 20 years. After he sold the dairy and farm he did general farming in the area along the Ohio River for 13 years. Luther was also a substitute mail carrier for Harry Gorrell, a faithful member of the Young Farmers Association to which his grandsons belonged, and he attended the Silverton United Methodist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Velma was by Luther's side during all these years. She was a loving and devoted mother, helped in the dairy, canned the produce from their bountiful garden, and helped in the hayfields. She was his support and backbone to the end.

They have 16 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great-step-grandchildren.

Velma now resides in the home place at Silverton. Submitted by Velma C. Balis

BALDERSON

William L. and Sarah Ward Balderson moved from Meigs County, Ohio to Jackson County in 1878, the year they were married. With William's parents, Johnthan (born May 6, 1823) and Margaret A. Lewis (born 1830) Balderson (married April 29, 1849) and had several brothers; they settled around Turkey Fork.

In 1910 one of William and Sarah's sons, Thomas Balderson, met and married Leetah Rowand. Leetah was the daughter of James E. and Emma Zahndt Rowand. Because of the borders of the counties around Turkey Fork, it is not for sure in just what county the Rowands lived. Emma and James are buried at Pee Wee.



Tom and Leetah Balderson with children, Velma, Esther, Genevieve, Raymond, and Lusta

The picture above is of Tom and Leetah and several of their children. They are standing in front of the tent that was pitched for Leetah's half brother, Calib and his wife, Mary Jeanette Showalter Rowand, when they visited from the coal mining country. The children are Velma, who married Leon Metz; Esther, who married Ed Batten; Lusta, who married William Martin; Raymond, who married Kathryn Coe; and the girl in the hat, my mother, Genevieve.

Genevieve followed her sister, Velma, to the big city of Parkersburg when she was 15 years old. There she met and married Charles Norman Watkins (parents, Frank and Lucy Morehead Watkins) on April 16, 1937. Lucy L. was born the following year and Larry N. in 1942.

All my life I heard stories about Turkey Fork, Garfield Hill and Pee Wee. But this year, 1989, is my first experience with actually knowing where they are located. That journey was certainly a journey through time for me. Submitted by Lucy L. Harries

SAMUEL L. BARBER

Samuel Lewis Barber was born Nov. 18, 1840 in Meigs County, Ohio. His father was born Sept. 16, 1814 in Ohio and his mother Dec. 28, 1817 in Pennsylvania.

The 1860 census in Meigs County listed John Barber as a laborer with a personal estate of \$50, wife and eight children. Samuel was the oldest child.

Samuel married Virginia Sayre in Jackson County on April 30, 1861. His wife, born June 26, 1842, was the daughter of Rachel McGuire and Joseph Sayre, a preacher with a 2,400-acre farm in the county. The Sayres arrived in the county at the turn of the 19th century and were among its earliest settlers.

The day after his marriage, Samuel joined the State Scouts as a private and remained as such until July 10, 1862, when he entered the Federal Army, enlisting as a private in Company I of the 11th West Virginia Infantry. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to captain on Feb. 19, 1865 for gallant conduct before Richmond as the Civil War was coming to an end.



Captain Samuel Barber

During the war, he was in all the battles of the Shenandoah campaign and for a time was a doctor at the Andersonville prison. He was also present at General Lee's surrender before leaving the Army on June 28, 1865.

Samuel's wartime experiences were recorded in detail in letters to his wife. In one, he reported eating as much corn as any horse. In another, he described the charge at the Battle of Winchester as the greatest sight he had ever seen.

"The air was full of musket balls, shells, grape and cannister," he wrote. "The field smelled like hell-fire from the brimstone shells. I passed through it without blood being drawn from me. But a ball struck my canteen. Our loss is said to be 2,000 killed and wounded. The rebels, it is said, have suffered 8,000 killed and wounded."

In his early years, Samuel was a pilot on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, ran a saw mill and farmed. He was best known, however, as a doctor, having worked at the county infirmary and delivered 1,500 babies.

At the beginning of the century, he helped bring telephone service to the county, setting up a central



Home of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Barber

office in Cottageville, where two of his daughters worked the switchboard. But, by the end of the first decade, a new telephone system organized that replaced the Barber Telephone Lines.

The Barbers lived on a farm just above Cottageville, along Big Mill Creek, about a mile above the county farm.

They had 12 children: Laura, Joseph, Rachel, Hiley, Elvira, Dora, Adra, Mary, Tennessee, Flora, John and Martha.

Virginia Sayre died in 1925. Samuel died Aug. 11, 1930. They are buried together in Otterbein Cemetery, near Evans. *Submitted by Golden Skeen and Dennis Conrad*

CAMDEN AND BIRTY (PICKENS) BARNETT

Marriage is often made of dissimilar personalities; for Cam and Birty Barnett, this was surely true. Cam Barnett, genial, industrious, took life as it came, while impetuous Birty was a spirited lady, who stepped with a quick stride. She was an avid gardener whose annual harvest yielded an abundance of succulent vegetables and colorful, fragrant flowers. For 48 years Cam and Birty traveled the road of life together.

Camden Cornelius Barnett was the son of Preston and Clara Casto Barnett, grandson of Robert and Elizabeth Barnett, grandson of Abram and Rebecca Crites Casto. He lived his entire life in the Rockcastle area and for many years was employed as a foreman on the county road system.

Birty Viola Pickens Barnett was the daughter of Philip and Adeline Stephens Pickens, granddaughter of Andrew Jackson and Manerva Stephens and Spencer and Margaret Pickens of Mason County. She was a registered midwife and for many years she traveled, sometimes walking, sometimes riding side-saddle on horseback, over hills and up hollows, and through the valleys of Jackson and adjoining counties using her God-given talents and abilities for the benefit of needy people.

Camden Cornelius Barnett (June 18, 1878-May 7, 1948) and Birty Viola Pickens Barnett (October 5, 1880-November 22, 1975) were married in Mason County February 15, 1900. They began married life at the home of his parents, Preston and Clara Barnett until their first child was born the following December. Later they purchased a farm near Rockcastle and lived there until the beginning of World War I when they purchased a home and farm at Rockcastle which is now the residence of their grandson Bill Barnett and his wife Wilma.

Cam and Birty had nine children:

1. Roy Hoyt "Tom" (December 13, 1900-June 10, 1983) who married Nelle Koontz (January 2, 1909-July 15, 1987). Their children are Gloria, Hope, Tommy Keith (deceased) and Becky Jo.

2. Lyda Manerva (January 27, 1903-April 20, 1954) was unmarried.

3. Ottie Preston (February 17, 1905-January 21, 1969) married Audrey Pickens (1921). Children are Danny, Bill and two deceased.



Ott Preston Barnett

4. Ina Edna (1907) married Everett Kay (March 12, 1906-September 9, 1968). Their children are Viola, twins Lucille and Luella, Violet, Kenneth (deceased), twins Larry and Gary.

5. Alfred "Jack" (May 21, 1909-August 5, 1972) married Sara Francis Sayre (January 4, 1911-June 28, 1977). Their sons are Alva Luther "John" (deceased), Raymond "Jim," and Gary.

6. Alva Philip "Case" (May 9, 1911-June, 1969) married Aulene Boswell (September, 1915-June, 1969). Children are Carroll, Darrell, Sally, Alva, Janet, Patsy and Edison.

7. Ruby Fay (August 28, 1913-June, 1947) married Kermit Fletcher (June 8, 1911). Children are Wayne, Curtis, Arthur, Judy and Roger.

8. Sally Retha (January 4, 1917) married Basil Meadows (September 23, 1912-August 16, 1957). Children are Leroy, Donald, Ronald, Dale, David, Fred, Karen, and Bruce.

9. Lorene Lona (June 20, 1921) married Wallace Leroy Stover (March 6, 1916-July 23, 1988). Children are Robert, Patty, Sandra, Stephen, Charles, James, Darlena, and Cathy.

From obituaries taken from the Jackson Herald newspaper at the death of Camden and Birty Barnett:

"A brief illness from heart disease brought death Friday morning to Camden Barnett of Rockcastle, who was one of Jackson County's most widely known

farmers. His death was a shock to the family and to his hundreds of friends and came within a short time after he had been admitted to a Charleston hospital. The funeral service was held on Sunday, May 10, 1948 at the Lone Oak Church with Reverend Guthrie officiating. Cam died May 7, 1948 and is buried at Pine Hill Cemetery."

"Mrs. Birty Viola Barnett, 95, of Rockcastle died Saturday at a Ravenswood rest home after a long illness. She was a registered midwife who delivered over 200 babies in Putnam, Mason and Jackson counties. Mrs. Barnett practiced folk medicine for her friends and neighbors and attended Lone Oak Church at Rockcastle. Funeral services were held Monday at Parsons Funeral Home with the Reverend Vairl Winter officiating and burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery." *Submitted by Dottie Landis and Steve Stover*

ENOS BARNETT

The beginning of the Barnett family in West Virginia started when a William Barnett came to Three Mile Creek, Mason County, from Greenbrier County, Virginia. William married a Miss Mary McGuire and they had the following children: Elizabeth, Robert B., Polly, John, Rebecca, William Jr., Nancy, James, and Annie.

Robert B. Barnett, son of William Barnett, was born July 15, 1801 in Greenbrier County, Virginia. He was about 11 years old when his father and mother moved to a farm on Three Mile Creek (in present Mason County) in 1912. Robert married Elizabeth Rayburn, November 11, 1824, and settled at Rockcastle, near the headwaters of Thirteen Mile Creek and Tightsqueeze Hollow. Robert and Elizabeth had the following children: Mary, Evaline, Henry, William (Civil War veteran), Robert Jr. (moved to Oklahoma in late 1800s), Allen, Emily, Elliot, Sarah Ann, Ellen, Enos (Civil War Home Guard veteran), Eliza, George W., Mariah, Preston (Civil War veteran). Robert owned 1400 acres in Jackson and Mason counties. The log home stood at Rockcastle until 1960. Robert died on January 13, 1884. He is buried in the Barnett Family Cemetery which is located on the hill north of Rockcastle, West Virginia, and many other family members are buried there.



Barnett family

Enos Barnett, son of Robert B. Barnett, was born March 14, 1834 at Rockcastle. Enos married Lucretia (Crease) Casto on March 30, 1855, the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Casto. Enos and Lucretia had the following children: Perry, Asbury, Melissa, Mary Jane, Emily Evaline, Franklin M. Minerva B., Charles, Filson (killed by falling tree), Martin, Albert, Alice and Oscar.

Asbury Barnett, son of Enos Barnett, was born November 15, 1857, married Sarah F. (Fanny) Skidmore on January 20, 1881. Asbury and Sarah had the following children: Orville Warren, born



Cam Barnett Family: Case, Cam, Faye, Birty, Jack, Ina, back row: Ott, Lyda, Tom Barnett c. 1916



Lucretia (Casto) Barnett and Julia Ann (Cook) Barnett

November 17, 1882; Alma; Bertha, born January 20, 1884; Otho Archie, born September 7, 1886; Emma Crese, born January 23, 1889; Lilley Bell, born October 22, 1890.

Sarah died on April 20, 1891 and is buried in the Barnett Cemetery. Asbury then married Julia Ann Cook on October 24, 1891. Asbury and Julia Ann had the following children: Melissa Jane, born April 15, 1892; Oscar James, born July 8, 1893; Ester, born April 5, 1895; Oshel, born September 24, 1896; Grace, born October 26, 1897; Arthur, born May 1, 1899; Linnie Mae, born July 14, 1901; Bessie, born November 27, 1902; Tressie Virginia, born February 1, 1903; Ray, born September 11, 1905; Lovell, born October 8, 1906; R. son February 11, 1908; Odell, born May 31, 1909; Josie, born November 9, 1910; Gay, born July 7, 1911. Asbury Barnett was the father of 20 children.

Arthur Barnett, son of Asbury Barnett, was born May 1, 1899 at Rockcastle, West Virginia. Arthur married Lucy Gladys Tribble of Liberty, West Virginia (Putnam County) on December 25, 1920 at the Asbury Barnett residence. Arthur and Lucy had the following children: Infant girl, born July 13, 1921; Cloves Okey, born December 28, 1922 (World War II Navy veteran); Oscar Dorsell, born October 19, 1925 (World War II Navy veteran); Dempsey Lee, born September 18, 1929 (Korean War Navy veteran); Mary Ann, born October 27, 1931; Julia Dare, born March 15, 1938.

Lucy died March 10, 1952 at Liberty, WV. Arthur died March 2, 1983 at Hometown, WV. They were buried in Barnett Chapel Church Cemetery on Fisher Ridge (Putnam County), WV.

Oscar Dorsell, son of Arthur and Lucy Barnett, born October 19, 1925 married Eleanor Rusmiselle of Huntington, WV, on June 13, 1953. Oscar and Eleanor had the following children: Joseph Dorsell, born July 22, 1954; Jeffrey Thomas, born July 11, 1955; Jacqueline Sue, born October 29, 1956; Jeanne Elizabeth, born June 24, 1958; James Matthew, born November 14, 1964.

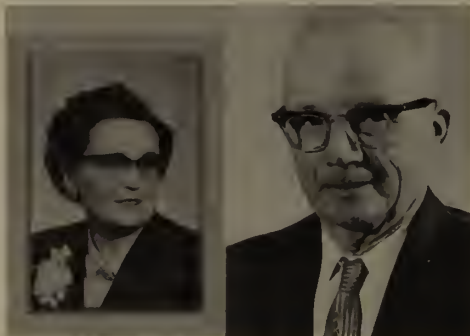
Joseph Dorsell, son of Oscar Dorsell Barnett, married Wendy Koenig of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in May 1976. Joseph and Wendy had the following children: Christopher Matthew, born October 8, 1984; Erin Elizabeth, born July 15, 1986. Joseph Dorsell is a dentist in the U.S. Navy and lives in Jacksonville, FL. *Submitted by Oscar Barnett and Julia Casto*

HOYT AND NELLIE K. BARNETT

Hoyt (Tom) Barnett (1900-1983) and Nellie Koontz (1907-1987) of Rockcastle, WV, were married in 1924 at Leon, WV by Rev. Tripp McCollum and lived together 59 years. Nellie was the daughter of Henry J. and Lona Smith Koontz, the youngest of seven children. Hoyt was the son of Camden and Birty Pickens Barnett, the oldest of nine children. Hoyt taught 15 terms of school in Jackson and Mason counties. He also worked as a mail carrier at Rockcastle in Jackson County. Hoyt retired January 2, 1966, from United Fuel

Gas Company's Rockport Compressor Station in Wood County, having worked 25 years for that company. Hoyt was a farmer and cattleman. He actively farmed and raised cattle until at the age of 83, he was fatally crushed by the tractor he was operating to cut hay.

Nellie was a homemaker and a writer for numerous newspapers and magazines. She was a charter member of the West Virginia Poetry Society. She said she had lived in a wonderful age. She could remember seeing the first automobile in the Jackson County area (Hoyt's) and she and Hoyt were still living when man first landed on the moon.



Hoyt and Nellie Barnett

Children of Hoyt (Tom) and Nellie were: Gloria Louise (1925-) married Dell F. Harris, Jr.; Aalee Hope (1927-) married Marvin Tomlin; Tommy Keith (1933-1987) married Norma Stalnaker; Becky Jo (1936-) married George Roush.

They resided at Rockcastle for approximately 14 years, and for the past 45 years of their life resided on their farm on Trace Fork, Sandyville, WV, where Nellie continued to live until her death. They are interred at Barnett Cemetery, Rockcastle, WV. *Submitted by Gloria Barnett Harris*

LUCRETIA BARNETT

Lucretia Barnett, the daughter of Benjamin Castro Sr. and Sarah (Sallie) Shinn, born December 1, 1835 and died February 1935. She married Enos Barnett March 30, 1855; the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mason Bowles. Lucretia and Enos were the parents of 13 children:

Perry Barnett (March 12, 1856-March 1, 1939) buried in Leon Cemetery, Leon, WV. Melissa Barnett (Jan. 25, 1860-1946), buried in Leon Cemetery. Mary Jane Barnett, (Sept. 4, 1861) and is buried in Bluefield Cemetery. Emily Evaline Barnett (Oct. 17, 1863) buried in Ripley Cemetery. Franklin M. Barnett (Feb. 14, 1866-March 4, 1886) buried in Barnett Cemetery. Minerva B. Barnett, lived at Narrows, Virginia. Charles Barnett (March 29, 1870) buried in Barnett Cemetery. Filson Barnett (March 8, 1870-May 2, 1883) was killed by a falling tree. Martin Barnett (Feb. 2, 1873-March 5, 1879) buried in Barnett Cemetery. Albert Barnett (April 2, 1874-August 16, 1938) buried in Barnett Cemetery. Alice Barnett (Jan. 7, 1877-Nov. 29, 1969) buried in Barnett Cemetery. Oscar Barnett (April 4, 1879-Jan. 22, 1954). Asbury Barnett (November 9, 1858-April 1931) and is buried in Barnett Cemetery.

Lucretia was born in a little log cabin on Parchment where she spent her early childhood, going to school very little and she learned to card wool, spin, weave and knit, also cook. She lived on Parchment until she was 12 years of age, then her father moved with his family to Little Spruce, a tributary of Thirteen Mile Creek. Here they erected a small log house where Lucretia spent her girlhood days. Shortly after that she lost her dearest and best friend, her mother. The death left her with the duties and responsibilities of the household.

Although a child of 12 or 13 years she fulfilled those duties and when she was 18 years of age she married Enos Barnett, who was 21 at the time. Enos and Lucretia built a log house over the hill from her home folks and lived there about two years, then moved on the Main Thirteen Mile Creek above Rockcastle, where the greater part of her life was spent. Soon the Civil War began and she had to bid goodbye to three brothers and three brothers-in-law who joined the same regiment. These were trying times and often the brothers would write home begging her to save them something to eat. They all returned after the war. One brother, Enoch, was wounded in the shoulder. She said these were the darkest days of her life, in telling of the hardships brought on by the war. She told of the women folk working in the fields during the day and doing their house work at night, while in constant fear that the rebels might swoop down upon them at any hour. Lucretia said that it was no hard task to cook and care for her family in those early days. They did not have different kinds of food to cook but always had plenty of meat, cornbread, beans and potatoes that were cooked by the open fire.



Lucretia Barnett

Aunt Crease was a grand old lady and celebrated her 99th birthday anniversary at the home of Asbury Barnett. More than 500 people attended the huge basket dinner in October of 1934. She died before her 100th birthday, following a sudden illness. She is buried in Barnett Cemetery. *Submitted by Daniel A. Casto and Dempsey Barnett*

LYDA MANERVA BARNETT

Lyda Manerva Barnett was the daughter of Cameron and Birty Barnett, born January 26, 1903 near Rockcastle, and was never married. She worked at the Firestone plant in Akron, Ohio for a number of years until illness overtook her. She returned to Jackson County and lived for a time with her mother at Rockcastle. She bought a farm on Sycamore, but her health continued to deteriorate and Lyda died in a hospital in Denver, Colorado, April 20, 1954, at the age of 51 years, and



Lyda Barnett

is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley, West Virginia.

Clippings taken from the *Jackson Herald*: "The coroner in Denver, Colorado, is reported to have said of Miss Lyda Barnett that treatments and lack of care in a clinic there resulted in her death and urges members of her family to take action in her case. Miss Barnett, who died in Denver on Monday of last week had gone there on the recommendation of a Parkersburg chiropractor last December for treatment of arthritis. After she was admitted to the clinic, she tried vainly to get out but was unable to do so. Two weeks ago a former friend heard Miss Barnett was in the clinic and went to see her. She found that she weighed only 81 pounds and was in a terrible condition. She took her to her home, called a physician and she was taken to the General Hospital in Denver where she was given blood transfusions and shows some improvements. The case was reported to the Better Business Bureau and they began an investigation and tried to get back the \$1,227.00 which the woman had paid for treatments."

Her life was an inspiration and her brave fight to regain her health was a contribution to the dignity, love and perseverance of human kind. She was a kind and loving person, always ready to encourage and help others. To know Lyda was to love and respect her. *Submitted by Carolyn Watkins*

PRESTON BARNETT

Preston Barnett was born in a log house at Rockcastle in 1843, Mason County, Virginia. He was the youngest child of Robert and Elizabeth Barnett, the grandson of William and Mary McGuire Barnett of Three Mile in Mason County. At the age of 20, Preston became a private in the Union Army. He was inducted into the service October 6, 1863. He was a member of Co. B 131V and was discharged June 22, 1865 following the close of the Civil War. Preston returned home to Rockcastle and married Clara Chloe Casto. She was the daughter of Abram and Rebecca Crites Casto. Preston and Chloe were married December 25, 1865 and lived in the log house with Robert and Elizabeth Barnett. Preston and Chloe became the parents of the following children: Ollie, Camden, Clinton, John, Rebecca, Emma, Deliah, Ernestine and Lilly.



Preston Barnett, seated, Ollie Stewart, Rebecca Casto, Tobe Hill, Cam, Clint, and John Barnett

Preston Barnett was often referred to as "Uncle Dock" and Clara was often called "Aunt Chloe." Preston Barnett donated land for Barnett Cemetery, and donated the land for the second location of Bethel School in 1881. Preston was a blacksmith and at one time operated a blacksmith shop at Rockcastle. The duties of a blacksmith were to shoe horses, iron off wagon tires, make log chains, hoes and nails. A blacksmith made shoes for

horses, and some nails for the construction of buildings.

Clara Chloe Casto Barnett was born near Rockcastle in 1847 and lived her entire life in the area. Preston was born in 1843 and died in 1916. Preston and Chloe are buried in Barnett Cemetery, Rockcastle.

Children of Preston Barnett: 1. Camden Cornelius Barnett married Birty Pickens. 2. Clinton Barnett married Lona Casto and children are Jim, Guy, Mary, Agie. 3. John Logan Barnett married Corda Brotherton and children are Shelly and one deceased. 4. Ernestine Barnett married Jonathan Casto. 5. Lillie Barnett married William Balch. 6. Tobe Barnett married Loomis Hill and children are Beth, Bertha, Floyd, Basel and Harve. 7. Rebecca Barnett married J.M. "Doc" Casto. 8. Ollie Barnett married Mason Stewart. 9. Delia Barnett married Andrew Jacobs. 10. Mary E., 1868-1888. *Submitted by Ray Barnett*

ROBERT BARNETT

Robert Barnett was the son of William and Mary McGuire Barnett, the grandson of John and Elizabeth Cottle McGuire. In 1806, William and Mary Barnett bought land on Three Mile in Mason County where William died in 1861. William Barnett was born about 1775 in the state of Virginia.

Robert Barnett was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, in 1801 and came to Mason County in 1806. Robert married Elizabeth Rayburn on November 11, 1824 in Mason County. Robert and Elizabeth had 15 children. Children were: Mary, Evaline, Henry, William, Robert, Allen, Enos, Emily, Elliot, Eliza J., Sarah Ann, Ellen, George, Moriah and Preston.

In 1830, Robert Barnett bought 1,400 acres of land in the state of Virginia. He built a log house near the headwaters of Thirteen Mile Creek which is now Rockcastle. Robert and Elizabeth were the first settlers in the Rockcastle area. Robert donated land for Barnett Cemetery and was one of the first trustees of Bethel School which was built in 1881. The other two trustees were Joe Casto and Josh Simmons. Robert Barnett died January 13, 1884 at the age of 82 years, 5 months and 28 days.

Robert and Elizabeth are buried in Barnett Cemetery at Rockcastle.



Robert Barnett

born in 1830 and died in 1923, married Elizabeth Casto and then Mary Hendershot. (6) Allen born in 1833 married Elizabeth Kessell. (7) Enos married Lucretia Casto. (8) Elliott married a Hill. (9) Preston married Chloe Casto. (10). Wesley. (11) Mariah married Daniel Smith. (12) Eliza married Ezekiel Jividen and their children were Wind, Mordecai, Elliott, Ruph, Geordia, Emma, Florida, Leah, Dessie, Sarah Ellen, Melissa and Elsie. (13) Ellen married Whit Casto. (14). Emily. (15) Sarah Ann. *Submitted by Raymond L. Barnette*

ROBERT AND ELIZABETH BARNETT (PART I)

We who are living today here in Mason and Jackson Countys West Virginia owe a deep and lasting gratitude, first to our God and Savior Jesus Christ who died on the Cross, for such a wonderful place to live; second to our great ancestors for being here. They were mostly young, energetic, and brave men and their wives, to come here in the western part of Virginia, to conquer the wilderness the good Lord had planted so many, many years before, where the axe and saw had never cut a tree by the white man. Where the wild animals still roamed, also a few Indians still sneaking around, back when the state of Virginia, claimed all of Virginia, Pennsylvania and up to and including Pittsburgh, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and I think Illinois. We are talking about the Barnetts, Morrisons, Shinn's, Baileys, and McCollums, to name a few.

So it was in about 1812, here came Robert and Elizabeth (Rayburn) Barnett, to the Rockcastle area of Mason County, later in 1831 Jackson County of Virginia, long before the Civil War of 1861-1865. Here they built their rough log one-room house, cleared the ground, planted their corn, beans, and potatoes, built rail fences out of chestnut oak (as it was the easiest to split) also their shingles for their roof were riven with a froe and wooden mallet, mainly cut out of dogwood (as this wood was tough and hard as iron when dried). Here in this neighborhood of Rockcastle, Virginia. Robert and Elizabeth raised their family of 15 children. (We have no dates of birth for most of them.)

1. Mary
2. Evelynne
3. Henry
4. William, b. 2-28-1828, d. 2-25-1904; married first Mary Harrison; children: William H., Roseanna, Elzina Janc, b. 2-25-1853 (more later), Nancy Ann, b. 10-19-1854, Elizabeth S., b. 1856, Permelia Florence, b. 1857, Evelynne America, b.

Robert Barnett b. July 15, 1804 and he died January 13, 1884. Elizabeth Rayburn Barnett was born in 1806 and died June 23, 1883. Children were: (1) Evelyn (Evaline) and she married Raunsaller Edwards. (2) Mary and she married John Parsons. (3) Henry Harrison. (4) William "Bill" was born February 25, 1829 and died February 25, 1904 and married Mary Harrison and then Emily Adeline Worrell. (5) Robert "Rob" was



John F. and Elzina Jane Barnett Morrison. She was the daughter of William, the granddaughter of Robert Barnett

12-25-1859, Male . . . b. 8-1-1861, Francis Lincoln, b. 5-6-1866, Sheridan Beverly, b. 6-15-1868, Mary Elizabeth, b. 1869, John Elsworth, b. 11-15-1871, Emma F., b. 5-18-1875. Married second, Emily Adeline Worrel, b. 9-1-1876, d. 1-10-1899. Children: two boys, McKinley, b. 7-15-1897 and William Henry.

5. Robert Jr.
6. Allen
7. Enos (more later)
8. Emily
9. Elliott
10. Eliza J.
11. Sara Ann
12. Ellen
13. George W.
14. Mariah
15. Preston Submitted by Stephen L. Miller

ROBERT AND ELIZABETH BARNETT (PART II)

William Barnett, our great-grandfather-in-law, served in Civil War Co. B. 13th West Virginia infantry, d. 2-25-1904 and buried in Barnett Cemetery, near Mt. Olive Church on Cain Ridge in Mason County, along with his second wife Emily Adeline. When William divorced his first wife Mary, she sued him and collected 53 acres of land as her dowry (this writer has the papers). William Barnett must have had a great sense of humor, marrying so young a girl. She threw a party for her young friends who were having a great time in the front room while William was in the bedroom trying to sleep when he came out and danced in the only thing he had on, a shirt! (told to me by his granddaughter, Vella Mae Morrison McCollum). William and Mary's third child Eliza Jane, d. 8-17-1936, married 3-22-1870 to John F. Morrison, who was born 2-14-1850, d. 11-27-1935, are both interred in the Mt. Olive Cemetery on Cain Ridge and near their old home and farm on Morrison Ridge, which they bought in the 1870 era; all virgin lumber, their first log house which Elzina Jane helped her Johnny saw logs to build, was down on the hillside, in the wilderness, where their first two children were born: Louisa J., b. 7-18-1871 buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery with her first husband Loring Mattox, b. ? d. ?, and George O., b. 1873 and d. 2-25-1921. They took their lunch and babies to the top of the hill where they worked from daylight to dark. Sawing the large trees and clearing the ground, leaving Louisa to watch George laying on a quilt in the shade of a tree. If George rolled off the quilt in the sun, Louisa J. was too small to get George back on. Elzina Jane and Johnny Morrison cleared the ground, built their second log house on top of the hill close to their beautiful two-story frame house which they later built. Their children including Louisa J. and George O., are William, b. 10-4-1874, d. 6-12-1876; Rutherford H., b. 9-3-1876, d. 6-12-1879; Alda, b. 4-23-1878 and died in Ohio; Mae, b. 8-5-1886.

Louisa J. married Loring Mattox; children: Bonnie, married Orph Casto; Mattie married Earl Woodall and Basil (Bate) Mattox married ? (divorced); George O. married Lyle Jacobs, children are Mamie, Toral, Austin, Roma, and Reba Dane.



Orpha and Bonnie Mattox Casto

Alda b. 4-23-1878, d. ? in Ohio, married first A.L.C. (Lackey) Dunham, b. 1874, d. 1956, with three children born to them: Roy F., b. 2-7-1903, d. 1-20-1919. Second, Bessie and third Lola who was born blind, went to Ohio as secretary to a blind coal dealer at Toledo. After his death, she operated the business till her death and was buried in Ohio. Second, Bessie married Frank Schultz of Point Pleasant, both are buried there. They have three or four children.

Alda, married second, Rob Jeffers. Their children: Goldie, Beulah, Herman.

Sixth and last child of Elzina Jane and Johnny Morrison was Vella Mae Morrison, b. 8-5-1886, departed this life in 1945. Married to Rev. Isaac J. (Tripp) McCollum, b. 1882, d. 1970 (UB Minister and Knights of Pythias KOFP lodge of Elmwood, Union district of Mason County, West Virginia). Both are buried in Leon Cemetery, Leon, WV. He was the son of Daniel and Mercy (McGrath) McCollum, who came to Jackson County from Ohio and lived close to Mt. Zion Church, where they are buried. Mae and Tripp's children are two



Daniel and Mercy McGrath McCollum

girls: Tressie Mable McCollum, b. 7-7-1904, d. 5-22-1975, married first Ford Brotherton; children Frank and Don. Isaac Franklin Jr. Brotherton, b. 9-27-1921 served in the Navy, was in Pearl Harbor when attacked by the Japanese in 1941, is now a retired U.M. Minister of Lesage, WV, married 9-28-1946 to Gracie Emogene Chapman, b. 11-5-1921, two daughters (by adoption): Vickie Jo Brotherton, b. 1-15-1956 and Sheila Gay Brotherton, b. 2-2-1959. Frank and Jene live 2944 4th Avenue, Huntington, WV.

Donnie Lee Brotherton, b. 4-27-1930, retired from Hoot Owl of Huntington as a welder and lives with his wife Lila Lee Grose (close), b. 11-9-1931. They are blessed by five (very good) children, namely, Donna Kay Brotherton, b. 7-1-1950, David Lee Brotherton, b. 6-21-1951, Douglas Allen Brotherton, b. 5-4-1954, died ?, Danny Frank Brotherton, b. 3-7-1957, Dean Scott Broth-

erton, b. 12-3-1963 (See History, The McCollum Family, written by Betty Mae (Priddy) Hill, 1980+).

Tressie divorced from Ford, she married Howard Chapman of Seven Mile Road in Cable County, WV, where she became the mother of five children, three girls and two boys, namely, Celestine, Carolyn, Emma Pearl, Mike and Dale. Mike and Dale are both deceased.

Second, Clessie Fay McCollum, b. 12-26-1908, is living with the same man she married over 65 years ago on April 27, 1924 by a very special United Brethren Minister, the Rev. Andrew Summers Riffle, who was born 3-4-1848 and died 8-10-1926 (a wonderful person). The writer of this history, Allen G. Thomas, b. 7-27-1905, Route 1, Box 12, Leon, WV 25123, is 84+ years old.

Our six boys are: Infant, b. and d. 11-27-1924; Franklin Keith Thomas, retired pipe welder, A.F.L. C.I.O., Charleston, WV, is now minister of the Gospel at Hickory Chapel U.M. Church, St. Rt. 2, out of Point Pleasant, WV, is married to June Crookham, daughter of the late Ray and Lena (Beaver) Crookham. They were blessed with two children by adoption: Franklin Keith II and Kriss Ann. Kriss was killed in a car accident in her teens. Keith and June live Rt. 2, a mile out of Leon, WV; Oren Darrell Thomas (Bro Bill), retired truck driver for Stone Transfer of Martinsville, VA, married first Betty Byus of Point Pleasant. They had three children: Ruth Ann, Shara Mae and Paul Allen (deceased). Married second Ruth Cross and they have two children, Stephen and Alisha and live in Martinsville, VA; Joseph Philip Thomas, b. 10-31-1931, d. 11-29-1971, was buried in Leon Cemetery, married Bernice Reed (living in Austin Town, OH), they have two children and two stepchildren, Joseph Phillip Jr. Thomas, preacher, music director of a choir in New Church at Lowellville, OH, married Donna Watson. They have three daughters, Rebecca Jo, b. 9-12-1980, Emily Beth, b. 3-11-1983, Allison Marie, b. 7-14-1988 and they live at Lowellville, OH; Faye Marie Thomas, b. 10-18-1961 married Vince Constantino, live in Florida, have two daughters, Daniel Dorothy, b. 8-10-1980 and Judith Ann, b. 3-12-1982. Joe's two stepchildren are Bonny (Neville) married to Rev. Bill Ekard. They live in California with their two children, Billey and Katie, and Butch Neville who also has two children; Allen Wayne Thomas, b. 3-30-1937 at Boomer, WV is presently an over-the-road truck driver out of Columbus, OH. He lives at Rt. 2, Leon, WV; attends the Baptist Denomination at Leon with his wife, Carolyn Louise King, b. 1-13-1944, the daughter of the late William (Willie) and Hazel (Greenlee) King. They are the parents of four boys: William Allen Thomas, b. 9-19-1964, married Tina Lynn, daughter of Finley E. and Linda Faye (Wroten) Stewart. William is presently a crane operator on the Ohio and Kanawha River for Dravo Corp. They have one son, Allen Finley Thomas, b. 11-7-1988 and are expecting another baby in January 1990; Jeffrey Wayne Thomas (our special) b. 3-7-1966 has received awards for graduating from Special School, also, for singing the Star Spangled Banner for Marshall University at Huntington, WV in 1989; Jay Lewis Thomas, b. 2-14-1967 was married to Lynette Herdman (now divorced). He is presently working in North Carolina repairing power lines wrecked by Hurricane Hugo, 10-26-89; Christopher Isaac Thomas, b. 1-8-1972, 190 lb., five feet, eleven inches tall, plays guard for the Big Blacks Football in his second year high school at Point Pleasant, WV. Submitted by Robert Taylor and Bill McCollum

ROBERT AND ELIZABETH BARNETT (PART III)

Charles Ray Thomas, b. 1-26-1939 at Boomer, WV, is retired from the Navy where he traveled to

many countries. He married first Bonnie Katherine Rollins on October 24, 1957. She was born 3-7-1940 to Mert and Bessie (Devault) Rollins. They were blessed with five children: Charles Ray Thomas II, (Punkin), b. 8-22-1959 in Sasebo, Japan. He is presently employed by Imperial Electric in Middleport, OH and is unmarried; Patricia Lynn Thomas, b. 7-25-1960 also in Sasebo, married 11-4-1978 to Marty Robin Shinn, son of Park and Mary (Snyder) Shinn. They live in Rt. 2, Point Pleasant, with their three children, Marsha Lynn, b. 11-5-1979, Joel Wade, b. 2-15-1982, and Leah Ann, b. 11-27-1984; Phyllis Ann Thomas, b. 9-3-1961 in Portsmouth, VA, married 2-14-1980 Marvin Lee Flowers, son of the late Harry Neal and Mildred Frances (Taylor) Flowers, b. 4-1-1956 and married 2-14-1980. Phyllis works as secretary to the Vice President of Finance and Sales at American Alloys in New Haven, WV. They live at Rt. 2, Box 178, Letart, WV, with their daughter Jennifer Nicole Flowers, b. 12-28-85; Pamela Dawn Thomas, b. 6-9-1963 married Glenvor Durst, son of Clarence and Elva Durst of Leon; Paula Renee Thomas, b. 11-26-1970 is presently attending college at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

Charles and Bonnie divorced and he married second, Linda. They have one daughter Rachel Linda, b. 5-4-1975 in England. Linda and Rachel are presently living in North Carolina where Rachel has won trophies jumping horses.



Emma Barnett Simmons with grandson, Edward Layton.
She was the wife of Dr. David Simmons

Permelia Florence Barnett, sister of Elzina Jane, b. 1857, was the sixth child of William and Mary Barnett. She married Perry Morrison, brother of John F. Morrison. Perry, b. 6-1-1858 the fifth child of Leroy S. Morrison, youngest son of William and Maria Perkins Morrison who was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, 12-10-1825, married 7-27-1848 to Ann Eliza Shinn. They were prominent members of the United Brethren Church. Leroy died 6-9-1871 and Ann Eliza, his wife, died 4-4-1902. To them were born 10 children, namely, John F., George M., Wesley A., Arely J., Perry W., Cynthia A., William and Andrew B., Samuel N. and Annis.

Permelia Florence (Barnett) and Perry W. Morrison were the parents of two sons, Franklin A. (Frankie) Morrison, b. 1881, married Lucy Bell (Warner) Morrison, b. 1883 and Virgil S. Morrison, b. ?, married Ethel Burdette of Leon, WV, the daughter of Ezekiel 1864-1948, and Mary Agness (Buxton) 1867-1943, Burdette. This marriage ended in divorce.

Franklin Asbury Morrison, b. 1881, and Lucy Bell Warner Morrison, b. 1883. Children are as follows: 1. Orva Clara Morrison Blaine, b. 1903, married Floyd Blaine; 2. Gladys Adell Morrison Smith, b. 1904, married Fred Smith; 3. Audrey Marie Morrison Blaine LeCaney, b. 1906, married first, Thomas Blaine, second Joe LeCaney; 4. Leota Bessie Morrison, b. 1908, married first Fred Roush, second Robert Taylor; 5. Erma Virginia Morrison, b. 1911, died infant; 6. Freeda Phyllis Morrison, b. 1913, married Stephen L. Miller; 7. Opal Louise Morrison, b. 1914, married Harry



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White; 8. Ercell Franklin Morrison, b. 1916, married Catherine Willis; 9. James Perry Morrison, b. 1918, married first Helen Gaskins, second Verla ?; 10. Warren G. Morrison, b. 1920, married first Carolyn Gaskins, second Mary Lynch; 11. Allegra Maxine Morrison, b. 1922, married first Sam Rice, second Ray Messick.

Enos Barnett, b. ca. 1834-35, married Lucretia Casto, b. ca. 1835 (died 1934 at the ripe old age of 99 years, died before her 100th birthday following a sudden illness. This writer has a copy of two pages, written for the *Jackson Herald*, by O.H. Casto. She says in this writing she was the mother of 13 children, two died young and six were still living in 1934. This writer searched the birth records of Mason County. Five children are recorded in Point Pleasant, WV; Ripley records only two. The five in Point Pleasant are: 1. Perry Barnett, b. 4-12-1856, d. 1939, at Leon, WV, married Ella L. Snyder, 1864-1940, the daughter of Thomas and Sara E. (Ridenhour) Snyder. Their children: Ethel, Bessie, Gerie, Bertha, Lucretia, Cloyd and Boyd in cemetery records. In Ripley birth records are Perry and Ella L. children: Effy L., b. 12-1881, H.G., b. 11-20-1886, E.L., b. 9-8-1888, Bertha A., b. 3-5-1890, Clauda, b. 8-1-1897, Cloyd Alva, b. 5-27-1899, Perry Boyd, b. 2-6-1901. The two children of Enos and Lucretia Barnett, recorded. Second, Amsbury which means Asbury Barnett, b. 11-9-1857, third Malissa Barnett, b. 11-18-1896, d. 1946, fourth Mary Jane, b. 9-4-1861, fifth Franklin M., b. 2-17-1866, sixth in Ripley, no name, male, b. 3-8-1871, seventh, Oscar J., b. 5-14-1879.

Third, Malissa Barnett, 1860-1946, husband James. M. Parsons, 1856-1938, children: Esther, Hazel, Hattie, Clinton, Wretha, and Cleavis. First, Esther Parsons, d. 1970, age 89, married James Rairden, 1881-1961, (son of Harvey and R. Rairden), one daughter Ruth. Second, Hazel Parsons, 1888-1964, married Scott Smith, one son Philip, George, 1887-1952, son of George. Third, Hattie Parsons, 1879-1950, married ? Bowles of Charleston, WV, one son Tracy Blake Bowles, 1902-1954.

Third, Clinton Parsons, married Pearl (both are deceased but lived at Anstead, WV several years ago, had three or four children. Fifth, Wretha Parsons, married George A. Rairden, b. 1-9-1891, d. 3-17-1972, (Merchant, 13 terms member of State Legislature, WV 1 PFC, 22 Ord., Guard Co.) children: First, Donald Rairden, married Janet Trymier, three children: George A. Rairden II, Donna Weleh, and Lisa Rairden. They live at Charleston, WV. Second, Nancy Rairden, married Harold Bowman, one son Mark Bowman. They live on Rt. 1, Leon, WV. Sixth, Clavis Parsons, b. ca. 1900, married ? (wife deceased), Clavis lives in Florida as of 1988, Depot Agent for K and M Railroad till retiring; also, Catcher and only one living of the Old Ball Team of 1919-1923 at Leon, WV (and he was one of the best.)

Second, Asbary (Asbery, Asbury, he wrote) Barnett, married first S.F.B. or S. Frances, children: 1. Orville Warren Barnett, b. 11-17-1882; 2. Archie Otho Barnett, b. 9-7-1886; 3. Lizza B., b.

10-22-1890, second wife, Julia A., children; 4. Melissa, b. 4-15-1892; 5. Oscar, b. 8-7-1893; 6. Oshel Gay, b. 9-24-1896; 7. Gracy, b. 10-27-1897; 8. Lenna May, b. 7-14-1901; 9. Tressie, b. 11-19-1902; 10. Virginia, b. 2-1-1904; 11. A.L., b. 9-11-1905; 12. Ray, b. 2-20-1908; 13. Odell L., b. 5-31-1909; 14. Joseie, b. 11-13-1910. Asberry Barnett's fourth child, Melissa Barnett, b. 4-15-1892, married 9-3-1909 to Wade Alva McCollum, b. 8-19-1894 in Jackson County, WV, the tenth child of Daniel and Mary McGrath McCollum. To their union 11 children were born. Wade died 6-25-1959 and Melissa died 11-25-1973; they are both buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery on Jim Ridge. Children:

1. Erey McCollum, b. 11-9-1911, d. 1988.
2. Hobert McCollum, b. 1-27-1914, d. 3-1-1945.
3. Homer (Short) McCollum, b. 3-13-1916, d. 10-23-1986.
4. Walter McCollum, b. 12-21-1917, d. 10-28-1918.
5. John McCollum, b. 1918, d. 1918 (both Walter and John died with the flu and are buried in Leon Cemetery, Leon, WV.)
6. Wannetta McCollum, b. 1-25-1920.
7. Maybell McCollum, b. 8-20-1922.
8. Alva (Bill) McCollum, b. 1-3-1926.
9. Phyllis McCollum, b. 3-20-1928.
10. Clara Ann McCollum, b. 2-14-1932.
11. O'Dell Faye McCollum, b. 5-31-1909.

Submitted by Wretha Parsons Rairden and Nancy Bowman

ROBERT AND ELIZABETH BARNETT (PART IV)

Erey McCollum married 4-21-1929 Guy Stewart, b. 5-16-1910, parents of two children; Freda May Stewart and Duane Edward Stewart, live at Union Town, OH. 2. Hobart McCollum, born at Rockcastle, WV, married Neva Kay, also of Rockcastle, WV. He was killed in the service of his country March 1, 1945. One daughter, June McCollum Westfall. 3. Homer McCollum married 4-7-1940 Eleanor Kenny, parents of four children; Florence, Judy, Clifton, and Wanda McCollum. Homer McCollum, a retired glass worker, WW II veteran, is buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Jim Ridge, (died in Florida at the age of 70), 4 and 5. listed on previous page. 6. Wanetta McCollum married first Luther Barnett, one son Luther Clayton Barnett, b. 12-11-1936, married second Kelly Casto, one son Hoyt Alva Casto, b. 10-12-1944. Luther Clayton Barnett married Deloris Lester, residents of Dunbar, WV, they are the parents of the following: Clayton Allen, b. 3-11-1957; Terry Lewis, b. 5-8-1960; Nancy Diane, b. 7-20-1961; Melinda Beth, b. 10-11-1962; and Peggy Francis, b. 3-20-1968. 7. Maybell McCollum married 4-21-1938 Oak Barnett, b. 8-12-1892 at Rockcastle, WV. They are the parents of three children: Shirley, b. 4-25-1940; Hilda, b. 12-15-1941; and Ralph Edward, b. 4-9-1955. 8. Alva (Bill) McCollum married 7-26-1946 to Jewell Bailey, b. 9-18-1927 at Liberty, Putnam County, WV. They live in and own a beautiful house and farm on Pleasant Valley Road, Route 1, Given, WV, Jackson County; children: Pamela Ann, b. 6-11-1947; William Drake, a precious baby, I am sure, b. 12-5-1948, and died 12 days later 12-17-1948. Pamela Ann McCollum married 1-24-1966 to Brent Stover, born at Nitro, WV. They are the parents of three children and live at Upper Darby, PA. Third child of Alva's is John Douglas McCollum, b. 9-14-1951. John is my kind of man. He hasn't sown all of his wild oats yet! (John, we hope you will always keep your senses.)

9. Phyllis McCollum married 10-31-1947 to Ralph Spaulding, b. 8-14-1923 at Salem, Maine; he died in an auto accident 4-9-1965. Children: Ellen Jean, b. 6-20-1951; Avis Jane, b. 12-22-

1952; Michael Ralph, b. 9-11-1958; David Wayne, b. 8-1-1960; and Alan Wade, b. 7-17-1962. Phyllis married second, Francis Caldwell on 10-6-1973. They live at N. Anson, Maine. 10. Clara Ann McCollum married 10-27-1950 to Forrest Probst, Jr., b. 1-1-1931 at Barberton, OH, two children: Ellen Probst, b. 4-27-1957 and Forrest V. Probst, b. 4-21-1955. Ending in divorce, Clara Ann married second, Donald R. White; they had four children: Lee Ann, b. 3-19-1957; Patricia, b. 12-9-1959; Donald R., b. 10-15-1966; and Eddie, b. 2-2-1970, all of Barberton, OH.

Mammie Myrtle McCollum, b. 3-4-1897 in Jackson County, married Charles Samuel Hopkins, b. 7-19-1889 at Atlanta, Georgia. He was a lineman for a telephone company. He died with the flu when it was raging out of control on 11-1-1917. They were married 10-15-1916 and one son survives, Franklin Leach Hopkins, born at Leon, WV, 9-29-1917. Franklin now lives at Zephyr Hill, FL. Mammie was the 11th and last child of Daniel and Mercy (McGrath) McCollum. Mammie married second, Elbert William Dunn of Middleport, OH, one son Clyde Elbert, b. 9-4-1921, d. 9-5-1921, WVa SFC. 503 Engineer Co. WW I Korea BSN, buried at Leon Cemetery, Leon, WV. Mammie Hopkins Dunn died 2-21-1979 and is buried at Dade City, Florida (Grandma Mercy McCollum told about having quadruplets born dead, no dates). This writer remembers her as the kindest and easiest talking lady I ever knew. Her husband Daniel McCollum, fought in the War between the States, Civil War of 1861-1865.

Asberry and Julia Barnett's 13th child, Odell L. Barnett, b. 5-31-1909, married Holly Stevens of Jim Ridge area. They have two children; Georgia Stevens married first Dwayne Carney, one daughter, married second, James Williams; and Don Stevens married but wife is deceased. They had two boys and Don remarried.

Robert S. McCollum, b. 3-4-1878 at Tupper Plains, Meigs County, Ohio, to Daniel and Mercy (McGrath) McCollum, married 5-9-1900 to Ethel Leora, b. 9-8-1888 in Jackson County, WV, daughter of Perry and Ella L. (Snyder) Barnett. Robert (Bob) died 1-3-1944 and Ethel died 11-8-1957. Both are buried in Deer Creek Cemetery, Harman Township, Alleg County, PA. Bob McCollum had worked as a conductor on street cars at Charleston, WV, in his younger days; then a coal miner in Ohio and Pennsylvania before his death. They were the parents of eight children, namely:

1. Mamie Gladys, b. 2-20-1901, d. 8-2-1901.
2. Alva Ray, b. 10-6-1902, d. 9-15-1979.
3. Freda Dale, b. 9-4-1904.
4. Flora Maric, b. 10-8-1905, d. 3-10-1908.
5. Robert Gay, b. 11-12-1908.
6. Ruth Pearl, b. 9-15-1911.
7. Donald Barnett, b. 1-18-1916.
8. Pauline Lanta, b. 3-8-1918.

All children of Robert (Bob) and Ethel that grew to man or womanhood married and raised families in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

A son of Perry and Ella Barnett was Cloyd, b. 5-27-1899, d. 1-6-1972, served his country in WW I, U.S. Army, and was a merchant at Leon. He married Mary, 1898-1962, daughter of Charles and Sylvia (Thomas) Byer of Leon, WV. Their two children, first Charles Perry Barnett, W. Va. S20 USNR WW II, b. 4-7-1925, died of burns received while serving in the New Hebrides Islands, 2-17-1944, second Vonda Lee Barnett, lives in Huntington, WV.

It has been a pleasure of love to help write his history, mostly because being born so long ago, yes the old log fireplace where you could stick your fingers to the end of a burning log (especially Hickory) and get some sweet sap oozing out the end. (Man!!!) Also, dirt roads, no cars to pollute the air, no boob tubes to keep you awake, only a country telephone, lines hung mostly on trees, but especially to write about my in-laws. Yes, Robert



Faye Thomas



Allen Thomas

and Elizabeth Barnett were my great-great-grandparents of so long ago. But especially to the good Lord for letting us live long past our three score and ten years here in this Wild, Wonderful West Virginia. Submitted by Allen Griffith Thomas and Marvin Lee Flowers

ALFRED RAYMOND BARNETTE

Alfred Raymond (Jack) Barnett was born near Rockcastle, May 9, 1909, the son of Cam and Birty Barnette, the grandson of Preston and Clara Barnette. Jack had polio when he was a small baby which left him with a slightly deformed foot and he walked with a slight limp. His early school years were spent at Centerpoint and in later years at Bethel near Rockcastle. He later attended Ripley High School and obtained a teaching certificate from the teacher's institute. For several years he taught school in Mason County and later worked for DuPont at Belle, WV.



Alfred Barnett

Sarah Francis "Sade" Sayre Barnette was born in Mason County, January 4, 1911, the daughter of Abraham and Ora Thomas Sayre, the granddaughter of Benjamin and Euphamy Sayre, the granddaughter of George and Sarah Isenhower



Sarah Francis Barnette

Thomas. Sade attended school in Mason County, and obtained a teacher's certificate from the teacher's institute and taught school several years in Mason County.

On September 20, 1930, Alfred Raymond Barnette and Sarah Francis Sayre united in holy matrimony at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Maggie Haught in Mason County. The attendants were Faye Barnette, Lester Haught and Mrs. Maggie Haught. Married life began in the home of Abraham and Ora Sayre. The following spring they moved to a house in Rockcastle where John, their first child was born. The following year they purchased a farm in Mason County and remained there for a number of years. Jack and Sade were the parents of three sons: Alva Luther "John" Barnette was born in Jackson County, November 29, 1931 and died September 15, 1984. John is buried in Creston Cemetery in Mason County. John married Alice Gardner and they became the parents of two children, Mary Lawrence and Tammy Toney. Mary has two children, Christopher and Jennifer, Tammy has three children, Christina, Kari and Michael.



Ora Thomas Sayre

The second son born to Alfred and Sarah Barnette was Raymond Lee "Jim" Barnette, born September 24, 1933 in Mason County. Jim married Lorraine Herdman and they became the parents of three children, Carolyn, Ray and Greg. The youngest son, Gary Denver Barnette, was born September 20, 1944 in Mason County. Gary married Rebecca Fidler of Harrison County. Gary and Rebecca have three children, Gary, Michael and Marcella.

Alfred "Jack" Barnette worked for more than 30 years at the DuPont plant in Belle, WV and retired in 1968. He died suddenly, August 5, 1972 at the age of 63. Sarah Francis "Sade" Barnette died June 30, 1977 at Jackson General Hospital in Ripley at the age of 66. Jack and Sade are buried in the Creston Cemetery, Mason County. Submitted by Raymond Barnett

ALVA "CASE" BARNETTE

Alva Philip "Case" Barnette was born near Rockcastle, May 9, 1911 and was the son of Cam and Birty Barnette, the grandson of Preston and Clara Barnette, the great-grandson of Robert and Elizabeth Barnette. Case married Aulene Marie Boswell, born September 25, 1915, the daughter of Wile Austin and Mary Etta Hanning Boswell of Given, WV. Case was a farmer and construction worker and lived for many years on a farm on Sycamore, then purchased a home at Fairplain. Case died in a tragic accident, April 4, 1969. He was killed in a head-on collision on Route 33 near Cottageville while returning home from work one evening. Aulene died shortly after, her death came on June 15, 1969, after fighting a long battle with cancer. Case and Aulene Barnette also had a son, Clarence Darrell Barnette, who was killed in an



Aulene and Alva Barnette

auto accident, April 28, 1958. Case, Aulene and Clarence Darrell are buried in Given Cemetery, Given, WV.

Case and Aulene Barnette became the parents of seven children. I. Carroll Austin Barnette (October 26, 1934) married April 30, 1955 Shirley Ann Frashier (August 8, 1936). Marriage dissolved. Their children: A. Debbie Carolice Barnette (November 8, 1955) married June 2, 1974 to Larry Wayne Johnson (May 7, 1952). Children: a) Jason Scott Johnson (September 5, 1975). b) Justin Wayne Johnson (October 23, 1981). B. Deendra Camice Barnette (May 21, 1960) married November 21, 1981 to Larry Wayne Miller (September 8, 1956). Children: a) Brandon Wade Miller (March 6, 1983). b) Jaclyn Renae Miller (March 8, 1986). C. Camden Carroll "Butch" Barnette (July 18, 1962) married September 6, 1986 Debra Sue Nichols (November 26, 1959). Children: a) Brett Michell Barnette (January 16, 1989). D. Martin Michael "Mitch" Barnette (October 3, 1964).

2. Clarence Darroll Barnette (May 23, 1936-April 28, 1958).

3. Sally Ethel Barnette (January 5, 1938) married November 9, 1960 Thomas Louis Antal (April 11, 1926). Their children: Cynthia Lou Antal (October 16, 1961) married April 12, 1985 to David Ray Toler (February 21, 1957). Children: a) David Ryan Toler (October 23, 1987). B. Michelle Marie Antal (July 11, 1965) married May 28, 1983 to Mary Anthony Berry (January 2, 1964). Children: a) Joshua Thomas Berry (October 26, 1983).

4. Alva Lee Barnette (January 6, 1940) married June 1962 to Ellen Joyce Hiner (November 6, 1940). Marriage dissolved. Their children: A. Jeffrey Wayne Barnette (August 24, 1963) married May 16, 1987 to Lisa Jo Eddy (July 24, 1966). B. Lisa Gay Barnette (December 27, 1964). C. Lori Marie Barnette (December 8, 1970). Children: a) Zackary McClintell Barnette (November 9, 1988).

5. Janet Ann Barnette (October 5, 1941) married September 25, 1959 to John Lloyd Jordan (February 5, 1936). Their children: A. Annette Renee Jordan (April 29, 1960). B. Janie Louise Jordan (October 22, 1961) married January 31, 1981 to Daniel Edward Pennock (January 26, 1960). Children: a) Daniel Edward Pennock II (July 24, 1981). b) Amy Dawn Pennock (August 16, 1984). C. Mary Ellen Jordan (January 28, 1964). D. Susan Marie Jordan (February 9, 1968). E. John Lloyd Jordan II (October 3, 1970).

6. Patsy Marie Barnette (April 2, 1943) married July 14, 1963 to Larry Calvin Harrison (November 3, 1939). Their children: A. Larry Calvin Harrison II (April 25, 1964) married August 19, 1989 to Theresa Elaine Spurgeon (May 2, 1963). B. Charles Andrew Harrison (August 16, 1965) married June 23, 1989 to Elizabeth Ann Holmes (May 5, 1964). C. Stephen Douglas Harrison (November 4, 1966).

7. Gerald Edison Barnette (March 31, 1946) married December 22, 1969 to Mary Anne Twiggs (October 10, 1944). Submitted by Sally Ethel Antal and Cynthia L. Toler

CLARENCE J. BARNETTE

Clarence Junior Barnette, the son of Okey Clarence and Julia Eliza (Slade) Barnette, was born September 25, 1924 at Rockcastle, WV. He went to work for the C and O Railroad at the age of 16. He was drafted and entered the Navy on August 20, 1943. He served in the Pacific on the USS Houston until it was hit by Japanese torpedoes. He then served on the Bremerton until discharged in April 1946. After returning home he went back to work for the C and O Railroad and worked there until the fall of 1952 when he went to work at General Motors in Columbus, Ohio. He worked there until 1959 when he went to work at Kaiser Aluminum, Ravenswood, WV, where he retired in February 1971.



Wedding picture of Okey C. and Julia Eliza (Slade) Barnette

On May 23, 1953, Clarence Barnette married Barbara June Buck, the daughter of Clodus and Audren (Riffle) Buck. Barbara was born May 23, 1935, at Grimm's Landing, WV. She attended Mason County Schools and graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School in May 1953. Clarence and Barbara Barnette had five children. Two daughters, Jackie Lynn and Julia Cheryl; and three sons, Clarence Junior II, Dale Lee and Darrell Ray.



Clarence J. Barnette

Jackie Lynn, born May 30, 1954, married Gary Lee Carney. They have one son, Joseph Michael. He was born October 11, 1976.

Julia Cheryl, born August 15, 1957, married Wendell Casto. They are now divorced. She has three daughters. Windy Shantil, born March 15, 1974, Whitney Shawndale, born August 26, 1978, and Summer Dawn, born January 18, 1984.

Clarence Junior II, born August 30, 1955, married Angela Gail Britton and they have two daughters; Chelsea Dawn, born March 10, 1987 and Carrie Anne, born April 28, 1988.

Dale Lee, born April 11, 1960, not married.

Darrell Ray, born January 6, 1962, not married.

Barbara Barnette worked for the U.S. Postal Service from 1968 until 1978. She started as substitute then as Rural Carrier at the Rockcastle Post Office. The route at that time was three days a week. In 1975 she went to work in the Ripley Post Office and Route 1, and Rockcastle Post Office and Route 1. This covered approximately 390 families and 80 miles per day. She retired in

1978.

Clarence died at Pleasant Valley Hospital, December 11, 1986 after a long illness. He is buried in the Barnette Family Cemetery at Rockcastle, WV. Submitted by Barbara Barnette and Jackie Carney

CLYDE BARNETTE

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William Barnett was born about 1775, probably in Botetcourt-Montgomery County area of Virginia. He married Mary McGuire, daughter of John McGuire and Elizabeth Cottle. William and Mary had nine children: Elizabeth, Robert, Mary, John, William, Rebecca, Nancy, James, and Ann. Children by his second marriage were Hannah and Eleanor. They lived in Greenbrier County, Virginia. Originally Greenbrier County, Virginia, covered a great area, including Bath, Highland, and Allegheny counties in Virginia and reached almost to the present site of Charleston, West Virginia.

Robert Barnett, born in 1801, was about eleven years old when his father William moved to a farm on Three Mile Creek (in present Mason County) in 1812. Robert married Elizabeth Rayburn and settled near the head waters of Thirteen Mile Creek. They had 15 children: Mary, Evalina, Henry, William, Robert, Allen, Enos, Emily, Elliott, Eliza, Sarah Ann, Ellen, George W., Mariah and Preston. As other people settled in this area, the store, near Robert's log home, was called Rockcastle. (Today, the Mason, Jackson county line crosses the 1,400 acres Robert owned). The old log home at Rockcastle, in Jackson County, stood until 1960. Robert died in 1882.

George W. was born at Rockcastle. He married Clarissa Blankenship. They lived at Rockcastle. They had eight children: Rude, Asbury Allen (Bob), Perry Eugene, William Luther, Franklin (Bee), twins Esley and Wesley, Belle Elizabeth and Okey Clarence. George W. was a farmer.

Okey Clarence Barnette was born August 12, 1892. He married Eliza Julia Slade on December 25, 1919. Okey served in the Army during World War I. They had four children: William Franklin, Clarence Junior, Opal Louise, and Clyde Omer. Eliza died in 1933. He married Maybelle MacCallum April 21, 1938. They had three children: Shirley Jane, Hilda Mae, and Ralph Edward. Okey was a farmer and member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He died at the age of 95 in 1986.



Oak Barnette

Clyde Omer Barnette was born August 20, 1926. He served as a Sergeant in the Army's 81st Infantry in the Pacific during World War II. He has been involved with the Jackson County Junior Fair, member of the Kenna Grange, and served on



Clyde Barnett

the Republican Executive Committee. Clyde and his family have farmed at Rockcastle for 38 years. Clyde retired after 37 years as a bus driver for the Jackson County Board of Education. He married Cintilla Carney on May 8, 1946. They had four children: Linda Lee born 10-11-47; Daniel Clyde born 8-9-52; Jearl Duane born 6-14-54; and Nancy Darlene 10-5-58.

Linda married Warren Quillen of Kansas. He died in 1985. They had two daughters, Kimberly Ann born 1-14-68, and Cindy Lee born 9-24-69.

Daniel married Sandra Shaffer of Pennsylvania. They have two children: Ashley Nicole born 4-1-81, and Landon Daniel born 6-6-83.

Jearl married Sherry Boswell of Given. They have three children: Adena Dawn born 3-17-81, Andrea Brooke born 1-5-84, and Austin Drew 2-27-86.

Nancy Darlene married Gary Elkins of Ripley. They have one child: Christopher Matthew born 6-26-83. Submitted by Linda Barnette Quillen and Clyde O. Barnett

GRANT BARNETTE

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William Barnett was born in 1829. He married a Miss Harrison. They lived in Mason County near Rockcastle. They had 12 children: William Henry, Rosanna M., Elyina J., Nancy Americana, Elizabeth S., Permelia F., Evalina A., Francis Lincoln, Beverly Sheridan, Addie O., John E., and Emma S. After Miss Harrison's death, William married Emily Worrell. They had two sons, McKinley and Henry. At the age of 33, William enlisted in the Thirteenth West Virginia Infantry on October 8, 1862. He had seven children when he enlisted in the infantry and seven children after the war. He fought in the following battles of the Civil War: Lynchburg, Kernstown, Second Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. He received an honorable discharge at the close of the war in 1865

at Wheeling, W. Va. After the war he resumed farming on his 600 acre farm until his death in 1904.

McKinley Barnett was born July 15, 1897. He married Lottie Sayre on December 21, 1925. They lived in Mason County, near Rockcastle, W. Va. He taught school for 13 years before becoming a farmer. His wife taught school 35 years. They had four children: Clarice Eulah, Cleatice Emily, McKinley Grant and James Henry. He died June 14, 1968.

McKinley Grant Barnett was born January 9, 1936. He has been a classroom teacher, counselor, coach, or principal for the past 34 years. On July 9, 1960 he married Teresa Marie Hensley of Beckley, W. Va. They have four sons: Barry Joe, born June 20, 1963; Bryan Jay, born September 18, 1964; Bobby Jon born May 6, 1966; and Byron Jok born July 31, 1967. Bryan Barnette married Kim Wright of Mason, West Virginia. They have one son, Brenton Jay born May 5, 1986.



McKinley Grant Barnett

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JOHN BARNETTE

Throughout this article the name Barnette is spelled with and without the final "e." The reason is that some generations dropped the final "e" and others attached it to the end of the name.

In 1662, two Barnette immigrants left France for Ireland. One of them was William Barnette who, instead of going to Ireland, went directly to Jamestown, Virginia where he married one of Pocahontas' daughters.

John Barnette, the son of the other immigrant, was born in Londonderry, Ireland in 1678 and he came to Pennsylvania in 1730. Three of John's sons settled in Virginia.

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William and Mary lived in Greenbrier County, Virginia which originally included the areas of Bath, Highland, and the Allegheny counties that

nearly extended to the present site of Charleston, West Virginia.

When Robert Barnett (1801-1882) was 11, his father William moved the family to a farm on Three Mile Creek presently located in Mason County.

Robert married Elizabeth Rayburn and they had 15 children: Mary, Evalina, Henry, William, Robert, Allen, Enos, Emily, Elliott, Eliza, Sara Ann, Ellen, George W., Mariah and Preston.

Robert and his family settled near the headwaters of Thirteen Mile Creek. Land in that section could be bought for five cents an acre, but acreage in the Kanawha Valley was 25 cents. Thus, Robert purchased for five cents an acre the land on which he cut timber and sold furs. As the population of the area increased, a store and post office evolved. The community became known as Rockcastle. Robert, the first to homestead the region, built a log cabin that existed until 1960 when Ott Barnett, grandson of Preston Barnett, constructed a new home on the exact location where Robert's cabin stood.

The Barnett Cemetery consists of approximately two hundred grave sites and overlooks the village of Rockcastle. Today the Mason/Jackson County line cross the 1,400 acres that Robert owned.

William Barnett (1829-1904) married Mary Harrison and they had 12 children: William Henry, Rosanna M., Elyina A., Nancy Americana, Elizabeth S., Permelia F., Evalina A., Francis Lincoln, Beverly Sheridan, Addie O., John Ellsworth and Emma S.



front row: Francis Lincoln and John Ellsworth Barnett
back row: Henry Barnett and McKinley Barnett

After Miss Harrison's death, William married Emily Worrell and they had two sons, McKinley and Henry.

When William was 33, he enlisted in the 13th West Virginia Infantry on October 8, 1862. William fought in the following battles of the Civil War: Lynchburg, Kernstown, Second Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek.

At the close of the war in 1865, William received an honorable discharge at Wheeling, West Virginia. Afterwards, he returned home to continue farming.

Francis Lincoln Barnett (1866-1945) married Georgia Mattox and they had two sons, Alva Clyde and George C. George died in infancy. After the death of his first wife, Francis Lincoln married Georgia Cossin.

Alva Clyde Barnett (1890-1938) married Lucy Stover and they had two sons, Raymond Lincoln and Harsel Andrew.

Raymond Lincoln Barnette (1914-1984) married Virginia Branham and they had one daughter, Delores J. Raymond was an engineer at the Fletcher Enamel Company in Dunbar, West Virginia and in World War II he was the youngest man in the group to have served in the Pentagon.

Raymond owned the Dunbar Sport Shop, and he was the manufacturer and the distributor of the Dunbar Coin Holders. As a numismatist, Raymond conducted appraisals and administered estate auctions. In addition, he formed the Dunbar Coin Club.



Raymond Lincoln and Virginia Barnette

Furthermore, Raymond was a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and he was instrumental in the establishment of the Mountain Lodge of West Virginia, Inc. at Southside. After his retirement, Raymond lived in Mason County, West Virginia where he died at Pleasant Valley Hospital.

Hersel Andrew Barnette (1915-1979) married Pauline Sayre and they had two children, Hersel Ray (Sonny) and Lou Ann.

Delores J. Barnette attended Dunbar High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Charleston (Morris Harvey College) with majors in speech, English and language arts. She taught for several years in the Kanawha and Mason County schools. Delores' postgraduate work at the university afforded her a permanent license to teach. *Submitted by Delores J. Barnette*

RAYMOND BARNETTE

Raymond Lee (Jim) Barnette was born September 24, 1933 in Mason County, the son of Alfred and Sarah Barnette, the grandson of Cam and Birty Barnette, and the grandson of Abe and Ora Thomas Sayre. He married Lorraine Eleanor Herdman of Mason County and they became the parents of three children, Carolyn, Ray and Greg. Lorraine is the daughter of Birdie and Alpha Gregory Herdman, the granddaughter of Peter and Nancy Herdman, and Arnold and Blanche Gregory.

As a small baby, Raymond achieved the nickname of Jim and this name has followed him throughout his life. He is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School, has been employed by Vanadium Steel, Appalachian Power Company and is now employed by R.H. Bouligny, Inc., a contractor from Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a member of the I.B.E.W. Union No. 317 of Huntington, WV; is the owner and developer of the Barnette Tree Farm in Union District in Mason County, a member of the National Christmas Tree Association, and the West Virginia Christmas Tree Association. He has been a past president and chairman of the board of the Jackson County Livestock Co., and is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 19 of Point Pleasant, WV, a member of

the Scottish Rite Bodies of Charleston, WV, a member and a past Chancellor Commander of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Point Pleasant.

Lorraine Herdman Barnette is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School and West Virginia State College. She taught school in Mason County, was a member of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee and is a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the West Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association and is chairman of the Jackson County Past and Present Book.

Carolyn Lydia Barnette Watkins married Russell David Watkins, the son of Ray and Maxine Watkins of Ravenswood. Carolyn is a graduate of Marshall University with a B.A. Degree in Home Economics, M.A. Degree in Food and Nutrition and is employed at the Beaumont Hospital, El Paso, Texas. Carolyn is a registered dietician; Carolyn and David are the parents of two children, Jason and Jennifer. David Watkins is a graduate of Marshall University with both a bachelor and a masters degree and is a major in the U.S. Army presently stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. Major Watkins is a former ROTC Director of Marshall University.

Raymond Lee Barnette II is a graduate of Marshall University with a B.S. Degree in Geology, a graduate of the JATC School of I.B.E.W. Local No. 317 of Huntington, and is employed as an electrician with the I.B.E.W. Ray is married to Sue Wood Barnette who is the daughter of Thomas and Sybil Wood of Ravenswood. Sue is a graduate of Marshall University with a B.S. Degree in social work and an A.S. Degree in nursing and is a registered nurse. Ray and Sue are the parents of two children, Matthew and Rachel.

Gregory Scott Barnette is a student at Southeastern College, Lakeland, Florida, and is employed by Sam's Wholesale Clubs, Inc., in Lakeland, Florida. Greg is married to Denena Post Barnette who is the daughter of Don and Donna Post of Ravenswood. Greg and Denena have two daughters, Bethany and Kayla. *Submitted by Gregory S. Barnette*

SHERIDAN BARNETTE

Beverly Sheridan Barnette was the son of William and Mary Barnette, the grandson of Robert and Elizabeth Barnette. Beverly Sheridan Barnette married Ruey Belle Hill and they had five children: Addie, Andrew, Rufus, Fronna, and Sheridan Donald. Beverly Sheridan Barnette died in October or November of 1903, shortly after the youngest child was born, August 3, 1903. Sheridan Donald Barnette was born at Rockcastle, August 3, 1903 and married Dora Hughes Barnette in 1926.

Sheridan Donald and Dora Hughes Barnette had three sons. Starling Everett (Tuney) Barnette was born in 1927 in Jackson County. Starling married Eva Stoops and they had two children, Richard Joseph and Suzanne. Starling died January 1988. The second son was Sheridan Wade (Babe) and was born in 1928 in Parkersburg. Sheridan Wade married Mary Mathias and they had two children, Sheridan Dennis and Vikki. The third son was born May 12, 1936, at Washington, WV and was named Donald Wayne (Jack). Donald Wayne Barnette married Nancy Joan Raines of Westernport, MD. They had two children, Donald Wayne II, born January 23, 1962 and Rebecca Ann born May 1, 1966. Sheridan Donald and Dora Hughes Barnette reside at Mineral Wells, WV. *Submitted by Donald and Dora Hughes Barnette*

T.K. BARNETTE

T.K. Barnette (Tommy Keith Barnette) son of Hoyt (Tom Barnette and Nellie G. Koontz) Barnette was born at Rockcastle, West Virginia, moved to Trace Fork, at Sandyville, West Virginia, where he lived and attended grade school in a one-room

school on Trace Fork. Also attended Gilmore and Ripley High School, graduated from Gilmore High School at Sandyville. Married the former Norma Lea Stalnaker, daughter of Lida Waitman Stalnaker and Macel Marie Casto.



T.K. and Norma Lea Barnette

T.K. and Norma had three daughters. The eldest, Vickie Lynn Gorrell, Curtiss — which they had twin sons, Brandon Keith Gorrell and Nathan Gregory Gorrell, Tom Chaney Gorrell and one daughter, Tessa Lynn Gorrell. Middle daughter, Gwen Gaye McDougal, had two children, Stephen Shane McDougal and Amber Lea McDougal. The youngest daughter, Cathy Faye Anthony, had four daughters, Madeline Jill, Anna Janine, Jessica Drew, and Courtney Paige. T.K. and Norma are grandparents of ten grandchildren. They lived and raised their daughters on their farm on Trace Fork Road, Sandyville, WV. T.K. a farmer first, worked at Kaiser Aluminum, Ravenswood, from 1958 until 1973. He was appointed Circuit Clerk of Jackson County and remained in this office for 14 years by winning on the Republican ticket in three consecutive times, the highest majority of all candidates running for office. T.K. also served as Clerk of the Magistrate court, while serving as Circuit Clerk. During his life he served on the board of directors of the State Cattlemen's Association, also served as Secretary-Treasurer in 1976 and remained a member of the Jackson County and West Virginia Hereford Breeders Association, past president of the Jackson County Chapter. He worked with the youth at the Jackson County Junior Fair. T.K. and Norma were Honorary F.F.A. members. Norma was a 4-H leader for 15 years while raising the daughters to be 4-Hers; the first 4-H leader to help open the dining hall and kitchen at the Jackson County Junior Fair at Cottageville; Chairperson for the Fair Queen Pageant at the Jackson County Fair; Beta Sigma Phi Eagles, Moose, and Rebeccas, her favorite organization. Norma is employed at Jackson General Hospital for the past 16 years; her favorite pastime is dancing, skiing, and oil painting, which has won some ribbons from county shows. She painted the symbols for the Odd Fellow and Rebecca Hall. T.K. was also a member of the Odd Fellows and Moose Club. T.K. passed away March 29, 1987 at the age of 52 and is buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, West Virginia. Norma still resides on her farm at Trace Fork. *Submitted by Norma L. Barnette*

BARNHART

When Iva Beatrice Barnhart married John Raleigh Pryor on 9-29-1909 in Jackson County; the heritage of four Jackson County families was melded with that of the Pryor pioneers from Pennsylvania and Ohio. Iva was not only a Barnhart but she also held a part of the Safreed, Staats, and Morehouse family heritage, all of whom came to Jackson County in the early 1800s. Iva was the great-great-granddaughter of Jacob Barnhart, Sr.

Jacob, Sr. was married to Hannah Moore, and came to Jackson County before 1820 from Pennsylvania, possibly Somerset County, although he



Jim and Lorraine Barnette

may have been born in Lancaster County. It is believed that he was the son of Henry and Catherine Bernhard. Henry was probably descended from one of the German immigrants from the Palatinate. Many of the Barnharts (German Bernhardt), as did the others from the Palatinate, immigrated between 1710 and 1730, because of religious persecution in Germany. A large proportion of them came through, or settled in, Pennsylvania. Most were farmers, although many were wagon-makers.

Jacob son of Jacob, Sr., was born in 1822 in Jackson County, and married Sarah Safreed sometime before 1844. They had eight children. Their first, John Lewis, was born on 5-27-1844 in the county. Jacob died in Jackson County. The date is unknown. Family tradition holds that Sarah lived to be 100 and died in the county in 1826(7).

John Lewis Barnhart, named after his maternal grandfather, John Lewis Safreed, was a farmer like his father and grandfather before him. On 2-25-1864 at Skull Run, John Lewis married Frances Morehouse, daughter of William and Elizabeth Ives Morehouse. (William, Elizabeth and their family came to Jackson County about 1849.) John Lewis was a veteran of the Civil War, and was a prisoner of the Confederates for a few days shortly before the end of the war. He was quite proud of his service in the Union Army. In the five generation picture his war medals are pinned on his lapel. John Lewis died in Parkersburg on 4-27-1935, just one month shy of his 91st birthday.



front row: John Lewis and
James Franklin Barnhart, middle: John Cunningham,
back row: Virginia Cunningham and Iva Pryor

James Franklin Barnhart was born to John Lewis and Frances on 5-27-1866 in Jackson County, and he also became a farmer. On 11-17-1887, in the same county, he married Georgia Anna Staats. (The Staats were a pioneer family in Jackson County arriving before 1810. They were descended from the New Jersey Staats family whose history can be traced back to at least 1670.) James and Georgia had eight children. Iva Beatrice, their third child, was born on 8-29-1893 in the county. Georgia died on 10-18-1910 in Sherman, and James later married Clara Hartshorn, the daughter of Sebastian and Mary Staats Hartshorn. Mary was a sister to Georgia, thus Clara was a first cousin and stepmother to James Franklin's children.

Iva Beatrice had left home before the marriage, however, because she married John Raleigh at the age of 16. Their first child, Virginia Beatrice, was born on 8-18-1911 in Sherman. Shortly after the birth of their second child, Anne, on 2-11-1913, they moved to Wood County. They went on to have seven more daughters and three sons. Submitted by John H. Cunningham and Virginia B. Clark

BARON-SAYRE

Beginning in France during the early 1600s Nicholas Baron, a butcher by trade, migrated to Canada. He married Mary Chauvin in Montreal where she was born. Our other ancestors, Touissant Toupin Dusault (Dusseau), Noel Morin and John Baptiste Cousineau, who began settling in New

France, Quebec, from 1616 to 1649, are also from France. Noel Morin, a wagonmaker, married Helene Desportes Hebert in 1640. Helene was the first white child born in New France in 1620. Of their twelve children, Germain became the first Canadian to be ordained a priest in 1659, and Marie the first Canadian nun in 1660. Helene D. Hebert Morin was the widow of William Hebert, whose father was Quebec's first settler, Louis Hebert, and is honored with a monument to the Premier Colon-first farmer. Louis was also a great friend of Samuel de Champlain, and next to Champlain was the most important person in the establishment of New France.

The heirs of these men traveled up the St. Lawrence River to Ontario 1770 thru 1780, and again during 1780 thru 1790, traveling to Detroit and Sandwich, now Windsor, Canada. Then our predecessors moved south to Frenchtown, now Monroe, Michigan in the early 1800s to help establish Erie township and the parish of St. Joseph Sur La Baie (Erie).

At this time one cousin deserves mentioning, this being Peter (the scout) Navarre, this Frenchman spent the greater part of his life in the forest, largely among the Indians. Peter Navarre was to Michigan what Daniel Boone was to Kentucky. Navarre knew the great Shawnee chief, Tecumseh. His services as interpreter and scout to Gen. William H. Harrison prompted British General Proctor to offer a reward of 200 pounds for his head, dead or alive.

On the Dusseau side of our family was Gabriel Dusseau, who married Julia Jacob in 1822 and had thirteen children. Four of their daughters died within a period of a month from an epidemic, two daughters did not marry, of the seven boys one drowned in the Erie Canal, another remained single, but Victor married Catherine Morin, whose daughter Ella Dusseau married Jerome Baron, son of Oliver Baron I.

From another root, Francois Cousineau married Mary Robideau at Detroit in 1816. During this time Francois was delivering mail on horseback between Detroit and Cleveland along trails by Lake Erie. He built a homestead where St. Joseph Church now stands and later to donate to the Church those lands, his homestead became the first rectory. His son Isadore married Rosalie Duval and had Amelia, who married Oliver Baron I who was born in 1836.

In the year 1899 the parish trustees for St. Joseph Church were Oliver Baron I, Ezekiel Baron, Dooley Trabbie and our uncle Dr. S. Dusseau M.D. Dr. Dusseau donated funds for the building of two Indian Mission Churches in Colorado, and shared in the cost of a Mission in Texas. He also paid for the education of ten Seminarians for the priesthood. He held several patents on early cars, one of which was the four-wheel drive, years before the first one.

Oliver Baron II, son of Jerome Baron and Ella Dusseau, was born in Toronto, Canada in 1899 and lived there until the age of twelve, and could only speak French. His family then moved back to the Toledo, Ohio area. While courting his future wife, Marie Krall of German-Pole descent, Oliver II had to avoid confrontation with young men of other ethnic groups driving to see her, because he was a "Frenchman." He did win her hand and raised Eugene, Alfred, and Bernadete (BeBe) during the great depression of the '30s. He was by trade a fireman, machinist, tool and die maker, and inventor. Once during those bad times someone was taking wood from his wood pile. Desiring to put an end to it he marked and loaded one log with some gunpowder then placed the log back on the woodpile. After a few days, a neighbor had a blow back of smoke from their stove. This action stopped the taking of his wood. Oliver and Marie Baron are known and addressed by their family members as "Mimi" and "Pipi," due to our French

heritage.

Alfred Jerome Baron, born 1923 in Toledo, to Oliver II and Marie Baron was co-captain of Libbey High School's football team of 1942, Ohio State School Champions, and in 1941 co-champions with Steubenville High due to a tied championship game. He was also an All-State selection for playing the position of end for the same team. He served as a blimp pilot during WW II, a general superintendent for the building of the I-75 Desale bridge in Toledo, holder of one patent and owner of a building supply business. Alfred married Charlene Houck and had children: Douglas, Pamela, Glen, and Paula.

Douglas Alfred Baron born 11-18-1949 in Toledo, Ohio, married Cathy Lynn Sayre, born 12-14-1950 to Carl (Cecil) and Pansy Sayre, of Swanton, Ohio, on 10-10-1970 in Whitehouse, Ohio. Carl (Cecil) Sayre is the son of Chriss and Mary Sayre of Evans, Jackson County.

Douglas Baron received an Associate degree from the University of Toledo in 1970, assistant purchasing agent to the Mellocraft Co. before he and his wife Cathy moved to Ripley in 1975 and began the business X-PERT Carpet Cleaners. His other activities include being a Ripley Volunteer fireman, treasurer, and member of the board of directors. Trustee for the Open Bible Church and trustee, treasurer, and elder for Ripley New Life Church. He is also involved in real estate development of Northgate Estates in Ripley. Douglas and Cathy Baron have two sons, John Hayden Baron born 1-31-82, and Gregory Allen Baron born 3-16-85. Photo on page 407 Submitted by Douglas A. Baron and Carl (Cecil) Sayre

ROBERT AND FLORA BARR

In the early 1800s two young brothers came to the United States to live. They came from Ireland to settle in West Virginia. The brothers' names were John Henry Barr and George Westly Barr.

John was our great-grandfather. John and Mariann had two children, Sarah and George Henry Barr.

George Henry Barr was our grandfather. Our grandfather married three times. He raised 21 children from these marriages.

Our father, William Robert Barr, was born April 28, 1884. His father and mother were George Henry Barr and Mary Burdette. He and his brothers worked in the timber business, like their father and grandfather. Robert later worked on the railroad until he married.

Robert met a beautiful young lady and fell in love. Her name was Flora Ann Hoschar. Flora was born Aug. 2, 1891, the daughter of John W. Hoschar and Martha Rhodes Hoschar. Robert and Flora were married in 1910. Dad was known as Robert Barr.



Robert and Flora Barr

Flora and Robert bought a farm on Long Hollow, where they settled to raise a large family of 11 children. Two of the children died as infants.

Working hard from morning till night in order to provide for their family, enough food was raised

so mother could preserve enough to feed the family until the following year. All meat came from the farm. Wheat was ground into flour and stored in 25 pound sacks.

Flora and Robert lived on Long Hollow all their married life. Robert died in 1933. Flora stayed on the farm with her eight remaining children. Times were not easy; all the children worked exceptionally hard and Flora was able to keep the family together. As the children matured they either married or left home.

On November 15, 1943, at the age of 52, Flora married Lawson Casto. Flora and her three young children moved into Mr. Casto's house on Foster Ridge.

They maintained two residences during this time partly due to war-time conditions. Livestock and crops were tended to on the Long Hollow Farm from the Casto Farm on Foster Ridge. Two of Flora's sons, Dale and Basil, served in World War II, and a daughter, Inez, carried the United States mail.

Lawson Casto died in 1949, but Flora remained in their home until 1969 when the property was sold. Flora then went to live with her children. She would stay a few months with one then another. She would never stay one place too long saying, "she did not want to wear her welcome out." She did this as long as she was able to care for herself. Flora died May 12, 1988.

William Robert Barr, Flora Ann Hoschar Barr, and Lawson Casto are all buried at Foster Chapel Cemetery near Rockcastle in Jackson County.

The children of Robert and Flora Barr are as follows:

Arthur Barr, born April 21, 1911, married Opal Hollon. Five daughters. Married Sybil Forrest, 1989.

Nellie Francis Barr, born Sept. 22, 1912, married Arliage Casto. Five children.

Edith Barr, born April 29, 1914, deceased March 23, 1978, married Robert Rhodes. Two children. Married Hugh Boone.

Ray Elmer Barr, born October 8, 1916, married Gloria Sayre. Five children.

Dale F. Barr, born Sept. 9, 1922, married Anna Mae Sayre. Eight children. Married Carol Burton.

Charles Basil Barr, born May 14, 1925, married Shirley Smith. Six children.

William Robert Barr, Jr., born July 17, 1927, deceased 1965, married Helen Casto. Three children.

Inez, born June 16, 1929, married Raymond Parsons. Five children. Married Robert Brotherton.

Deloris, born Oct. 6, 1931, married Glen Rowley. Five children. Married Delmar Casto.

When Flora died in 1988 she left 146 living descendants. In the family there were five generations, all five female. *Submitted by Inez Brotherton and Dale F. Barr*

BECKWITH

Families whose ancestors had been together since the time of William the Conqueror were united when William Lloyd Pinnell married Olevia May Beckwith, 1/12/1912.

Great-grandfather Lewis Beckwith (4/26/1818-2/04/1897, Antioch Cemetery) married (2/22/1842) Esther —, who died 10/16/1850. Their children were Oscar Jennings (3/12/1843-10/13/1907, Antioch) and Isabel (6/23/1845-). Lewis married (6/18/1860) second wife Sarah Deen Grancil Steward from Pennsylvania (4/12/1832-12/06/1905, Antioch), and had one son, William Lewis Beckwith (9/16/1861-5/24/1942, Blaine Memorial). Sarah brought to this marriage a son, James H. Steward (7/10/1856-9/23/1909).

By the time William Lewis (Will) was 14, his father was blind, and Will had to take over full time farming duties. Will had kept a daily journal from the time he was 14 years old, and much

insight has been gleaned about his family, neighbors, farm activities and everyday life and events in general on Cow Run and Jackson County. To this date, February, 1990, there are friends and family who remember his love of life, his interest in politics, and the great lengths he would go to perpetrate a practical joke. Mother Sarah would travel for miles by horse and buggy to aid the sick, and was always willing to help when a neighbor was in need.

On January 15 1885, Will married Lenora Ellen Sayre (Ella) (5/11/1863-1/03/1945, Blaine Memorial), daughter of George W. Sayre and Mary Jane Lewis. Three of their six children lived to adulthood. Son Ray (2/21/1895) was killed 8/29/1915 in a train accident at 19 years of age (Blaine Memorial); Glenn Eustice (4/06/1887-10/25/1959, Blaine); Olevia May (9/23/1890-5/02/1976, Blaine); Frank Lewis (3/01/1892-7/06/1895, Antioch); Ray Oscar; Elsie (twin to Ray) (2/21/1895-11/30/1897, Antioch); and infant son, born and died 4/27/1902.

Will and Ella stayed on the farm sharing their home with Glen, daughter-in-law, Eva, and grand-



William Lewis Beckwith,
Lenora Ellen Sayre, and son Glen Eustice

daughter, Thelma, until about 1915 when they built a house in Cottageville and moved there to spend their remaining years.

Ella was a quiet homemaker, and suffered through the loss of three beloved children, and two young brothers who were drowned. After heavy spring rains in 1882, according to Will's daily journal, Barr Run was running higher and the current was more swift than could be remembered, when William David Sayre, 14 years old, fell into the water, and his brother, Thomas Lewis Sayre, 17, jumped in to save him. Both young lives were lost that May 6.

William Lewis was a staunch Democrat and a devout Christian. He was a member of the Cottageville United Brethren Church, and served as Sunday school superintendent for over 20 years. He was a Master Mason, AF&AM, Lodge #54 at Cottageville, and a charter member (along with daughter Olevia) of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter #16, Cottageville. He was a man who planned for the future, so he built his own casket at a cost of \$13.00. He cut the boards one and one fourth inch thick and put them away to dry. Fourteen years later, the boards were so dry that he could hardly cut them with a saw or drive a nail through them. He even set his own tombstone in 1926 at Blaine Memorial, where he and Ella now rest. His father-in-law, George W. Sayre, also built his own coffin out of choice walnut wood for a cost of \$25.00, and grandson, Hoyt Crum, varnished it and lined it. William Lewis Beckwith and George W. Sayre lived their entire lives within ten miles of their birth and final resting places.

It is comforting to know that we have come from such fine stock.

Their son, Glen Eustice, married (7/15/1908) Mary Eva Sayre (1886-5/1971, Blaine), daughter of Peter Pierce Sayre (1856-1943) and Sallic Margaret Furgt (1857-1923), both buried at

Antioch. Their children are Thelma (1909-7/29/1968); Blanche (Peg), widow, married P.J. Bays; Doris, widow, married George William Cromley, (Blaine Memorial); Lucian (Buddy) (U.S. Army, WW II), deceased; Ethel (Bet), widow, married Bill Meese; and Glendine, married Jerry Shives.

Thelma married Russell Withrow, and their children are Glen Allen, Columbus, Ohio; Vivian Louise (Kuhl), California; Byron Thomas, Lithopolis, Ohio; Grace Eleanor (Franz), Texas; and Dorinda Genevieve, Texas.

Blanche and P.J.'s offspring are Lynn (Shepherd), California; Jimmy, deceased; and Brenda, California.

Ethel is parent to Sue, Joy and Jim, all of California, and Glendine and Jerry are parents of Linda, Rodney and Nancy, all residing in Pennsylvania.

Olevia May married (1/09/1912) William Lloyd Pinnell (11/15/1888-9/23/1967, Blaine), son of William Perry Pinnell and Czrena Alwilda Williamson Lloyd. (See Pinnell)

William Lewis was a nephew of Tapley Beckwith, Jr., and Adeline Beckwith. *Submitted by Doris Cromley and Grace Franz*

F.H. BEE

Frederick Homer Bee (1957-1951) was a salesman all his life. He loved to talk of his life selling and traveling; he was what was known as a "drummer." He started at an early age. In order to help his mother pay for a sewing machine, she sent him out on the road with the salesman, traveling in a horse-drawn wagon, to sell sewing machines, organs and pianos. When he met the girl he would later marry, Lola Bella Brown, he was buying wool for the Hassler Brothers Mill in Ripley, driving a mule team, in Jackson County. They always declared that they saw each other once a year for four years before their marriage in 1881; that marriage endured for 56 years.

In 1907, he started a general store in Marshall, Jackson County, known as Buffalo Store Co. He continued the business for 32 years. Also, for a time he had a small factory for making brooms, called the Buffalo Broom Co. The counters in his store were constructed with broom handles forming the uprights.

Frederick Homer Bee remembered the Civil War and hiding in the cellar with his family sometimes. His father, Josiah H. Bee (1824-1876) was a captain in the Union Army stationed in West Union, where his men made a desk which is now owned by Daniel Simmons Bee of Houston, Texas, a great-great-grandson of Josiah.

Lola Brown Bee (1861-1937) was a descendant of Jackson County pioneer stock. One of her ancestors was William Parsons, one of the first settlers in the county. His son was Charles Parsons, a veteran of the American Revolution, as was John Carney, another ancestor.

Frederick Homer Bee Jr. became general manager of Scotts Greater Shows after World War I. It was one of the largest in the eastern United States. Later he put together his own business,



Maxine Bee Kee and grandson, Jeffrey Southall

known as the F.H. Bee Shows, which he owned for many years, until his death in 1940. He was survived by two daughters, Betty Jo and Fanny Jane Bee.

Frederick Homer Bee Sr. died in 1951, survived by grandchildren Philip S. Bee and Maxine Bee Kee, the children of John A. Bee and Eva Simmons Bee. Philip Bee died in Houston, Texas, in 1980, leaving wife Jane Fulton Bee and five children: Phyllis Jane, John Frederick, Daniel Simmons, Beatrice and Eva Kathryn Bee.

Maxine Bee Kee has one daughter: Elencva, Mrs. Don Southall of Spencer, WV, and one grandson, Jeffrey Southall, of Washington, D.C.

Submitted by Maxine B. Kee

BENNETT

Beatrice Genevieve Bennett, the first born to Holly Henry Bennett and Ellen Elizabeth Bennett, both deceased, now relates a part of the family story, whose ancestors lived in Jackson County in the 1800s.

Isaiah Bennett, as listed in the 1840 Census, was living in the part of Randolph County, Virginia (now West Virginia) that later became Barbour County, Virginia (now West Virginia). Barbour County was formed in 1843 and became a part of West Virginia in 1863. In the 1850 Census, Isaiah Bennett, his wife, Catherine, and five children were living in Barbour County. By 1860 the family had removed to Jackson County and settled on Cedar Run, in present Ravenswood District. The 1860 Census listed Isaiah Bennett, a farmer and a cooper by trade, his real estate assessed \$4,000.00 and personal property \$150.00; listed he and his wife, Catherine, and children John W. Bennett and Rachel born in Randolph County; Aaron Bennett born July 28, 1844, Mary E., and Joseph born in Barbour County, Virginia (now West Virginia). Isaiah and Catherine's children born in Jackson County were: James M. Abraham, E.(M), Newton, Florida and Harriet. Catherine Bennett, wife of Isaiah, died April 20, 1878, in Jackson County, age 55 years, 5 months, and 20 days. Isaiah Bennett died December 1, 1895. Isaiah and Catherine Bennett were buried in the Bennett Cemetery near the Wilding Road.

Aaron Bennett, son of Isaiah and Catherine Cooper Bennett, served as a private in Captain William Johnson's Company of Jackson County Home Guards in the Civil War, enlisting at Hemlock, July 20, 1863. Aaron was a farmer and a cooper by trade. On February 4, 1864, Aaron Bennett (1844-1925), son of Isaiah and Catherine Bennett, married Ann Eliza Cooper (1850-1925), daughter of William W. and Rachel Cooper. Ann Eliza Cooper Bennett was also known as Annie E. Bennett. Children born to Aaron and Annie E. Bennett were: William I. Bennett (1870-1957) married Leota Anderson (1873-1962) November 25, 1893; George L. Bennett (1876-1960) married Martha (1881-1976) and resided in Parkersburg, WV; Newton H. Bennett, when 20 years of age, married Cora Carmichael on June 23, 1902, and purchased property in Parkersburg, West Virginia; Nannie Bennett, born July 30, 1886, died January 4, 1989. Nannie Bennett married Ed. J. Leeson. To this union were born four sons: Clarence, Walter, Lawrence and Leon Leeson. Clarence and Walter preceded her in death. The family lived in Ravenswood, West Virginia. Nannie Bennett Leeson lived the longest of any of Aaron and Annie Bennett's children; a span of 102 years, 5 months, 4 days. Other children born to Aaron and Annie E.: Florence Bennett married Carl Webster who had two sons and a daughter, Vera, and resided in California; Kate Bennett married Guy Blake and resided at Leroy; others; and Holly Henry Bennett who was a lifetime resident of Jackson County.

Holly Henry Bennett, son of Aaron and Ann Eliza Cooper Bennett (known as Annie E.) born July 31 1880, died June 30, 1968, married Ellen

Elizabeth Cline, born July 22, 1883, in Monroe County, Graysville, Ohio, died October 19, 1956, daughter of William Homer Cline and Mary Elizabeth (Beaver) Cline, on September 10, 1908. Mary Elizabeth's father and mother were John Beaver and Elizabeth Milhoan Beaver. After the death of William Homer Cline, Mary Elizabeth Beaver Cline married Isaac Staats. Mary Elizabeth Cline Staats was born in Woodfield, Ohio, July 13, 1856, and died in Parkersburg, West Virginia, December 25, 1934. Children of William Homer and Mary Elizabeth Cline were: Flotilla "Tillie" (1873-1950), Forrest Hunter Cline (1877-1968), Homer (1881-1933) buried in India, Ellen Elizabeth (1883-1956), Winona (1888-1961). Children of Isaac Staats and Mary Elizabeth Cline Staats were: Florence, died December 28, 1981, Isaac (1892-1945), and Tony C. Staats (1894-1941).

Holly Henry Bennett and Ellen Elizabeth Bennett's children were born as follows: Beatrice Genevieve, January 11, 1913; Beulah Elizabeth, February 26, 1916; Phnelma Evelyn, May 30, 1918; Pauline, June 16, 1920. The daughters were all born on the Bennett farm above Silverton, in Ravenswood District, Jackson County. The family later moved to Ravenswood and daughters graduated from Ravenswood High School before continuing their education. Beulah Bennett Koster, Phnelma Bennett Evans Gorrell and Pauline Bennett Vickers have related further family history in other pages of this Jackson County History.



Laura Fisher and Bennett sisters; Beatrice (Fisher) Hite, Beulah Koster, Phnelma (Evans) Gorrell, and Pauline Vickers

Beatrice Genevieve Bennett married Glenn Webster Fisher, born in Jackson County January 26, 1913, son of Leonard Greeley Fisher (1881-1959) and Della Elizabeth Cleek Fisher (1884-1969), on December 24 1938, in the Methodist Church of Ravenswood. To this union, a son and a daughter were born: Kenneth Paul Fisher, born June 28 1943, in Kanawha County, and Ellen Elizabeth, born July 24, 1946, in Kanawha County. Glenn W. Fisher served three years' service in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was employed by the Kanawha County Board of Education and taught Industrial Arts in the Dunbar High School and Sissonville Junior High. The family moved to Ripley in the early 1950s where children completed their secondary education before graduating from West Virginia University. Beatrice had completed her degree at Mountain State College and she worked quite extensively in financial institutions before marriage and during the time the children were going to school.

Ellen Elizabeth Fisher married David W. Horner, born March 4, 1946, son of William C. Horner (deceased 1977) and Sara Horner of Martinsburg, West Virginia, on July 26 1969 in the Calvary United Methodist Church of Ripley by Reverend William R. Eaton. David served in the U.S. Air Force before working in his field of electrical engineering. Ellen and David have been residents of Maryland since their marriage. She taught Home Economics for a few years before becoming a Certified Public Accountant. David and Ellen

have a son, Matthew Lewis Horner, born June 14, 1979, and a daughter, Alison Elissa Horner, born October 24, 1984, living in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Kenneth Paul Fisher married Catherine Booker Rowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rowell of Potomac, Maryland, on December 18, 1971. Kenneth has been in the education field since college. He has served the last several years in the field of administration. Catherine has served in the field of elementary education. To this marriage was born a daughter, Laura Christine, on December 10 1975, and son, Andrew Rowell born December 16, 1981, died January 2, 1982, interment in the Fairplain Cemetery. The Kenneth Fisher family reside State Route 2, Sistersville, West Virginia.



Alison Horner, Albert Hite, and Matthew Horner

After the death of her husband, Glenn Webster Fisher, on April 30, 1972, Beatrice Bennett Fisher remarried to Albert Arnold Hite on October 25, 1975. Albert Arnold Hite was born in Jackson County, October 21, 1915, to William Stevens Hite (1872-1957) and Louisa Jane Hite (1879-1956), daughter of William Henry and Ruhama (Casto) Fisher. Albert's first wife, Vivian O'Dell Staats Hite (1916-1973) was the daughter of Carter and Lillian Winters Staats. Albert and Vivian had no children. Albert A. Hite served three years in the ETO in World War II. He retired in 1975 from beef cattle farming and poultry production operation. Beatrice requested and received early retirement end of December 1976. Beatrice's grandchildren were all born after she and Albert had married and it is special for all to get together. Albert and Beatrice are enjoying retirement, always have some project ongoing, and how fast the time does fly! *Submitted by Beatrice B. Hite and Kenneth P. Fisher*

JOSEPH BENNETT

The earliest record we find of Joseph Bennett (1806-1862) being in Jackson Co. area is when he signed the marriage bond of Mary Jane (Hughes) and Abijah Hunt on 3 May 1828. Then on 4 April 1833, he married Martha Parson (1812-1889) and they made their home on Cow Run near the Antioch Church. Some records state that Martha was the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Parson but, so far, no proof of what Charles Parson this was. The death record of Joseph says he was born in Pennsylvania, the son of John and Jane. In book 9, page 78 we find where Joseph Bennett was one of six men appointed to lay out the county into districts. He is, also, said to have laid out the road over the hill from Cow Run to Angerona, so he may have been a surveyor.

After Joseph's death, Martha married David Wink, a widower. She is buried in cemetery across the road from Antioch Church and we assume Joseph and some of his children are buried there. In early years this cemetery was known as Bennett Cemetery.

Their children:

1. A daughter in 1840 census, over five years old. No further record.
2. Benjamin (1836-1919) married Josephine Hill (1838-1916), daughter of Laban and Rebecca

(Woodruff) Hill, 21 April 1863.

3. Charles (1838-) married Nancy E. Penick 27 October 1864, daughter of Clement and Elizabeth Penick. Charles was a private in Co. B of 22nd Virginia Infantry, enlisting in 1861 and was a prisoner on 1 April 1864. Sometime after 1900 Charles and Nancy with their family moved to Indiana by horse and wagon.

4. George, died in 1861 at age 20.

5. Elizabeth (1843-) married James Parson 31 March 1864, son of Moses and Mary (Deweese) Parson.

6. John (1845-1864) a private in Co. B of the 22nd Virginia Infantry, was wounded in action 1863, a prisoner in 1864, and transferred to Fort Delaware where he died of measles. Buried at Finn's Point National Cemetery, New Jersey.

7. Emmacette (1847-1924) married Mason Casto 9 January 1867, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Shinn) Casto.

8. Irvin "Doc" (1849-1924) married Margaret J. Dunlap 23 March 1869.

9. Lewis "Jake" (1851-1914) married Charity Sayre 11 October 1875, daughter of Abel and Catherine (Anderson) Sayre.

10. Craten (1854-). In 1870 he was in household of Oscar Beckwith at age 16. No further record.

11. Easter (1856-). No further record.

12. William A. (1860-1940) married Rebecca Sands, 24 May 1879.

I am Anna (Bennett) Sayre, the only living grandchild of Joseph and Martha (Parson) Bennett. I was born 2 February 1895 on a farm near Cottageville, W. Va., the youngest child of Lewis "Jake" and Charity (Sayre) Bennett. I had six sisters and two brothers. On 21 September 1912 I married Isaac Sayre and we had 13 children. *Submitted by Mrs. Anna (Bennett) Sayre*

BENSON

Mathias Benson moved from Pennsylvania to Highland County, Virginia in 1787. An assessment of his estate in 1794 shows that he was a slave owner and had a still valued at \$48.

Mathias had two sons, Mathias and James. James married Margret Trimble, the daughter of James Trimble who came to America from Scotland to fight for the British during the Revolutionary War. After the war he lived in Highland County, Virginia where he prospered as a landowner and slave holder. James and Margret moved to Doddridge County to raise their family. During the Civil War the family was split in half as their sons Wade Hampton and William fought for the South joining the Twentieth Virginia Cavalry, while their brother Calvin fought for the North. Wade Hampton was shot and captured during the Battle of Droop Mountain then sent to Camp Chase, a prison in Columbus, Ohio.

After Wade Hampton was released in 1865, he came to Jackson County where he married Martha Brown, daughter of Thomas and Ruth Bill Brown. Wade and Martha's daughter, Laura Benson, married Wallace Rector. Their daughter, Mayme Rector, married Otmer Salser. Otmer and Mayme are the parents of my mother, Maxine DeWitt. *Submitted by Norse Angus*

ELIZABETH (MILHOAN) BEVER

My great-grandmother, Elizabeth Ellen Milhoan was born in Belmont County, Ohio in 1835.

She came to Jackson County, Va. with her widowed mother, Elizabeth Starkey Milhoan and some of her brothers and sisters around 1850. Her father, John Milhoan, died around 1847 but not before he had purchased land in Jackson County. It was to this land that his widow came with her family.

The area in which the family settled was later known as Milhoan Ridge. Elizabeth Ellen Milhoan later returned to Ohio where her sister and a brother or two still lived.

She married John Bever in 1855 and together they raised a large family. Their children that reached adulthood were Mary Elizabeth, Alfredetta, Carey, Oliver, Melvin, Belle, John E., and Charles. Most of these children were born in Monroe County, Ohio where the family made their home until around 1880.

Some time later John and Elizabeth E. Bever moved to Jackson County, W. Va. with most of their children. John Bever died in the spring of 1893. Their daughter, Belle Bever, married in Jackson County, W. Va. 1897 to B.F. (Frank) Montgomery and later moved with her husband to Wood County, W. Va.

In 1900 Elizabeth E. Milhoan Bever was still living in Jackson County in the Beech Grove area with her son, Charles. Sons John E. and Melvin Bever and families lived near by.

We do not know when or why Elizabeth E. Bever went to Wood County, W. Va. to live with her daughter, Belle Bever Montgomery, but it was there she lived out the rest of her life.

Once again, Elizabeth Ellen Milhoan Bever returned to Jackson County, W. Va. and was laid to rest in the Milhoan Ridge Cemetery. Three of her sons, John E. Carey and Charles Bever, along with members of their families are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

Son Melvin Bever and members of his family are buried in Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio. Oliver F. Bever buried in Eugene, Oregon. Daughters Mary Elizabeth and Belle, Wood County, W. Va. Alfredetta in Monroe County, Ohio. *Submitted by Virginia Montgomery Murray*

BEYMER

The Beymer family has its roots dating back to Simon Bohmer born 1666, wife Margaretha born 1665 in Ransweiler, Germany. Their son Sebastian born 1701 in Bavaria, Germany. Sebastian had a son Conrad, born 1740, Baumholder Patatine region of Germany. Conrad married Juliana of Germany in 1765. The couple lived in Germany several years where Juliana bore three children, namely, Juliana, born 1766, Margaret and George and before the birth of Fredrick 1770. They settled in Carlisle, Pa. and more children arrived over the years. They wrote in German script until 1770 when they arrived in Carlisle, the name was changed to Beymer.

In 1800 there were seven brothers in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The children of Conrad and Juliana Beymer were Juliana, Margaret, George, Fredrick, Johannes, Catherine, Henry Conrad, Jacob, Wilhelm, Simon, Elizabeth, Peter, Philip, and Mariah.

George and Henry Beymer were first to come to Cambridge, Ohio. They sold property and moved eight miles east and laid out a town called Beymer-town, later called Old Washington. In 1806 Simon arrived. He married Nancy Webster of Philadelphia, Pa. Other brothers arriving were Philip, Wilhelm and Peter. They all married and remarried. The whereabouts of the Beymer daughters are still unknown. Some remarried in Pennsylvania.

I have been told we descended from Simon Beymer, son of Conrad.

Simon Beymer, born 1780, married Nancy Webster, second wife Ann Fracher, children are George, Eleanor, William, Richard, John, Joseph, Conrad and Ann.

Richard married Martha West, lived at Whigville, Ohio. Children were Celia Ann, William Henry, Mary Ellen, Edmond, Christina, Martha Saraha, Franklin Swazy, Olive, Emma and Louisa.

William Henry Beymer (1842-1929), son of Richard and Martha Ann West Beymer, married Amanda Hamilton (1847-1923), moved to Rock

Camp Run, Wood County in 1870, later moving to Lockhart. Children were: Wilbert Peterson, Laura Belle, Thomas Worthington. All three died as infants in Noble County, Ohio. Mary Rebecca married Enock Black, lived on Nessleroad, was a farmer. Anna Olive married Kirby Currey, a depot agent, Sandyville. Harry Edward married Ella McGown, factory worker, New Brighton, Pa. William Owen married Geneveria Thomas, a farmer, barber, organist, Lockhart. Emma Barnett married Charley Wilson, tobacco buyer, lived at Lockhart. James Garfield married Nettie Blair, school teacher, farmer, lived at Lockhart. Nellie Viola married John Currey, lived at Sandyville, worked gasoline plant. Arthur Logan married Ella Wilson, lived on Parsons Run, carpenter, farmer. Richard Walter married Olive Getchil, lived in Cleveland, Ohio, worked for the railroad. Homer DeWayne married Ada Beymer, lived in Ripley, was mail carrier.



William Henry and Amanda (Hamilton) Beymer

William Owen Beymer (1877-1963), born Rock Camp Run. After moving to Lockhart, he walked to Sandyville every Saturday to barber, was also organist at Lockhart Methodist church over 50 years. May of 1917 married Geneveria Thomas Andrews (1891-1978). Stepfather of Cecil Andrews, father of Marguerite Marie. Most Beymers are buried in Independence Cemetery, Sandyville.

Marguerite (1918) married Chester Moore 1920. In 1941 lived in Zelienople, Pa. until Chester was called to service. Chester was in 99 Const. Battalion of Seabees, World War II, retired from DuPont, Washington Works. Parents of two children, Frank Joseph born 1950, spent four years Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, owns and operates garage in Ripley, married Rosetta Hess, have four children, Gregory, Treva, David and Brenda, one grandson, Trevor Joseph. They live on Parsons Run.

Christine Elizabeth, born 1958, married Michael Rasel. She's employed by Pepsi Cola Co. They have a daughter, Laura Elizabeth. Live on Parkersburg Route. Frank and Christine both graduates of Ripley High School and Mountain State College. *Submitted by Marguerite B. Moore and Rosetta Hess Moore*

ARTHUR LOGAN BEYMER

Born January 15, 1885 in the community of Lockhart (known in past years as "Buttermilk").



Arthur Logan and Louella (Wilson) Beymer

He was the 11th of 13 children born to William Henry and Amanda Hamilton Beymer.

He married Louella Wilson, daughter of Amor and Elizabeth Maddox Wilson of Ravenswood on August 24, 1907. They spent all of their married life on their 38 acre farm where they raised their five children, Norene, Ronald, Philip, Delore and William (Bill).

Mr. Beymer was a farmer and well known for his work as a carpenter. He built homes for many people throughout the years in Parkersburg, Charleston and as far away as New Brighton, Pennsylvania. He never owned a car and always walked wherever he had to go. If his work was at a far distance, he would ride with one of his workers. They didn't use as many tools to work with in those days and if the job was within a few miles of his home, he walked there and carried his tools. This exercise may have contributed to his good health and long life.

He was a devout Christian and an active member of the Lockhart United Methodist Church, where he served as Choir Director and Youth Leader throughout the years. He had a very good singing voice and was talented in playing the piano and organ. His church was an important part of his life.

Mrs. Beymer preceded him in death by 13 years. She died in October 1966 and Mr. Beymer passed away in September 1979. He served a long and useful life. He was 94.

Three of his children are still living and live in Wood and Jackson counties. William (Bill) lives in Parkersburg, Philip in Evans and Norene Moore at Medina. Ronald passed away on September 21, 1987 and Delore Doolittle on June 1, 1988.

Mr. Beymer is remembered by his family for his honesty and gentleness. He was a quiet but loving man. *Submitted by his granddaughter Donna Beymer Hewitt*

BEYMER — WILSON

The heads of these families were natives of Ohio. Both men were soldiers of the Civil War. But after marriage came to West Virginia. Father and mother settled at Belleville, Wood County. Mother returned home for the birth of her first baby. Soon they moved to Limestone Hill, Wirt County. Here a son is born. Again they moved to Wolfe Penn Creek, Doddridge County. Here on January 27, 1881, I was born. Again they moved to a place near Weston, in Lewis County. Here the family was not increased. They now moved to near Frametown, Braxton County. Here a daughter was born. But while living here, father sold his sawmill, four teams of horses and five yoke of oxen to his helper. But from this sale, he never received a penny. Now they moved to Newton, Roane County. Here a son was born. Another move and a son was born, another move and a son was born. It was here, January 19, 1891, father died. And the Masons buried him in the little cemetery nearby. In the 18 years of married life, father and mother had brought into the world six boys and two girls. Mother was now left with eight children, and her means of support were meager.

In April 1893, mother decided to go to a sister, who had married William H. Beymer, and who had a large farm in the Lockhart section of Jackson County. On this farm, high among the hills, stood a log house. It was here mother began housekeeping. She had now moved eight times and lived in seven counties.

In the Beymer family were six boys and four girls. Here within calling distance, lived 18 first cousins. All grew to manhood and womanhood and made homes of their own. In the 72 years that have passed, not a harsh word has ever passed among them. In both families were farmers, merchants, and factory workers. One member from each family retired from railroad work. One member of the Beymer family retired from mail delivery

service. Not one has ever been brought into court for a crime of any kind. One member of the Beymer family was organist at the Lockhart Church more than 50 years. All have been members of a church of their own choosing. All have been members of a political party. One member of each family has been a carpenter all his life. One member of each family has remained in the Lockhart community. Two members of the Beymer family and one of the Wilson family taught school. One member of the Wilson family graduated from Spencer High School. Also a graduate of Morris Harvey College, class of 1908. And a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, class of 1908.

Members of both families have all passed away since this was written in the 60s by my dad, Guy C. Wilson. *Submitted by Lee Wilson*

JOHN AND BELLE BIBBEE

John Meredith Bibbee, the youngest child of Ephraim Bibbee and Eliza Mary Pinnell, was born February 1, 1880 at Cottageville, died Sept. 26, 1960 at the age of 80. He married Frances Belle Kessel, Nov. 13, 1904. She was born March 27, 1885, died Nov. 29, 1983 at the age of 98. They are buried in the Fairplain Cemetery. She was the daughter of James Mason Kessel and Flora Jane Parsons Kessel. John and Belle celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1954.



John Meredith and Francis Belle Bibbee

John was four years old when he moved from Cottageville to Kenna, where he grew to manhood and was actively identified with affairs and business of that part of the county. They lived at Charleston, West Virginia, in 1904-1907 where he worked with a team of horses hauling for construction.

In 1907 he purchased a farm at Kenna, where five children were born as follows: Gerald Bibbee, Mabel Bibbee, Guy Bibbee, Ray Bibbee, and Marie Bibbee Boswell. He was a proud grandfather of five, great-grandfather of six, and a great-great-grandfather of four. The grandchildren are: Russell Bibbee, son of Gerald, Guy Bibbee, Jr., Robert Bibbee, sons of Guy Bibbee, Sr.; Terry and Sandra Boswell, daughters of Marie Boswell.

The great-grandchildren are: Keith and John Bibbee, sons of Russell; John and Elizabeth Ann of Guy, Jr.; Jason and Melinda of Robert.

The great-great-grandchildren are: Charolette, daughter of Keith; Lee, Wesley and Megan, children of Ann Withrow.

Ray served in the United States Air Force as a sergeant, spent four years in South Pacific. After his discharge from service, he spent 38 years at DuPont Plant, retiring in 1978. He is now active in farming in Jackson County.

In 1920 John purchased a farm from Dave Raines, near Ripley in Jackson County. Their farm comprises one of the larger acreages in Jackson County. During all the years of his residence on the farms and for many years afterwards, he was recognized as one of the leading and successful farmers and livestock dealers of the county. He was a progressive farmer, was untiring to improve his land and took pride in handling livestock.

He and the family farmed extensively, raising their fresh produce and food products that they sold. It helped to supplement the family income and educated the five children.

He was widely known throughout the state as a fancier and a breeder of Hereford cattle, was an appraiser for the local association for the Federal Land Bank of Baltimore for twenty-four years.

Nature was very kind in giving him a strong physical body and a wonderful disposition. He never worried over the affairs of life and always appeared in good humor. He was loyal to his friends, visited folks in sickness, or misfortune with words of wisdom; ministered to them in time of need, gave them good advice when they sought it, and was a friend to all at all times. *Submitted by Mabel Bibbee*

BIBBEE (BIBBY)

The Bibbees (sometimes spelled Bibby) who settled in what is now Jackson Co., WV, are believed to be descendants of William Bibby who came to Virginia in 1620 from England. Our earliest proven ancestor was John Bibbee, born June 4, 1736, probably in Rappahannock Co., VA. By 1787, John, his wife, Susannah, and their children had moved to Harrison Co. and by about 1800 to what is now Jackson Co.

John and Susannah's eighth child, Joseph, was born in VA on Apr. 5, 1783. He married Margaret "Peggy" Parsons, daughter of Charles Parsons and Elizabeth Chestnut on Aug. 3, 1809, in Gallia Co., OH. By 1813, Joseph and his younger brother, Elijah, had moved to Letart Twp., Meigs Co., OH, where they bought farmland and raised large families. In 1830, Joseph bought another farm on Mill Creek, Jackson Co. He died here on Aug. 1, 1855.

Of the nine children of Joseph and Peggy, Elijah was born Oct. 3, 1809, married Tamer Sayre on Mar. 1, 1832 in Meigs Co. and later moved to Jackson Co. where they had 11 children. Of these, only three lived to have children of their own. Margaret Matilda (1835-1915) married George Gilpin and had five children, Ephraim Sayre Bibbee (1843-1909) married Eliza Mary Pinnell and they raised seven children; many of their descendants are living today in Jackson Co. and vicinity, including granddaughter Mabel Bibbee, daughter of John Meredith Bibbee (1880-1960) and Frances Belle Kessel (1885-1983). Moses Sayre Bibbee (1855-1932) married Susan Pyle and they had 14 children.



Ephraim Sayre and Eliza Mary Pinnell Bibbee

Of the remaining children of Joseph and Peggy, Delilah (1811-1898) married Abraham Slaughter, Susan (1813-1906) married John Adams Coe (see article, this volume), Abraham (1818-?) married Hannah Long and Eliza Young, Anna (1819-1871) married Alfred Gilpin, Margaret (1824-1855) married Thomas Herdman, Alfred (1827-?) married Hester Hinzman, Amelia Rice, and Cassa Jenkins, Joseph, Jr. (1830-?) married Ereanah Combs, and Tamer (1833-1862) married George W. Coe. *Submitted by Clark Blake*

JOSEPH AND MARGARET BIBBEE

To add history to the Jackson County Book is an honor. I want to begin with saying that my rich family history is being gathered by my cousins, Mabel Bibbee and Clark Blake. Without their help much of our current history would go untold. Clark has brought together the past and Mabel is doing the history of my grandfather's brother, Ephraim Bibbee, to the pages of history. Clark is doing the Bibbee-Coe family.

My ancestors date back to the 1600s. Joseph Bibbee (1708-1870) married in 1809 Margaret (Peggy) Parsons, giving my past a rich heritage. A distant cousin, T.C. Parsons, a noted country doctor, did our first family heritage, recounting many interesting facts about life and times in the family. In recent times many books have been written linking families together from the Ripley, W. Va. area.

Margaret and Joseph lived in Jackson County working on their farm, and raised 10 children. Their first born, Elijah Bibbee (1809-1855), married Tamer Sayre (1811-1894) in the year of 1832. This union brought forth 11 children. Elijah followed in his father's trade as a farmer. Their children were: Charles (1832-1836), Margaret Matilda Bibbee (1835-1915) married George Gilpin, Henderson Bibbee (1838-1852), Lydia Bibbee (1840-1845), Ephraim Sayre Bibbee (1843-1848), Caroline Bibbee (1846-1850), Charlotte Bibbee (1848-1848), Morgan Rhee Bibbee (1849-1850), Elijah M. Bibbee (1851-1852), Earmid A. Bibbee (1854-1854), Moses Sayre Bibbee (1855-1932).

A point of interest at this time, 1989. My cousins, Mabel and her brother, Ray, with the aid of cousin Clark Blake have recovered the headstones of Elijah (father), Henderson, Caroline, and Morgan from being lost forever. They were on the McCoy farm. Mabel and Ray are caring for them now. Great-grandmother Tamer lived to the age of 83.



Bibbee family

Her son, Moses Sayre Bibbee, is her 11th child, and my grandfather. He took to wife Dusan Pyle in 1877. They resided in the Jackson County area for some time before they settled in Wheeling, W. Va. They had 14 children and their first, Tamer, died shortly after birth, 1878, then an unnamed infant in 1879. Winchester (1880-1923) married Florence McClung, George Ephraim (1883-1959) married Bertha Lorentz, Ona Mae Bibbee (1884-1972) married Charles Wildpert, Grover Cleveland (1886-1950) married Clara Miller, Arthur Bibbee (1887-1954) married Catherine Lorentz, Nina Bibbee (1889-1969) married Chris Kercher, Fred C. Bibbee (1891-) married Myrtle Reinhardt, Harry Bibbee (1893-) married first, Lillie Hilton, second marriage M. Elizabeth Luckel, Floyd Bibbee (1896-1987) married Emily C. Pensis, Susan Louise Bibbee (1898-19) married Stark Sloan, Christopher Cyrus Bibbee (1900-1968) married Margaret Ritz.

My father, Floyd Bibbee, is the 11th son of the 11th son. He was born in Ravenswood, W. Va.

(1896-1987) reaching the age of 91, outliving all of his siblings. As a young man, he worked for the Civil Service as a U.S. Lockman on the Ohio River. When war broke out in Europe, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, going to France in 1918. He was the only member of his family to serve in the military. After the Great War he returned to Wheeling, W. Va. and back to the river. This is where he met my mother, Emily C. Pensis, and they were married in 1921. This brought forth six children. During the early years of marriage Dad worked for Wheeling Steel Mill. Times were hard for everyone. These were the years of the Great Depression, so Dad moved the family to the Detroit, Michigan area. He returned to Civil Service work, working at the Detroit Arsenal. Then the second World War was at hand. He worked there until he retired in 1962. He and Mother moved to Clearwater, Florida.

My oldest brother is Floyd Henry Bibbee (1922). He married Jenny Herling (deceased). They had two sons, Dennis and Brian. He is now married to Rosie, and living in Gettysburg, PA. They are grandparents also. Floyd spent a short time in the Army during World War II.

Emma Lee Bibbee (1924) married Emery Barnett (divorced). A son, Thomas Richard, was born. Her second husband was James Keith (deceased). A son, Jon Robert, was born. She is now married to James Fredrick and he adopted Thomas. They reside in Gaylord, Michigan. The boys served in the armed forces during the Vietnam Conflict. Sis and Jim are great-grandparents now.

Ronald John Bibbee (1930) married Charlotte Meeker, having two children, Linda Louise and Ronald Bibbee Jr. Ronald served in the armed service during the Koran War. He retired from the Ford Motor Co. They are now living in Tampa, FL. Ron and Charlotte are grandparents. Their son, Ronald, is now serving in the U.S. Navy.

My youngest sister, Marlene Bibbee (1934) married Robert De Lair. They have one child, Sheri Lynn. She is single and has traveled throughout the USA and abroad. Robert served in the Air Force during the later part of the second World War. He is now retired from Northwest Air Lines. They reside in Jackson, Michigan.

This is my story — Dona Louise Bibbee (1931) married Jay Charles Tysinger. We have four children: three boys and one girl. I have been divorced from Jay for some time. Because of research I now belong to the D.A.R.

Our oldest is Kurt Alan and he is serving in the U.S. Air Force. He has a child, Chrystal Noel, from his first marriage to Anna Cribbs. He is now married to Lynn Valentine. They reside in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Deborah Lee Tysinger married Alan Wilkinson. They have two children, Erin Brooke and Kimberly Ann. They all reside in Shalimar, FL. Alan is serving in the U.S. Air Force. I might say this, Kurt and Alan went to school together and entered the Air Force at the same time.

My last two boys are both single. Philip J. Tysinger (1962) is going to school, soon to graduate. The youngest is Todd Louis Tysinger (1974). He is a freshman at Dunedin High School. Both boys live with me in Florida.

I mentioned earlier that my mother had six children. One was "stillborn." Although I have many kin that I have not mentioned, we have reached the ninth generation from Joseph and Margaret Bibbee with a count of approximately 664 from gathered information to date. *Submitted by Donna Tysinger*

BLAIN

James Blain was born between 1760 and 1770 in Ireland and married a woman named Anne. They came to America in the late 1700s and first lived in Pennsylvania, then Virginia and Ohio. They died in Meigs County, Ohio sometime after 1830. They had seven children: Francis A., John, Robert,

Nancy, Leman, Matthew, and Jane.

Frances A. Blaine I was born 23 July 1813 in Meigs County, Ohio. He served in the Civil War, enlisting at Ravenswood, WV on 4 November 1861 as a Corporal in Company C, 9th Regt., WV Infantry. He was honorably discharged 14 March 1865. While in the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain in Washington Co., VA on 9 May 1864 he was wounded by the bursting of a shell from rebel guns so as to lose the muscle of one bone of the left leg for eight inches next to the heel and also parts of both heels, rendering him lame for life. His civilian occupation was a steamboat pilot. His first marriage was to Nancy Weaver on 28 Dec. 1831. They had seven children: Angeline, Alexander, Margury Ann, Mary Jane, Victoria, Sarah Frances, and James P. After Nancy's death, Francis married Sarah Sayre in about 1852 in Meigs County, Ohio. She was born 6 April 1819 in Meigs County, daughter of Robert Sayre and Martha Jones. She died in 1855 and is buried in the Letart Falls cemetery in Meigs County, Ohio. They had only one child, Francis A. Blaine II. After Sarah's death, Francis married Cassandra Cheuvront and had five children: Martha, Nancy, Amos Newberry, Matthew and a child who died when two days old. Francis died on 9 Dec. 1895 at Portland, Ohio and is buried in the Browning Cemetery.

Francis A. Blain II was born in about 1852 in Meigs County, Ohio. He married Lorenia M. "Lona" Coleman there on 25 February 1883. She was a daughter of Nelson and Nancy E. Coleman (granddaughter of Fred and Clara Coleman). They moved to Jackson County, WV and their only child, Frank Nelson, was born at Muses Bottom on 20 February 1885. Lona died when he was born and she is buried in the Blaine Cemetery at Ravenswood. Frank was raised by his maternal grandparents.

On 24 January 1907, Frank married Maud Ethel Topping in Logan County, WV. She was born 27 May 1889 in Wayne County, to George Washington Topping and Eliza Rebecca Harrison. Frank was an electrician at Owens Illinois in Huntington and they lived on a farm near LeSage, WV. They were members of a non-denominational church and were faithful members for many, many years. He died 29 April 1970 and Maud died 11 July 1971. They are buried in the Swan Cemetery near Salt Rock, WV. Frank and Maud had three children: Raymon Ervin, Francis Ross, and Beverly Joan.

Raymon Ervin Blain was born 8 November 1907 in Monitor, WV and married Amy Kathleen



Luther and Tomi (Blain) Rodgers Jr

Silvey on 12 April 1936 in Delta, Colorado. He died 2 April 1963 and is buried in the Galveston County Cemetery, Hitchcock, Texas. They had three children. Richard Warren was born 22 Jan. 1937 in Delta, Colorado and is an Employment Specialist in Houston, Texas. Tonia "Toni" was born 8 April 1939 in Delta, Colorado. She has two children: John Raymon Shannon, born 24 Dec. 1963, who is a student at the Art Institute of Dallas in Texas, and Angie Marie Shannon, born 31 Jan. 1962, who married John Steven Whitener and has two daughters: Shannon Grace, born 4 Feb. 1982 in Houston, and Jennifer Marie born 19 July 1985

in Texas City, Galveston Co., TX. Toni married Luther Bryant Rodgers, Jr. on 3 January 1986. He was born 30 August 1930 in Charleston, WV. Marjorie Erin Blain was born 17 March 1945 in Joliet, Illinois. She had two children: Dana Lyne Sikes was born 10 Dec. 1962 in Texas City, Texas and married Stephen Wild; and Shelley Kathleen Sikes was born 2 Sept. 1966 in Texas City, TX and was abducted and murdered during the Memorial Day weekend of 1986. Submitted by Toni Blain Rodgers

BLAIN(E)

My mother, Eva Victoria Blaine, was born 1887 in Cottageville, W. Va., daughter of Grant Hiram and Sophia (Sleeth) Blaine. When she was about 21 years old she came to Pittsburgh, Pa. and stayed with former neighbors from Jackson County while looking for work. Here she met and married my father, Frank Ruffcorn. My mother's brothers and sisters, all born in Jackson Co., were: Flora who married Wm. Stewart; Charles Homer married Ora Harpold; William married Abbie Ingrove; James Herbert died in mill accident; Agnes married Ray Barker; Ellsworth married Laura Hutchinson; Forest Eugene married Clyde Wright.

The first ancestors I found were James and Ann Blain, both born in Ireland. They came to America in late 1700s, first to Pa., then to Va. and in Meigs Co., Ohio by 1813 where James bought 100 acres of land in 1820. Known children were: John (1796-1838) who married Sarah — born in Mass., two children; Robert (1798—) who sold land in 1826 to brother John; Nancy (1800-1876) married Thomas Ashworth; only three of their eight children lived: Matthew (1807-1871) born in Pa. married Susan Nease, five children: Jane (1811-1858) born in Va. married Amon Davis, two sons; and Francis Blain, my great-great-grandfather.

Francis Blain (1813-1895) was a steamboat pilot on the river from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. At the start of the Civil War, the government commandeered all boats. Francis enlisted as Cpl. in 1862, Co. C 9 IV and was wounded in battle of Cloyd's Farm, Va. He was POW, later transferred and mustered out in 1865. He was pensioned the rest of his life. Francis Blain married first Nancy Weaver in 1831 and they had Angeline who married Lafayette Bramble; Alexander married Caroline Smith; Margorann married Bennett Wheaton; Mary Jane married William Sayre; Victoria married George Bell; Sarah Frances married first John Wheaton, married second Rudolph Staats; James married Nancy Staats. All lived in Jackson County except the Brambles who went to Milan, Mo. 1887 and Victoria Bell who stayed in Meigs Co., Ohio.

Nancy (Weaver) Blain died 1849 and Francis married second Sarah Sayre. Sarah died 1855 leaving one son, Francis A., who married Lorenia Coleman. Lorenia died soon after birth of son, Frank Nelson Blain, who was raised by his grandparents. Francis A. Blain then went to Mo. with his sister's family and married second Sarah Harris there.

Francis Blain married third Cassander Cheuvront and they had Matthew who married Amanda Gates and Amos Newberry, both of Portland, Ohio.

My great-grandfather, Alexander Blaine (1834-1898), married Caroline Smith (1834-1899) daughter of Erastus and Aurilla (Follett) Smith. Both were born in Meigs County, Ohio but settled in Jackson Co. before 1860. He was a wharf-boat keeper at Ripley's Landing and for a while had a hardware store at Letart, W. Va. Alexander and Caroline were the first to be buried in Blaine Memorial Cemetery on land given by my grandfather. Other children besides my grandfather were Charles Brazilla who married Desso May Guynn and went to California; Millard Fillmore; Ida May who married Millard Wolfe and



Alexander and Caroline (Smith) Blaine ca. 1854

lived in Cleveland; Francis Ellsworth married Louisa Eveline Robbins and lived in Mason Co., W. Va.; Mary Victoria married Wm. Barker after she was his nurse. They lived in Washington, D.C.

My grandfather, Grant Blaine, was a farmer and worked for the railroad as foreman of a wreck crew. My grandmother, Sophia (Sleeth) born in Harrisonville, Ohio, the youngest child of Robert and Sophia (Stephens) Bowman Sleeth, was a schoolteacher before marriage. She died before I was born. We visited many times when I was young and I have pictures of the area and memories of people I met. Submitted by Mrs. Genevieve Maier

BLAIR — BEYMER

Hamilton E. Blair, son of David and Susan Blair, was born May 24, 1846, in Monroe County, Ohio. He married Louisa Jane Davis, May 3, 1877, at Elizabeth, WV. She was born April 10, 1856 at Davisville, Wood County, WV. Hamilton was a farmer and a carpenter. The family lived in Wirt, Wood and Jackson counties. Hamilton died July 3, 1927 and Louisa died Apr. 17, 1956. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, WV. Their children (all deceased):

1. Samuel F., born Mar. 27, 1879, married Victoria Lockhart and died at Parkersburg, WV.
2. Prudence, born June 21, 1881, married David Baxter and died in Florida.
3. Jeanette, born Sept. 14, 1883, married James Beymer and died at Parkersburg, WV.
4. Charles, born Mar. 3, 1886, married Laura — and died at Parkersburg, WV.
5. Atley, born Mar. 16, 1888, married Ethel — and died at Akron, Ohio.
6. Carrie, born Sept. 10, 1889, married Saul Friedlander and died at Parkersburg, WV.
7. Ruby, born June 22, 1892, married George Emerick and died at Gates Ridge, Wood County, WV.

8. Garrett, born Oct. 24, 1892, married Martha — and died at Albuquerque, NM.

James Garfield Beymer, son of William Henry and Amanda (Hamilton) Beymer, was born June 4, 1881, in Grant District, Jackson County, WV. He married Jeanette Mae Blair, Oct. 10, 1903, in the Wirt County Courthouse at Elizabeth, WV. James died Aug. 19, 1955 and Jeanette died Apr. 27, 1973. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their children:

1. Freda, born Jan. 30, 1909 at Belington, WV, married Woodrow Hopkins (deceased). They lived at Parkersburg, WV. She died Mar. 1, 1989, and is buried in the Sunset Memory Gardens.
2. Russell, born Sept. 14, 1911, died Sept. 7, 1917, is buried in the Independence Cemetery.
3. James Edwin, born Apr. 6, 1913 at Sandyville, married Eva Bullock (deceased) from England. He lives at Parkersburg, WV.
4. Virginia, born Aug. 18, 1915 at Millwood,

married Hubert Stanley. They live between Medina and Lockhart in Grant District.

5. Richard, born Sept. 7, 1918 at Millwood, married, first, Jane Hazeltine (deceased). He is married to Diana — and they live at Atlanta, Michigan.

6. Margaret, born June 13, 1923 at Lockhart, married George Houchen. They live at Lockhart.

George Houchen, son of Vincent and Rose (Connor) Houchen, was born Dec. 12, 1918, at Ripley. He married Margaret Beymer, Nov. 8, 1941, at Lockhart in her parents' home. They have always lived in West Virginia except for the time George was in the U.S. Navy. He served from 1942 until Nov. 1945. Before that, he worked for Fred Sayre at the Ford Garage in Ripley. Afterward, he worked for the Hope Gas Company 34 years. They reside at Lockhart. Their children:

1. Stanley, born Dec. 15, 1944, married Barbara Bunner, June 30, 1964. She is the daughter of Garland (deceased) and Evelyn Bunner of Ravenswood. They reside at Friendly, WV. Their children: Timothy (deceased) is buried in the Independence Cemetery and Stephen.

2. Barbara, born Dec. 30, 1946, married Robert Nester, Oct. 21, 1966. He is the son of Earl and Eva Nester of Williamstown, WV. They reside at Williamstown, WV. Their children: Michael and Lisa. Submitted by Barbara (Houchen) Nester and Margaret (Beymer) Houchen

DAVID BLACK

David Clay Black and Brenda Sue Painter Black bring together families from Cabell, Wayne, Tucker and Jackson counties.

Both David and Brenda Sue graduated from Ripley High School in '63. Brenda Sue was valedictorian of the class.

They married on 11-16-65 while Brenda Sue was a student at W.V. State College. She completed a BS Degree in home economics in '67.

David and Brenda Sue established a home in Huntington while David completed an Associate Degree at Marshall University in '69. Brenda Sue worked at the W.V. Dept. of Welfare and David assumed a sales position with Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co.

After the birth of their first child, David Courtney, 2-27-70, they returned to Jackson County. David continued his sales career and Brenda Sue was employed in '71 as Extension Agent with WVU Extension in Jackson County.

Their second child, Patrick Aaron, was born in Ripley, 4-27-72. The family established their home in the town of Ripley.

David Clay is the youngest son of Eugene David Black (1914-1969) and Mabel Mildred Long (1919). His siblings are Donald Eugene (1938-1983) and Joan Louise Henthorne (1942).

Eugene David was the son of Mable Minerva Johnson and Martin Black (Cabell and Wayne counties).

David's parents were divorced early in his life and he grew up with his mother and grandparents on the Long family farm on Blackman Flats in Parsons (Tucker). Mabel Mildred Long was one of three children of Howard Clay Long (1877-1970) and Nora Virginia Holsberry (1877-1970). Howard Clay was the son of John Hart Long and Sara Frances Mustoe (Tucker). The family traces its roots back to John Hart who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence from New Jersey.

Nora Holsberry was the daughter of Elizabeth Kathryn Howdershelt and James Holsberry (Barbour County).

Brenda Sue is one of five children of Ray Finney "Sam" Painter (1913-1985) and Bernice Elizabeth Ankrum (1911). The Painter family home was located on Rt. 34 (Emma Ridge or Divide Ridge). Ray was one of 13 children of Finny Bascom Painter and Ruth Ann Kessell. Bernice is one of seven children of Clyde Ankrum

and Myrtle Stewart. Myrtle Stewart's family is traced back to Jesse Hughes (an Indian fighter).

Both David and Brenda Sue have been active in community affairs. David has served as president of the Ripley Park Commission, the Ripley Jaycees, and the Ripley Elementary PTA. He has received recognition as a Senator of the WV Jaycees. In his sales career, he has specialized in insurance, air diverters for trucks, and office equipment.

Brenda Sue has served as the first female president of the Jackson County Junior Fair, president of the Ripley Branch of AAUW and through her role as Extension Agent has been involved in numerous community projects. She has the longest tenure of a home economist in the Jackson County Extension.

David, Brenda Sue, Courtney and Patrick are active members of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Ripley. Courtney and Patrick are continuing their education at West Virginia University.

Submitted by Brenda Sue Painter Black

BLAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blake, son William "Bill" Trenle Blake, and myself (daughter Mrs. Margaret Ann Blake Carmichael) came to Ravenswood, WV in 1935 and purchased a small pottery which they named the Trenle Blake China Company. My grandfather, Gus Trenle, had a pottery in East Liverpool, Ohio and employed four grandsons. Also employed was Howard Blake and Gus's



Mrs. Beverly Watkins, Wm. Trenle Blake, and Mrs. Margaret (Blake) Carmichael

daughter, Edna Trenle Blake, as secretary. At the Trenle Blake China Company in Ravenswood, Howard Blake and son William Trenle Blake were managers. My mother, Edna Trenle Blake, and I were secretaries. We all enjoyed living in Ravenswood and our work there and life in the Presbyterian church. Hello to any former employees who may still live there. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blake died there and were buried in East Liverpool. Mr. and Mrs. William Trenle Blake were married in the Presbyterian church in East Liverpool, Ohio and lived in Ravenswood as long as Bill's mother and father lived. Their daughter, Beverly, and my son, Jack, attended high school there. In East Liverpool, Bill and I lived next door to our grandparents Blake who had three daughters and five sons who were very helpful to us. Grandfather Blake was mayor of East Liverpool and delegate to the Ohio Legislature. Bill Blake was once mayor of Ravenswood. I am 80 years old and feel fine. I live at Millersburg, Ohio and am active in church, AAUW and Senior Citizens. My son, Jack, is married and has two daughters, Alexandra and Christine. *Submitted by Margaret Blake Carmichael*

GEORGE W. AND MARY JANE (McGEE) BLAKE

George Washington Blake was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1834. He was the first born child of James and Sarah Blake. (See article of James Blake by Clark Blake.)

On August 21, 1856, George married Mary

Jane McGee, daughter of Jephtha and Elizabeth Knotts McGee, in Jackson County, West Virginia. According to census records, nine children were born to this union: Philander B., born December 1857; Oscar Emmett, born January 18, 1861; Ida May, born December 16, 1862; James Freeman, born December 18, 1865; Guy Allen, born February 1869; Charles M., born March, 1870; Olivia, born July 21, 1872; Maude, born c. 1876; and Edna, born c. 1878.

In the 1860, 1870 and 1880 federal census, George was listed as a farmer.

George died July 16, 1883 in Jackson County, West Virginia. On May 2, 1886, Mary married Solomon B. Powell. On March 3, 1928, Mary died in Jackson County, West Virginia.

Of George's children, Philander married Cordelia Sims and had five children.

According to his obituary, Oscar Emmett Blake



Oscar Emmett Blake

left Ravenswood, West Virginia when about 21 years of age, going west to Edgerton, Kansas. On October 28, 1888, he married Minnie Rachel Huff, the daughter of William and Eliza Mellor Huff, at Baldwin, Kansas. In 1891 he founded the Baldwin Shirt Company, a factory which manufactured custom-made shirts that found a ready market all over eastern Kansas. For 17 years he operated this business, but due to impaired health, he sold the factory to George Karr. In Oscar's later years, he farmed at Kendall and Waverly, Kansas.

His children were Elsie Ethel Blake Allderdice (February 17, 1892, Baldwin, Kansas-September 26, 1981, Coldwater, Kansas), Lola Lucile Blake Harvey (January 26, 1895, Baldwin, Kansas-April 24, 1980, Baldwin, Kansas), Coila Mercedes Blake Berg (August 24, 1899, Baldwin, Kansas-January 10, 1957, Colby, Kansas), Eugene Emmett Blake (May 27, 1905, Baldwin, Kansas-presently [1989] residing in Omaha, Nebraska) and Gerald Roderick Blake (May 8, 1908, Baldwin, Kansas-May 10, 1982, North Hollywood, California).

Oscar died June 11, 1940 in Lawrence, Kansas, and is buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Baldwin, Kansas. Minnie died January 5, 1966, in Coldwater, Kansas, and is also buried at Oakwood Cemetery.

Of George's remaining children, Ida May married M.M. Deweese and moved to Kentucky.

James Freeman married Mollie Allila Wilcox and had four children. He was a very prosperous farmer in Jackson County, and many of his descendants are still living in Jackson County.

Guy Allen married Rachel Catherine Bennet and had nine children. He was a farmer and section foreman for the B&O Railroad. He moved to southern California in 1926.

Charles M. married Minnie Evans and later moved to Akron, Ohio.

Olivia married W.S. McKown and Oad Oscar Dragoo.

No information is available on Maude and Edna Blake. *Submitted by Connie L. Gunzelman Blake*

JAMES BLAKE

James Blake was born in Fayette Co., PA in 1813, the son of Ephraim and Barbary Blake. In about 1833, James married Sarah (Shedrick ?), and from this marriage came George Washington Blake, born Aug. 14, 1834, Mary Ann Blake, June 15, 1836, William Shedrick Blake, Apr. 13, 1837, and James T. Blake, born ca. 1839. Blake and his family first moved to Meigs Co., OH and then to Ravenswood, Jackson Co., WV. Sarah died here on Aug. 31, 1841, and James remarried Mariah Jackson, a relative of General "Stonewall" Jackson, on Feb. 12, 1843. From this union, there were five additional children, Ephraim Wells Blake, Nov. 9, 1845, Sarah Ellen Blake, ca. 1848, Emmanuel Blake, ca. 1850, John Wesley Blake, ca. 1852, and Leander Wells Blake, Mar. 3, 1858. Mariah died on Oct. 30, 1858, and James remarried Mary Morehead in Wirt Co., WV on Mar. 10, 1859.

Soon after arriving in Jackson Co., Blake became involved in business with Ephraim Wells, an early settler in the Ravenswood area. It seems probable that Blake and his sons helped clear the timber from land that Wells had bought from the heirs of George Washington in 1836. In exchange, Wells helped Blake buy a 200-acre farm along Big Sandy Creek from Robert Park, another prominent resident of Ravenswood. James Blake died on Mar. 18, 1872. Mary Morehead Blake remarried Reuben Douglass and lived until May 28, 1899. She is buried alongside of James Blake in the Independence Cemetery, Sandyville, WV.

Of Blake's children, George W. Blake is described in another article, this volume. Mary Ann Blake married Jacob Knight. William Shedrick Blake married Orphaney Alice Coe (see article on John Adams Coe, this volume). After James Blake's death, William and his family moved to Chico, CA and later to San Francisco. William's oldest son, Charles Edward Blake (1864-1936), married Elizabeth Francis Pritchett (1874-1954) in 1899, in Dyersburg, TN, where he installed the first electric works. By 1910, they were back in San Francisco with their three children, Milton Clark Blake, born 1902, Roy George Blake, born 1904, and Vera Ina Blake (1906-1974). Milton married Carol Wilson (1900-1981) in 1928 and they have three sons, Milton Clark Blake, Jr., born 1932, Wilson Blake, born 1934, and Donn Inghram Blake, born 1936. Roy married Mildred Stegmere (1908-1970) and they have two daughters, Patricia Blake Frusch, born 1934, and Marilyn Blake West, born 1936. Vera married Antone Ferrari (1898-1989). They are survived by a daughter, Gloria O'Reilly, born in 1923.



Charles Blake family, Christmas 1932

Of the remaining children of James Blake, James T. Blake served in the 10th Virginia Cavalry during the Civil War and later moved to South America. Ephraim Wells Blake married Sinah McKay and later moved to Meigs Co., OH where he died in 1929. Sarah Ellen Blake married Elishma Beaty who bought James Blake's farm after his death. Emmanuel Blake married Janice Weas. John Wesley Blake went to California about

the same time as his brother, William, and Leander Wells Blake moved to Texas in about 1879.

Submitted by Milton Clark Blake, Jr.

BOARD

The first settler in Reedy District of Roane County was Patrick Board who settled on 300 acres of land granted to him in 1816 by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Patrick Board was born in 1750 in York County, Pennsylvania. He joined the revolutionary army of the United States in 1775 for a term of one year under Captain Daniel Morgan and made the famous "bee-line" march to Boston that fall. He re-enlisted for a three-year term in 1776 and served in the Maryland-Virginia Rifle Regiment under Colonel Hugh Stephenson until it was absorbed into the newly created 11th Virginia Regiment in 1777 where he was again under the command of Daniel Morgan. Detached from regular regimental duty, he was part of the hand-picked Light Infantry Corps that served under General Anthony Wayne at the "Paoli Massacre" in 1777 and again at the taking of the British-held post at Stony Point on the Hudson River in 1779. He was in combat engagements at Long Island during the defense of New York City in 1776, where he was taken prisoner by the British. He later escaped and rejoined his unit. He saw action at the Battle of Germantown and Chestnut Hill in Pennsylvania in 1777, and he wintered at Valley Forge in 1777-1778. He was honorably discharged at Newport, Rhode Island at the end of his three-year enlistment in 1779.

In the summer of 1781, he was a Berkeley County militiaman where he was drafted for nine months, again under General Morgan. He was sent to Yorktown, Virginia where he was placed under the command of Lafayette and where he witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis.

In October, 1988 a military marker was dedicated to his memory by his descendants. Elements of the West Virginia National Guard, whose lineage traces back to the Morgan Rifle Company, Stephenson's Rifle Regiment, and the 11th Virginia Regiment, provided the color guard.

Patrick Board married Mary Keyser (born 1770 in York County, Pennsylvania) and together they moved to the Reedy area of Roane County where they raised a large family, of whom the following are known: Joseph, Mary, John, Andrew, Elizabeth, George, Nancy, David, Thomas and William Keyser.

Patrick Board died in 1839, and his wife Mary in 1859. Both are buried at the Mount Olive cemetery in Reedyville.

I am descended from Patrick and Mary Board through their son, John, as follows:

John Board (1795-1875) married Nancy Parsons in 1821.

Miles Board (1833-1911) married Elizabeth Bradley in 1855.



Miles Board

Okey Johnson Board (1876-1946) married Melissa Emmaline Evans in 1897.

Russell Clair Board (1898-1972) married Hiawatha Kay in 1945.

David Russell Board (born 1946) and Linda Mahan were married in 1966 and have two children: David Andrew (born 1967, married Lora Grandon 1986), and Sarah Ruth (born 1986).

Submitted by David Russell Board

MILES BOARD

The Board descendants of Jackson County trace their parentage back to Patrick Board who first settled in the Reedy area of what was then Wood County. Patrick Board was a Revolutionary War veteran who settled on 300 acres of land granted to him in 1816. His military history can be found in the Roane County companion volume to this series.

Patrick Board and Mary Keyser raised a large family, the known children of which are: Joseph, married Margaret Horner; Mary, married William Stuart; John, married Nancy Parsons; Andrew, married Margaret Ott, Mary Dye and Mary Jane Beverlin; Elizabeth, married a Clark; George, married Elizabeth Parsons; Nancy, married Thomas King; David, married Amelia Long and Sarah McCorkle; Thomas, married Elizabeth Baker; and William Keyser, married Zilpha Smith and Nancy Flesher.

Patrick Board's son John, who married Nancy Parsons in 1821, had the following children: Mary, married John Boyd; Charles, married Agnes Litton; Patrick, married Rebecca Cobb; William M., married Susan Waybright and Mary Hess; Miles, married Elizabeth Bradley; Mariam, married Hiram Cobb; Mahala, married John Thomas; Margaret, married Joseph Cobb; Catharine; Martha; and Miriam.

John Board's son Miles, who married Elizabeth Bradley in 1855 had the following children: Dora Alice, married John Hyre; Sarah Ellen; Mary Frances, married Malcolm L. Smith; Everette Clinton, married Winifred Moore; Ruemma, married Frank P. Harris; Lillie Jane, married Robert Lee McKinley; Luverna May, married Milford Walters and John B. Steele; Charles Holly, married Elizabeth Roush; James Erwin; Okey Johnson, married Melissa Emmaline Evans; and Isaphrene, married Okey Johnson Argabrite.

Miles Board's son, Okey Johnson, who married Melissa Emmaline Evans in 1897, had the following children: Russell Clair, married Hiawatha Mildred Kay; Ralph, married Alice Whittington; Mary Ruth, married Jesse Brumfield; and Roland.

Okey Johnson Board's son, Russell Clair, who married Hiawatha Mildred Kay in 1945, has the following children: Joyce Marie; and David Russell, married Linda Geraldine Mahan.

Russell Clair Board's son, David Russell, who married Linda Geraldine Mahan in 1966, has the following children: David Andrew, married Lora Ann Grandon; and Sarah Ruth.

David Russell Board is Postmaster at Evans, West Virginia and Linda Board is a Jackson County schoolteacher.

David Andrew Board is in the United States Air Force and is stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, South Dakota. His wife Lora works for a South Dakota insurance company in Rapid City.

Sarah Ruth Board is three years old and lives with her parents at Evans. *Submitted by David Russell Board*

BOGGESS

Cecil B. Boggess was born at Goldtown, Jackson County, WV February 16, 1898, the first son of John C. and Margaret Jordan Boggess. On Dec. 7, 1918 he married Eva C. Goff (born Feb. 28, 1900-Nov. 4, 1989), daughter of Francis Marion



Cecil and Eva Boggess

and Rebecca Derriek Goff.

They were the parents of six children: Violet B., 1919; Francis C., 1922; Juanita A., 1923; Carzella G., 1930; Cecil, Jr., 1934; and Philip C., 1944.

Cecil was employed at Kelly's Axe Factory/American Fork & Hoe Co. where he forged hammers for 33 years. His first love was farming which he did until his death October 24, 1982.

John C. Boggess was born and died in Jackson County (1872-1934), the first son of Benjamin Franklin and Ellen Faber Boggess. On December 21, 1892 he married Margaret J. Jordan (1874-1963), daughter of John W. and Deborah Facemyre Jordan.



John and Margaret Boggess

They were the parents of 11 children: Zella M. (1894-1964); Ora E. (1896-1973); Cecil B. (1898-1982); Bradford (1900-1961); Maysel D. (1902-1983); Lovell F. (1905-); Lud C. (1907-); Bessie S. (1910-); Collett (1912-); Millic (1915-); and James E. (1918-).

John was a timberman and a farmer.

Benjamin Franklin Boggess was born and died in Jackson County (1847-1904), and was the son of Benjamin and Mary Spencer Boggess. On August 17, 1870 he married Ellen Elizabeth Faber (1849-1918), daughter of Hiram and Jane Koiner Faber.



Benjamin Franklin and Ellen Boggess

They were the parents of six children: John C. (1872-1934); Ernestine (1875-1934); Millie (1879-1938); Thomas (1882-1926); Bessie (1885-1904); and Mary Mina (1888-1923).

Benjamin Franklin was a farmer.

Benjamin Boggess was born in Kanawha County and died in Jackson County (1815-1894), and was the son of George and Jane Haynes Boggess. He married Mary "Polly" Spencer.

They were the parents of 11 children: Sarah C. (1839-?); Alious (1840-1920); Henry R. (1843-?); Louisa J. (1845-1939); Benjamin Franklin (1847-1904); Elmore (1848-?); Hutson (1850-1926); Mary V. (1852-1919); Melissa A. (1854-?); Emily A. (1856-?); and Clarkson (1858-1908).

Benjamin was a farmer. *Submitted by Violet Boggess*

BOGGESS — KOONTZ

Addie E. Boggess (1892-1960) and Lessie Lee Koontz (1898-1951) were married at Mt. Tell, Jackson County, by Rev. Alonzo F. Spencer.

He was the youngest child of Elben (b. 1850) and Arminta Rollings Boggess (b. 1855) who were married August 13, 1872, in Kanawha County. She was a daughter of John Staton (1872-1964) and Mary Ann Boice Koontz (1877-1931). John and Mary Ann were married 1897.

Addie and Lessie made their home residence at Goldtown, Middle Fork of Poca River, and Given.

Ten children were born to them: eight sons and two daughters. Six of their eight sons served in the Army and Navy.

Layco, b. 1915, m. Catherine Bumgardner, five children: Willard, b. 1917-d. 1918; Arnold August, b. 1919, m. Grace Casto, three children; Freeman Wesley, b. 1923, m. Alice Wajohn, one child; Elben, b. 1925; Hillard Ray, b. 1927-d. 1977, married first, Dorlene Skeen, d. 1963, three children; second, Margaret Reed Barnes, one stepson; John Staton, b. 1929-d. 1960; Windell Lee, b. 1932, married Madeline Weekley, two children; Mary Doris, b. 1932, m. Joseph Kellar, three children; Ida Mae, b. 1937, m. James Moore, two children.

Brothers and sisters of Addie Boggess were:

John Ervin, m. Elsie Jane Reed; William E., m. first, Becky Slater, second, Bessie Beckner; Arminta "Tina", m. Burl Barnes; Mina Pearl, m. Abraham Cunningham; Mary Pina, m. Alf McVey.

Early ancestors of the Boggess family included William and Polly Boggess and George and Mary Rollins. The father of Arminta Rollins Boggess and two of her brothers served in the Civil War.

Brothers and sisters of Lessie Koontz Boggess were:

Holland, m. Nancy Hatcher; Biddie, m. Shirley Harrison; Warren Webster, m. Blanche Counts; Christine, m. Charles Miller; Dencil; Garnett, m. H. Bryan Parsons; Dennie D., m. Gladys Bumgardner; Sada Faith, m. Guy Landfried.

Parents of John Koontz were Elben Gidean (1848-1910) and Phoebe Elizabeth Fisher Koontz (1852-19?). They were married 1871. Elben served in the Union Army, Civil War.

Parents of Phoebe Fisher Koontz were Leonard (1800-1880) and Hannah Green Fisher (1802-1850). Parents of Elben Koontz were Henry (1829-1852) and Susie Crites Koontz. Parents of Henry Koontz were George and Ona Hendrick Koontz.

Parents of Mary Ann Boice were Martin (b. 1831) and Sarah Jane Boice. Martin's father was George Boice.

Mr. and Mrs. Addie Boggess are buried in the Koontz family cemetery located on Fisher Ridge, Goldtown. *Submitted by Arnold A. Boggess*

GEORGE BOGGESS

George Boggess born 1770 Northumberland Co. VA died 184. Kanawha Co., VA married Jane Haynes August 22, 1793 Botetourt Co., VA, daughter of Benjamin Haynes 1750-1829 and Elizabeth, granddaughter of Jasper Haynes 1715-1781/2? and Elizabeth Sparks Clark.

George Boggess son of Henry Boggess and Mary Humphries Boggess married in 1756/7

grandson of Bennett and Elizabeth Boggess, Bennett born August 16, 1703, will probated April 8, 1745 Northumberland Co., VA and great-grandson of Henry Boggess born January 26, 1680 died September 1727 Cherry Pt., VA and Mary Bennett died 1742/3 Northumberland Co., VA, great-great-grandson of Henry and Catherine Boggess. Henry born ca. 1643 died after 1697 Northumberland Co., VA, great-great-great-grandson of Robert and Mary Boggess. Robert died in (Will probated Northumberland Co., VA February 10, 1662). Family tradition says our family descended from two brothers and a sister, John (Robert, our line) and Mary Boggess, were brought to America by maybe an uncle Henry Boggess in 1656.

Children of George and Jane Haynes Boggess: Elizabeth Boggess married August 19, 1817 Kanawha Co. to Richard Thrush; George A. Boggess 1798-1855 born Botetourt Co., VA died Kanawha Co., VA married July 17, 1827 Kanawha Co., VA to Elizabeth Derrick; William Boggess born ? 1803 Botetourt Co., VA married first Malinda George married second Catherine Todd; Jane Boggess married October 1831 Botetourt Co., VA Richard Lanham.

Children of George A. Boggess (1798-1855)



Lester and Gladys Mae (Nuckles) Boggess, Sr. wedding picture 1919

and Elizabeth Derrick, daughter of Jonathan, Derrick were: Simpson Boggess 1828-September 29, 1868 born Kanawha Co., VA married February 18, 1847 to Elizabeth Thomas; Martha Jane Boggess married James E. Thomas; Melvina Boggess married July 19, 1855 Wilson Boggess; Benjamin F. Boggess died June 4, 1881 Putnam Co., WV, married January 1, 1857 Putnam Co., WV to Selina Ann King; George W. Boggess born February 1853 Kanawha, VA died April 4, 1916 Jackson Co., WV, married January 4, 1855 Putnam Co., WV Martha Mildred Smith; Sally Boggess born 1835 ? in Kanawha Co., VA; William Boggess born January 22, 1837 Kanawha Co., VA, died October 7, 1916 Jackson Co., WV married December 30, 1866 Jackson Co. Samaria Van Scyoc; Elizabeth Boggess born 1844 Kanawha Co., WV. *Submitted by James Duane "Mack" Boggess*

WILLIAM BOGGESS

George A. Boggess (1798-1855) was born, in Botetourt County, VA, the son of George and Jane (Haynes) Boggess. He married Elizabeth Derrick (1805-1854), daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Haynes) Derrick, in Kanawha County, WV. Their children: Simeon or Simpson, Martha, Melvina, Benjamin, George, Sally, William and Elizabeth. William and his brother, George W., were the only children who lived in Jackson County. George W. (1833-1916) married Martha Mildred Smith (1833-1911).

William Boggess (1837-1916), son of George and Elizabeth (Derrick) Boggess, was born in Kanawha County, WV. He served with the Confederacy during the Civil War. He married Samaria Scyoc (1844-1916), in 1866, in Jackson County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Abel Jr. and Nancy (Rardon) Scyoc. Samaria was the grand-daughter of David and Margaret (Dewitt) Rardin, and the great-granddaughter of John De-



Mary Elizabeth, Abel Van, Wm., Wm. Floyd, James, Georgia, Samara, Martha and Emma Boggess, 1882

witt, one of the earliest settlers in northern Jackson County. John Dewitt had served in the American Revolution. William and Samaria are interred in the Stanley Cemetery near Hemlock in Jackson County. Their children:

1. James (1867-1943) married Amanda Curry and lived at Liverpool, WV.
2. Martha Ann (1869-1945) married John Reeble and lived at Liverpool, WV.
3. Mary Elizabeth (1870-1925) married William Johnson. (See information below)
4. Emma (1873-1945) married Lorenzo Dow Sarver and lived at Sandyville, WV.
5. William "Floyd" (1876-1938) married Rosa Dawkins and lived at Liverpool, WV.
6. Abel "Van" (1878-1948) married Tennie "Oma" Dawkins and lived at Silverton.
7. Georgia (1880-1950) married Jay Jones and lived, first, at Sandyville and later at Ravenswood.
8. John Harvey (1884-1943) married Clara Powers and lived at Sandyville, WV.
9. Samaria Ellen (1886-—) married Bogarus Curry and lived at Wellsburg, WV.

William Isaac Johnson (1869-1958), son of Benjamin and Mary Jane (Booth) Johnson, married Mary Elizabeth Boggess, in 1892. They purchased 100 acres from her father, in 1900, near Meadowdale, in Ravenswood District. Along with farming, William was also a school teacher in the early part of his life. William and Mary are interred in the Independence Cemetery, at Sandyville. Their children:

1. Holly Everette Johnson married Florence Schwartz. They lived at Detroit, Michigan and later at St. Petersburg, Florida. They had no children.
2. Harley Johnson married Clara Hess and lived at Tulsa, Oklahoma. They had one son, Harlan Richard Johnson, who lives in Tulsa.
3. Howard Johnson married Iola Thompson and lived at Seth, WV, Ravenswood, WV and Albuquerque, NM. They had one son, William C. Johnson, who lives at Albuquerque, NM.
4. William Isaac Johnson Jr. married Marie — and lived at Tulsa, OK. They had one daughter, Wilma Johnson, who married Phil Caudle and also lives at Tulsa.

5. Mary Ethel Johnson married E. H. Blair and lives at Parkersburg, WV. They had one son, E. Harold Blair Jr., who married Shirley Hughes and lives at Charleston, WV.

6. Addie Johnson married Elza Thompson and lived at Ravenswood, WV. They had one son, Bryan Thompson, who married Gayle Hardie and lives at Ripley, WV.

The accompanying photograph was taken in 1882. Left to right: Mary Elizabeth, Abel Van, William Boggess, William Floyd, James, Georgia, Samara (Scyoc) Boggess, Martha and Emma. *Submitted by Mary E. Blair*

GEORGE BOICE

George Boice, born in Pennsylvania 1803 and died there in August 25, 1870. His wife Malinda (Ables) Boice, born 1805 and died August 21, 1881. They had nine children:

1. Jonathan Boice, born 1818, died September

13, 1858. Married Matilda Grimm. Their children: (A) Malinda Boice, 1854-1858. (B) Lucy Boice. (C) George Franklin Boice, born 1856.

2. Martin L. Boice, born 1831, married May 28, 1858 to Sarah Jane Price. Their children: (A) William Boice, born December 21, 1858. (B) Charles S. Boice, born June 14, 1860, married 1897 to Mary L. Parsons. Their children are as follows: (a) Ashley L. Boice, born 1887, died July 19, 1937. (b) William Boice, married first Orda Siders, second Beddie Boice. (c) Josie Boice, married Floyd Bonor. (d) Samuel Boice. (e) Lou Howard Boice, married first Vadie Siders, second Mable Peterson, 1897-1950. (f) Lorinda Boice, born 1864, died September 17, 1888. (g) Henry Boice, born 1868, married Clara Rhodes. (h) George W. Boice, born 1869, married Mollie E. Thomas. (i) Amos (Kidd) Boice, born 1872, married Elva Derrick. (j) Rudy Boice, born 1882, died July 1, 1944. (k) Monroe Boice, born November 23, 1894-1969. Married Martha Ellen Smith. (l) Mary Ann Boice, born June 14, 1877, died December 13, 1931. Married John Statton Koontz, May 27, 1872, to March 9, 1964. Had Daughter Sada Koontz who married Guy Landfried.

3. Margaret Boice, born 1835, married September 1, 1856 to Allen Cheshire.

4. Robert Boice, born 1843.

5. Spencer Boice, born 1845.

6. William M. Boice, born 1848, died April 2, 1865, killed in Civil War.

7. Francis Boice

8. Charles Boice, married Mary J. Ferrell.

9. Ezekial Boice, born January 16, 1840, September 22, 1912. Married December 18, 1862 Mary Jane Gabbert. Children: John Thomas Boice (1866-1952) Lennie Russell. Amos Boice (1864-1952), married Lottie Landfried (1868-1936) Mary Bell Boice (1872-1945), James Landfried (1869-1936). Submitted by Sada Koontz Landfried

BONAR-SEALS-CAROTHERS

The Seals family came from Jefferson County, Ohio and settled in the northern part of Jackson County around 1850. James Madison Seals, son of Nathan and Matilda Moore Seals, married Mary Alice Bonar, daughter of Nelson Edward and Catherine Farnsworth Bonar, on August 24, 1877 and of this union, eleven children were born: Nathan Seals (November 6, 1877 only date on monument); Leonard Clinton Seals (1879-1970) married Eula M. Harrow (1893-1970); Nelson Bonar Seals (1880-1934) married twice: (1) Lora Quick (2) Jennie Mills (1896-1976); Mary Catherine Seals (1880-1928) married John William Carothers (1873-1931); Ara Bell Seals (1882-1954) married twice: (1) George Bruce (2) Joseph Haguc; Sherley Franklin Seals (1886-1972) married twice: (1) Wilma Stallings (1888-1956) (2) Alma Stallings Smith (1892-1970) Aaron Davis Seals (1890-1969) married Maude Durst (1893-1981); infant son born and died September 1888; Ruby Lillian Seals (1892-1982) married Henderson McPeck (1896-1968); Naomi Leora Seals (1894-1919); infant son born and died May 17, 1896.

My grandmother was Mary Catherine Seals who married October 27, 1901, John William Carothers, son of James Irvin and Olivia VanCamp Carothers. Their ten children are:

James Edgar Carothers (1902-1987)

Oscar Clay Carothers (1904-)

Edna Mae Carothers (1905-1971)

John B. Carothers (1907-1907)

Dorothy Mildred Carothers (1910-)

Audra Grace Carothers (1912-1964)

Laura Dessie Carothers (1912-1969)

Rose Nell Carothers (1916-)

Stella Lucille Carothers (1920-)

Perry Nathan Carothers (1922-)

Stella L. Carothers is my mother and she



John W. and Mary (Seals) Carothers

married February 3, 1940 Harold S. Mills (1918-), son of Thomas and Ethel Mills. Their children are:

(1) Mary Roxanna Mills (1941-)

(2) Frances Evelyn Mills (1944-)

(3) John Thomas Mills (1947-)

My name is Frances Mills Scott and I have two daughters, Terry Lynn Taylor (1964-) and Kristine Leigh Taylor (1970-). I have a grandson, Jeremy Harold Ritton (1988-) and another grandchild is due in December. I am married to George K. Scott and we reside at the Harrison Boso farm which we purchased in 1987. Our farm is not far from the Carothers' home place which is located in Wood County on County Road 25 $\frac{1}{8}$ just below the Simpson Church. You could say that we have come home.

My mother told me that George Mills, who lived on the hill above the church, made molasses and that his daughter, Jennie, married Nelson Bonar Seals, my grandmother's twin brother.

The Bonar and Seals families resided in the Murraysville area and some of the relatives still live in the Murraysville area today. The five living children of Mary Catherine Seals and John William Carothers reside as follows:

Oscar lives in Ohio

Dorothy Carothers Conley, divorced, lives in Weirton, WV

Rose Nell Thompson married Gilbert V. Thompson and they live at Gates Ridge, WV

Stella Lucille Carothers married Harold S. Mills and they live at Wadesville, WV

Perry Nathan Carothers married Reva Kaufman and they live at Lubeck, WV Submitted by Frances Mills Scott

NELSON E. BONAR

Nelson Edward Bonar and his wife Catherine S. Farnsworth moved to Jackson County sometime prior to 1869. The family farm at Murraysville was purchased by Nelson Bonar I on September 10, 1869 from Robert S. Brown and his wife Anne for a sum of \$10,000. The deed indicates that all three individuals resided in Jackson County. The eleven children of Nelson and Catherine Bonar were: Mary Alice (March 8, 1856 to January 15, 1937), Jackson Wilson (November 11, 1857 to December 4, 1939?), Prudence Ann (May 3, 1859 to December 6, 1925), Emma Mozell (October 19, 1860 to August 24, 1936), Martha Jane (May 9, 1862 to June 28, 1888), James Monroe (July 26, 1863 to February 2, 1889), Isabelle Eveline (July 20, 1865 to , 1930), Wiley Okey (October 29, 1867 to), Nelson Edward II (November 14, 1869 to September 30, 1951), Perry Martin (April 18, 1872 to September 3, 1951) and Laura Catherine (January 2, 1874 to November 30, 1952).

Nelson Edward Bonar II spent his entire life on the farm where he was born. He married Ada May Polk (June 28, 1894 to October 29, 1967) on December 22, 1920 and they had seven children: Edna Ethel (December 18, 1922, died at birth), Dorothy May (December 25, 1923), Nelson Edward III (October 14, 1926 to October 29, 1979),



Wedding picture of Nelson and Ada (Polk) Bonar



Honeymoon picture of Nelson and Ada (Polk) Bonar

Robert Ray (October 29, 1928), William Perry (November 17, 1930), Jackson Wilson (July 3, 1936) and Daniel Donald (July 7, 1938). Dorothy married William Eugene Davis and their three children are William Eugene II, Dorothy Irene Frum and Wanda Elaine Hickox. Nelson III married Janice Flinn and their five children are Catherine Renee Sandy, Nelson Edward (IV), John Franklin, Mary Joanna Gibbs and Sarah Jane Veyon. Robert married Ruth Ann Sullivan and their four children are Joyce Ann Hill, James Robert, Donald Robin and Sharon Kay Pease. William married Virginia Grandon and their three children are Karen Elizabeth Travis, Nancy Lucile Osborne and Rebecca Sue Jones. Jackson married Dixie Morgan and their two children are Robin Lynne Hudson and Brook Edward. Daniel married Martha Baker and they have a daughter Mary Martha.

The children of Nelson and Ada Bonar attended the one room school (grades 1-8) at Murraysville which closed in 1946. All six children graduated



Nelson Bonar II, Rev. Prine, and Ada Bonar 1948

from Ravenswood High School. Nelson and Robert attended Marshall University, William graduated from Mountain State College, Jackson and Daniel Donald attended West Virginia University. Daniel went on to receive a Ph.D. in Mathematics at Ohio State. Nelson served in the Navy and the Army, Robert and Jackson were in the Air Force and William had four years with the Navy. Dorothy's



Ada Bonar, Jackson Bonar, Wm. Eugene Davis I,
Wm. Eugene Davis II, Daniel "Don" Bonar,
Nelson Edward Bonar II, 1949

husband, William "Bus" Davis, served in World War II and worked until retirement for the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company. Nelson and William worked for DuPont in Parkersburg. Robert worked for Kaiser Aluminum in Ravenswood and Jackson had a career with the R. J. Reynolds Company. Daniel is a professor of mathematics at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

The Bonar family has a great love for West Virginia, for Jackson County and for the family farm which borders the Ohio River at Murrays-



Wm. Bonar, Nelson Bonar, Philip Hand, Don Bonar, Ada (Polk) Bonar Hand, Dorothy (Bonar) Davis, Dorothy Irene Davis, Jackson Bonar, Wm., Davis II, Robert Bonar, Ruth Ann Bonar (graduation day at WVU, 1960)

ville. Our father (Nelson Edward II) and mother (Ada) believed in applying the principles of their religion to everyday living. They encouraged their children to take an interest in education and to work for the betterment of all. The Bonars attended Methodist Church at Murraysville and following its closing attended Coleman Chapel Church at Muses Bottom, WV. Submitted by Daniel D. Bonar and Dorothy (Bonar) Davis

G. HARVEY BONNETT

Granville Harvey Bonnett was born on Parchment Creek in Jackson County, near Ripley, West Virginia, on May 9, 1857, the son of William, Jr., and Luvicy Ann (Vandyne) Bonnett. He was the youngest of ten children.

Mr. Bonnett, who was better known as Professor Harvey, spent more than half a century of his life as a teacher in public schools. At the time of his retirement, he held the distinction of having taught a greater number of terms than any man in the State.

Mr. Bonnett was always active in the work of the church, the schools, and civic interests of his community. He was a familiar figure at all educational, religious, and convention meetings.

On November 22, 1883, he married Miss Addie Hickel. They had three children: Belva (married to Orville Kessel); Stacy L. (married to Rude Fisher); and Gladys (married to Lyle Clay from Barboursville, West Virginia). Stacy L. was killed by a truck in Dunbar, West Virginia, several years ago.

Mr. Bonnett's wife died, and some time after her death, he married Anna Staats on November 22, 1902. They had one son (Johnny) Paul R.

Bonnett. Johnny Paul married Madalene Kessel, his first wife. She died, and he then married Millie Allen.

Harvey Bonnett married the third time to Minerva Stone McDermott on September 6, 1914. They had one daughter Constance (Dot) Bonnett. She married Charles (Brooks) Carney.

Harvey Bonnett owned a farm on Jim Ridge in Jackson County near the Big Pine School and Church. He raised his family there, but later sold the farm and made his home in Barboursville, West Virginia, with one of his daughters, Mrs. Gladys Clay. On April 3, 1942, he died of cancer at the age of eighty-five years at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gladys Clay. Funeral services were held at the Fairview Church in Jackson County with the Rev. John Wesley Garrison preaching the funeral. Burial was in the Fairview Church cemetery. Submitted by Paul R. Bonnett

BONNETTE

David Daniel (Louis) Bonnette — Born 1655 — Wife, Christi Causine. Family lived in Thronque, France, from 1681 to 1686. The name is French. David was a Protestant who fled religious persecution from Piemont, Italy (now southern France) in 1687. Southern France is in an area known as Dauphine.

David lived in Morlheim, Germany, in 1699, but subsequently settled in Friedrichetal Baden, Germany, and raised his family there. David had two sons, Jeanne Coliver and Jean Jacques (John, Sr.).

Jean Jacques Bonnette — born in Friedrichetal Baden, Germany in 1702-married Anna Marie (Ancien) Desreux — born in 1701. They were married October 19, 1723. Jean Jacques and wife arrived in America on August 27, 1733, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the ship Elizabeth out of Rotterdam and settled near Paoli, Pennsylvania, Chester County, on Ceders Creek. They both are buried in the Chester County Cemetery.

Children:

Marguerite Catherine born May 25, 1725 died, 1794 married John Conrad Sickles.

Susannah Magdaline born June 11, 1729, died 1733 on ship Elizabeth.

Christine born June 29, 1730, died August 1733 on ship Elizabeth. The above children were born in Germany.

Johan Martin Simon born 1733 in Germany, died 1803, married Dorothy Bickley, Johan was killed by Indians.

Mary born in Paoli, Pennsylvania, 1735, died 1805, married Captain John Wetzel in 1756. They were the parents of Louis Wetzel, the famous Indian fighter. They were married in Rockingham, Virginia, in 1756. John Wetzel was killed by Indians on June 11, 1786, while crossing the Ohio River.

Lewis Bonnette born 1737, died August 9, 1808, in Paoli, Pennsylvania, married Elizabeth Waggoner, born March 27, 1749.

Samuel Bonnette, born 1738 in Paoli, Pennsylvania, died 1789 in Harrison County, Virginia; Samuel married Mary Elizabeth Lorentz (or Marchan) in 1755.

Samuel and Mary Elizabeth had twelve children, namely: John (married Martha Hacker); Margaret (married John Waggoner); Henery (married Elizabeth Van-Meter); Lewis (married Mary Linger); Jacob Bonnett (married Martha Hughes); Peter Bonnett (married Margaret Linger); Samuel Bonnett (married Martha Radcliff); Susannah Bonnett (married Chris. Straley); Elizabeth Bonnett (married George Straley); Philip Bonnett (married Sarah Linger); Mary Bonnett (married Peter Flesher).

William Bonnett, Sr., was born September 14, 1774, in Hampshire County, Virginia. Married Barbara Harpold, born February 5, 1784, daughter

of Adam and Margaret Harpold, in Hampshire County, Virginia. They were married on March 3, 1799. As pioneers, they moved from Hampshire County to Harrison County and settled on Hackers Creek. After staying at Hackers Creek a short time, they moved to Ripley (Jackson County), West Virginia. William Bonnett, Sr., died July 10, 1858, and Barbara Bonnett died August 20, 1867; both are buried in the Early Settlers Cemetery.

Children of William, Sr., and Barbara (Harpold) Bonnett:

Margaret Bonnett, married William Carney from Randolph County.

Elizabeth Bonnett, married Isaac Newton Flesher from Harrison County.

Mary Bonnett, married John Ours.

Susanna Bonnett, married William M. Parsons.

Sarah (Sally) Bonnett, married James Baker.

Louisa (Eliza) Bonnett, married Dr. William McMahon.

Mitilda Bonnett, married Christopher Craig.

Nicholas Bonnett, married Catherine Staats, first; she died and he married Sarah E. Staats, her half-sister.

John Bonnett, married Mary Margaret Armstrong.

Martha Bonnett, married Charles McComas Casto.

William Bonnett, Jr., born 1811 and died 1892, married Luvicy Ann Vandyne; he lived on Jim Ridge, the head waters of Thirteenmile Creek in Jackson County, at the time of his death. They lived about a mile from where they are buried in the McIntosh Cemetery. Luvicy Ann (Vandyne) Bonnett, his wife, died in 1895.

A pioneer of Jackson County, West Virginia, William Bonnett, Sr., came to Mill Creek from Hackers Creek settlement in what is now Lewis or Harrison County. William Bonnett, Sr., is listed on the personal property tax list in Mason County for 1805.

William Bonnett, Sr., Thomas Carney and George Casto, Sr., were the first men to build log cabins on this, the "Heart of Jackson County." Many of the present citizens of the county are now proud to trace their ancestry back to these pioneers.

William Bonnett, Sr., is said to have been a large muscular man noted for his great strength and activity. He married Barbara Harpold, sister to John Harpold, who was of German descent. She is said to have spoken very little English. She was born February 5, 1784, and died in 1867.

William Bonnett, Jr., was born in 1811. Like his father, he was a large muscular man, a noted athlete and renowned as a fighter. He often boasted that he never had been out-jumped, out-wrestled nor whipped in his life.

He told of plowing and hoeing corn where the City of Ripley now stands and seeing wild turkeys fly across the Mill Creek bottoms, from one hill to the next, so fat from feeding on beech mast that, when shot, they would burst open when they fell to the ground.

William Bonnett, Jr., lived on the head waters of Thirteenmile Creek on Jim Ridge in his later years. He didn't have a bad tooth in his mouth and hadn't been sick an hour in his life. He sickened about dark one evening and in a few hours he was dead.

Children of William, Jr., and Luvicy Ann (Vandyne) Bonnett:

Elizabeth Bonnett, married — Carney

Marietta Bonnett, married William Stout

Matilda Bonnett, married Christopher Campbell

Nancy Jane Bonnett, married John McIntosh

Louisa (Lou) Bonnett, married James Buckalew

Sarah and Alexis dead as infants

Samuel Bonnett, married Emily C. Goodwin

William Franklin Bonnett, married Sarah Belle

Hill November 7, 1879

Granville Harvey Bonnett, married Addie Hickel, first; married Anna Staats, second; married Minerva Stone McDermott, third.

William Franklin, born April 22, 1854, died June 19, 1922. Married Sarah Belle Hill, born December 28, 1863. Sarah Belle died on November 6, 1925.

William Franklin Bonnett was a carpenter and school teacher. He taught schools in Putnam, Jackson and Mason Counties.

Children of William Franklin and Sarah Belle Bonnett:

Mary Bonnett (1880-1960) married William (Bub) Harrison

John William Bonnett (1882-1971) married Lottie Fisher

Talmadge Dewight Bonnett (1887-1977) married Emma Carney

Martha (Mattie) Bonnett (1890-1981) married O. O. Ofa Maddox

Parvin V. Bonnett (—) married Thelma Kindburgh

Virgil Bonnett (1895-1925) never married

Bertha Bonnett (1898-1982) married Loren O. Fisher

Jennings Vaughn Bonnett married Verta O. Fisher, daughter of G. I. (Buzz) Fisher and Leatha Young Fisher. They were married December, 1917.



Jennings Vaughn and Verta Bonnett

Children of Jennings Vaughn and Verta O. Bonnett:

Quention Dallas Bonnett September 16, 1918 to February 28, 1981. Married Carmen Casto Stone and had two sons, Jerry L. Bonnett and Michael Joe Bonnett, and a step-daughter, Deanna Stone King. Quention served in the Armed Forces during WWII in the South Pacific.

Kenneth Harrell (Tom) Bonnett November 6,



Kenneth "Tom" and Ethel Bonnett

1922. Married Ethel D. (King) Ranson on July 7, 1972. No children. Tom Bonnett served in the Armed Forces during WWII in the European Theatre.

Helen Williadene Bonnett November 10, 1924. Married Elmer H. Bullard and had two daughters, Kathy Sue and Karen Lynn Bullard. Submitted by Tom Bonnett and Helen Bullard

BOSO

The progenitor of the Boso family in America was a Frenchman, Jean Baptiste Boisseaux (1756-1835). The American name is John Bates Boso. The French way of spelling the name is recorded in the Wood County Courthouse, Parkersburg, West Virginia (then Virginia). These records are now in the library of the West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Jean Boisseaux was born and reared in a small village on the outskirts of Paris, France. Benjamin Franklin secured France as an ally and their help with the American Revolution. Jean Baptiste Boisseaux was a soldier in the French army that came to the aid of the colonies under the leadership of Lafayette. Boisseaux saw service at Brandywine and Germantown and witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781.

Boisseaux was among a few of the French army that remained to become citizens of western Pennsylvania. He married Barbara Frick (1761-1866) in the Pittsburgh area and traveled by boat from Fort Pitt down the Ohio River to Fort Belleville. This was a dangerous trip and while tied up at the mouth of the Little Hocking River, their son Charles was born. They were the parents of six children: John, Joseph, Charles, Jacob, Mary and Wickware. The family settled on the South Fork of Lee Creek back of Belleville.

John Boso (1790-1872) married Jency Coleman (1794—) October 2, 1814 and Julia Anna Flinn (1805-1886) on January 30, 1827. Kinsman Dutton Boso (1840-1914) was among the children of the second marriage, and he married Ellen Katherine Brown (1848-1928) on February 7, 1864. Kinsman served in the Army of the United States of America during the Civil War. Their children included George Nelson Boso (1871-1948) who married Violetta Ferguson (1870-1955) on February 29, 1898.

Violetta Ferguson was the daughter of James Marion Ferguson (1828-1895) and Mary Jane Boso (1838-1914). Mary Jane was the daughter of Sara Anderson (1801-1884) and Charles Boso (1797-1898). Charles was the baby born to Jean Boisseaux, at the mouth of the Little Hocking River.

George Nelson and Violetta Ferguson Boso lived and raised their 15 children in Jackson County on a farm located on Pond Creek in Grant District.



Family of George Nelson and Violetta (Ferguson) Boso

The children of this Jackson County couple were:

Iris Opal Boso (1899-1987) who married Archie Cleo Swain (1899-1986). They were married March 15, 1919, and lived in the Parkersburg area. Their children are Howard Cleo Swain — Houston, Texas; Anita Yvonne Neal — Fletcher, North Carolina; James Carl Swain — Columbus, Ohio and Imogene Beryl Faggert — Paden City, West Virginia.

Jennie Belle Boso (1900—) who married Charles Wesley Mills (1900—). They have lived in the Newell area of Hancock County

for 55 years and celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary January 3, 1990. Their children are Wilma Jean Staley and Janet Belle Keller of Newell, West Virginia and Carol Zane Mills of Santa Barbara, California. Sons, Nile Wayne Mills and Charles Blaine Mills are deceased.

George Nelson Boso (1901-1949) who married Alice Young (1906-1990). They made their home in the Charleston area. Their children are Phyllis Carol Conner — Charleston, West Virginia; Jack Robert Boso — Columbus, Georgia; and James Herbert Boso — Cincinnati, Ohio.

Elmer Boso (1903-1984) married Mary Genevieve Modesitt. They lived in the Parkersburg/Belpre area and occasionally in Florida. Their daughter Mary Lou Knotts lives in Belpre, Ohio; a son Harry Nelson Boso is deceased.

Theodore Roosevelt Boso (1904-1953) married Sarah Ellen Swain (1906-1957). They lived in the Parkersburg area. Their children are Albert Vernon Boso — Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Charles Clayton Boso — Thornsville, Ohio; Esta Lorene Freeman — Nocomas, Florida and Alfred Roosevelt Boso, deceased.

Nora Boso Medley (1906-1979) lived in Youngstown, Ohio.

Melvin A. Boso (1908-1948) married Maggie Ellen Holliday. This family's roots are in Southern Wood County. Their sons are Alvin Denzil Boso, Melvin Harold Boso, Charles Clyde Boso and Dr. Edwin Cleo Boso all of the Washington, West Virginia area and a daughter Melvina Marie Hickman of Parkersburg.

Leroy Boso (1910-1919) died young.

Lizzie Lucille Boso (1911—) married William Ellsworth Carder (1908-1971). Mrs. Carder resides below Lubeck and is instrumental in the Boso Reunion held each August in Lubeck, Wood County. Their children are Donald Ellsworth Carder — Belpre, Ohio and Nancy Jane King of Washington, West Virginia.

Kinnsman Dutton Boso (1913—) married Laura Brown (1916-1971) and lives in Denver, Colorado. His son Glenn Arthur Boso also lives in Denver. Glenn's twin sons have legally changed their names to the original spelling "Boisseaux."

Burhl Ferguson Boso (1915-1944) married Nellie Mae Whealdon (1917—). Burhl was killed during World War II and his name is on the Veterans Honor Roll Monument, Courthouse Square, Ripley.

Delta Aleen Boso (1917—) married Cecil W. Whealdon (1913—). They live in the Belpre, Ohio area. Their children are Norman Dale Whealdon, Nellie Lucille Thompson, Patsy Marie Grimm, Margaret Ann Shepherd, Charles Samuel Whealdon, Bernard Nelson Whealdon and Janet Kay Munzey all of the Belpre/Parkersburg area.

Janie Boso (1919-1920) died young.

Mandy Rose Ellen Boso (1921—) married Erick William Hillman (1909-1967) and lives in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. Her son Robert Lee Hillman also lives in Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

Charles Nelson Boso (1923-1944) married Mildred Rhodes. Charles was also killed during World War II and is remembered on the Veterans Monument in Ripley. Submitted by Lizzie Carder and Nancy King

BOSO

Jean Baptist Boisseaux (1756-1835) came to America in 1776, with General Lafayette to help the colonies in the Revolutionary War. He fought at Brandywine, Germantown, and was present at Yorktown when the war ended.

He married Barbara Frick (1761-1866), a German girl in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, changed his name to John Baptist Boso, and started west to take up land due him for his services in the war. He built a flat boat, and with his wife, and

one son, John, left Pittsburgh to come down the Ohio River to Belleville, which was then Virginia in 1792. On this trip his second son, Charles, was born. They lived on a farm below Belleville, in what is now Jackson County, and had a family of six children. Charles and John remained in this area. The others went with their father and mother down the Ohio to Vevay, Indiana, where county records show they lived out their lives.

Charles Boso (1797-1898) married Sarah Anderson (1801-1884) about 1818 and they had seven children. They are buried in the Boso Cemetery, Little Pond Creek, Jackson County, WV. Their children: John I. (married Deborah Mills), Nelson (married Deborah Ingles), Isaiah (married Mary Elizabeth Orem), Eliza (married John Orem), Mary Jane (married James Marion Ferguson), Willard (married, first, Louiza Fancher, second, Mary Bell Ryley) and moved to Indiana, Charles (died as a young adult). Many descendants of Charles and Sarah Boso have lived in Jackson County.

John Boso (1790-1872) married, first, Jensey Coleman on October 2, 1814 and they had five children. John married, second, Julia Anna Flinn (1805-1886) on January 30, 1827 and they had nine children.

Michael Boso, son of John and Jensey (Coleman) Boso, married Lucretia Mills, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Brooks) Mills. They had eleven children, one of them being Alexander Boso who married Laura Elizabeth Moore. Alexander and Laura had six children, one of whom was my father, John Michael Boso. John Michael Boso married Ada Humphrey and lived at Belleville until after the 1913 flood. This flood destroyed much of that part of the country. They moved to Washington, WV when I was five months old.

When my father, John Michael, died in 1960, my mother, Ada Humphrey Boso began collecting information about her Boso relatives, seeking to find if the stories handed down through many generations could be verified. After approximately seven years of work, she turned all her findings over to Ted Boso of Summerville, WV who was compiling information for his book, *The Boso Family*, which was published in 1977. Submitted by Charles M. Boso

BOSWELL (BOZWELL)

Gilbert Boswell Sr. born 1779 Franklin County, Virginia, died December 7, 1854 Jackson Co., WV married Elizabeth Mason June 5, 1809 Franklin Co., VA daughter of Nathaniel Mason and Hannah Aden.

Gilbert Boswell Sr. was son of William M. Boswell married January 7, 1783 Bedford Co., VA. Mary Jean Mason died 1830 Mason Co., VA, daughter of Gilbert and Elizabeth Mason. William M. Boswell was one of the early settlers of Mason Co., VA died there in 1828. William M. was a son of John and Henrietta Boswell who were living in Bedford Co., VA by 1764.

Gilbert Boswell Sr. was one of the first sheriffs of Jackson Co., WV. He came to what is now Jackson County in 1817, with his brother-in-laws Jabel Bowles and Jephtha Mason, with a year stop over in Mason Co. at Flat Rock. They journeyed to Parchment Creek where they built and established their homes, about seven miles from mouth of Parchment Creek.

Gilbert Boswell Sr. built his house near where the Given, WV post office is now located.

Children of Gilbert Boswell Sr. and Elizabeth Mason:

Wiley born 1810 married Elizabeth Gandee April 21, 1842 Jackson Co.

Gilbert Jr. (1814-1887) married Mary Good June 5, 1845 Jackson Co.

Creed Mason born 1816 married Irene Fargo.

Sarah born 1824 married Jacob Wolf March 2, 1845 Jackson Co.



James Fred and Mary Frances (Harper) Cash

Thomas F. born 1826 married Mary Steel.

Ammond H. (1829-1894) married Margaret Feb 20, 1860.

Mary Jane born 1833 married Martin Simmons November 2, 1852.

William L. born 1835 Jackson Co.

Emily born March 6, 1813 Franklin Co., VA died April 28, 1868 Jackson Co., WV married November 26, 1835 Jackson Co. to Abraham Wolfe born March 23, 1811 Lewis Co., (WV) died July 6, 1904 Jackson Co., WV, son of James Robert Wolfe born April 12, 1788 Harrison Co., (WV) died December 2, 1858 Jackson Co., and Frances Beath married approximately 1807 Harrison Co., and grandson of one of early settlers of Harrison, Lewis Counties, VA (now WV). Jacob Wolfe born 1755 in Cornwall died 1823 Hackers Creek now Lewis Co., WV and Anna Straley who also died at Hackers Creek.

Children of William M. and Mary J. Mason:

Gilbert Sr. born 1779 died 1854.

Creed H., Ferryboat operator.

William J., married Cathy Davis in 1807.

Jane born 1796 married 1812 to Andrew Lewis Jr.

Sally, married 1810 John Patterson.

Henrietta, married William Amos in 1804.

Submitted by Carolyn Debra King and Heather Dawn King

BOSWELL — SAYRE

Mary M. Boswell was born in Jackson County on January 11, 1898 at 13-Mile Creek near Rockcastle, to Thomas Gilbert Boswell (1860-1923) and Susan Parsons Boswell (1870-1937). She was the granddaughter of Gilbert Boswell Jr. (1814-1887) and Mary Good Boswell (1824-1906) and Nicholas Parsons and Mary Magdalene Casto Parsons. She was the great-granddaughter of Gilbert Boswell Sr. (1779-1854) and Elizabeth Mason Boswell (1792-1860), both of Franklin County, Virginia.

Mary attended school at Lone Oak School on 13-Mile Creek. She also attended classes at Institute, West Virginia. She taught in both Jackson and Mason counties.



Mary Magdalene (Sayre) Boswell

She married Charles Benjamin Sayre (March 24, 1890 to March 15, 1952) on February 20, 1920. He was the son of James (1866-1897) and Ellen Childers Sayre (1868-1948). Charles served

as a cook in WW I. He and Mary settled in Point Pleasant, WV where a daughter, Juanita, was born on November 23, 1921. They moved to Akron, Ohio, and a son, Charles Jr. was born on March 8, 1926. Charles remained single, served in WW II and died of meningitis on January 29, 1952.

Juanita married John Richard Lutey on December 30, 1940. He was the son of John James Lutey of Penzance, England and Marie Roberts Lutey of London, Ohio. John R. served in the Navy during WW II. Juanita and John had two children, Sheila Joyce born July 7, 1942 and Richard Dennis born January 7, 1944. Sheila married James Phillip Hall on July 26, 1964. They have two sons, James Richard, born May 23, 1967, and Brian Scott, born August 4, 1969. James is single and attending the University of Akron. Brian is married to Laura Beth Stalnaker Hall. They have a son, Nicholas Brian, who was born August 14, 1988. Brian is currently serving with the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, Colorado and is preparing to move his family to Germany in January, 1990.

Richard Lutey married Barbara Fabian Weaver and they have two children, Shawn Richard born August 11, 1973 and Stephanie Denise born October 25, 1983.

Mary shared many memories with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed telling about when she was teaching school and how one day, during a bad storm, her horse became frightened, broke a saddle strap, and left her in the mud. A neighbor took her in, washed and ironed her clothes, caught her horse and helped her get back to school the next day.

She also talked about how she used to play on the piles of wood shavings from the saw mill when a new home was being built.

She used to recall the huge farm meals for all the thrashers with all of the neighbors helping. Also huge pots of apple butter in the fall. Many hands made light of hard work. Fun times centered around the many small churches in the area. She also recalled the sad times when a loved one was buried in the cemetery at the top of the hill above the farm. Most of the older Boswells are buried in this family cemetery on Brotherton Fork Road near Rockcastle, West Virginia. Submitted by Sheila J. Hall

BOSWELL — SHEETS

Miriam Elizabeth Boswell was born on May 21, 1901. She was the daughter of Thomas Gilbert Boswell and Susan Parsons Boswell. She grew up on the family farm on 13-Mile Creek near Rockcastle and Given, West Virginia. After the death of her father in 1922, she moved along with her mother, two sisters, Myrtle and Mable, and brother, Floyd to Akron, Ohio.

Miriam married Arthur Ray Sheets (8-22-1903-1-31-1967) of Fairmont, West Virginia. They had three children. Daughter, Genevive Opal born 10-24-1926. She married Lee Henninger and they have four children; Sylvia Ann Mack 6-7-1947, Frank Mack Simmons, Joe Henninger 5-7-1951 and Lee Jr. 12-25-1952. Genevive and Lee also have six grandchildren. Tracy L., Homer L. and Teresa D. Henninger, and Jimmy, Johnny and Greta Simmons.

Son Johnny was born in November of 1928 and lived only until July of 1929. Son Eugene R. was born 11-28-1931. He married Dolly Montgomery and they have five children, Naomi, Sherry, Matthew, Kathleen and Charlie. Submitted by Genevive Henninger

AUSTIN BOSWELL

Wiley Austin Boswell (1884-1977) was born in Rockcastle, the son of Wiley A. Boswell and Martha Jane Atkinson Boswell. (For ancestors see Wiley A. Boswell and Rev. William A. Atkinson.) He attended the Lone Oak School with Jack Simmons as teacher.

Austin married (1909) Mary Etta Hanning (1886-1964), daughter of Samuel Hanning and Frances Howe Hanning. Mary was born in Lancaster, Ohio. She was serving as housekeeper for Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kessell, parents of Drs. Ray, Russell and Royal Kessell, when she and Austin met. They raised their family on Frog Hollow near Given in a log house made from logs from a pre-Civil War fort. One of the port holes still exists.

As a young man Austin and brother Willie went to the coal fields in southern West Virginia on Paint Creek to build company houses. They were among the first to join the National Brotherhood of Carpenters Union. He was also a substitute mail carrier out of the Given Post Office and cut timber on Paint Creek. Most of his adult years were spent farming with a team of horses. He was known in his community for his honesty and friendliness.

As a young man Austin was a member of Lone Oak Baptist Church but later moved his membership to Given United Brethren Church where Mary was a lifelong member.

Both Austin and Mary are buried in the Given Cemetery as are sons Lloyd and Clyde, and daughter, Aulene. Son Sam is buried in Tyler Mountain Memorial Gardens.

The descendants of Austin and Mary are as follows:

- A. Austin Wade Boswell (1910-) married 1942 Martha Elizabeth Skeens (1922-).
 1. Deloris Gay Merrical (1939-) adopted 1943.
 - a. Allen Wade Boswell (1961-) married 1982 Pamela Diane Matics (1961-) marriage dissolved 1985, married 1988 Wendy Stemple. (1) Dustin Allen Matics Boswell (1984-).
 2. Samuel Gilbert Boswell (1943-) married 1967 Rainelle McDonald, marriage dissolved.
 - a. Nicole Dinelle Boswell (1967-). Samuel Gilbert Boswell married 1979 Martha Norley (1954-).
 - b. James Austin Boswell (1982-).
 - c. Catherine Elizabeth Boswell (1985-).
 3. Betty Jean Boswell (1945-) married 1966 Carroll Lowell French (1940-).
 - a. Tara Leigh French (1969-).
 4. Austin Wade Boswell (1948-) married 1967 Linda Lockard, marriage dissolved.
 - a. Shannon Michael Boswell (1967-). Austin Wade Boswell married Karen Casto, marriage dissolved.
 5. Charles Everette Boswell (1951-) married 1971 Gayle Ann Bailey (1950-).
- B. Lloyd Asbury "Jake" Boswell (1911-1978).
- C. Clyde Vernon Boswell (1913-1987) married 1940 Lucy Alice Parsons (1915-1956). Clyde Boswell married 1956 Bernice Ranson Pennington (1917-).
 1. Robert Lee Pennington (1943-) married 1967 Cheryl Lynn Seymour (1944-).
 - a. Melissa Lynn Pennington (1971-).
 - b. Matthew William Pennington (1976-).
- D. Aulene Marie Boswell (1915-1969) married 1933 Alva Phillip "Case" Barnette (1911-1969).
 1. Carroll Austin Barnette (1934-) married 1955 Shirley Frasier, marriage dissolved.
 - a. Debbie Carolice Barnette (1955-) married 1974 Larry Wayne Johnson (1952-).
 - (1) Jason Scott Johnson (1975-).
 - (2) Justin Wayne Johnson (1981-).
 - b. Deendra Camice Barnette (1960-) married 1981 Larry Eugene Miller (1956-).
 - (1) Brandon Wade Miller (1983-).
 - (2) Jaclyn Renae Miller (1986-).
 - c. Camden Carroll "Butch" Barnette (1962-) married 1986 Debra Sue Nichols (1959-) married 1971 Effie Mae Anderson (1940-).
 - (1) Brent Mitchell Barnette (1989).

- d. Martin Michael "Mitch" Barnette (1964-).
2. Clarence Darrell Barnette (1936-1958).
3. Sally Ethel Barnette (1938-) married 1960 Thomas L. Antal (1926-).
 - a. Cynthia Lou Antal (1961-) married 1985 David Ray Toler (1957-).
 - (1) David Ryan Toler (1987-).
4. Alva Lee Barnette, Jr. (1940-) married 1962 Ellen Joyce Hiner (1940-), marriage dissolved.
 - a. Jeffery Wayne Barnette (1963-).
 - b. Lisa Gay Barnette (1964-).
 - c. Lori Marie Barnette (1970-).
 - (1) Zackary McClellen Barnette (1988-). Alva Barnette married Lisa Jo Eddy (1966-).
5. Janet Ann Barnette (1941-) married 1959 John Lloyd Jordan (1936-).
 - a. Annette Rennee Jordan (1960-).
 - b. Janie Louise Jordan (1961-) married 1981 Daniel Edward Pennock (1960-).
 - (1) Danniell Edward Pennock, II (1981-).
 - (2) Amy Dawn Pennock (1984-).
 - c. Mary Ellen Jordan (1965-).
 - d. Susan Marie Jordan (1968-).
 - e. John Lloyd Jordan, II (1970-).
6. Patsy Marie Barnette (1943-) married 1963 Larry Calvin Harrison (1939-).
 - a. Larry Calvin Harrison (1964-) married 1989 Theresa Elaine Spurgeon (1963-).
 - b. Charles Andrew Harrison (1965-) married 1989 Elizabeth Ann Holmes (1964-).
7. Gerald Edison Barnette (1946-) married 1969 Mary Ann Twigg (1944-).
- E. Samuel Wiley Boswell (1917-1989) married 1950 Marie Bibbee (1919-).
 1. Terry Lynn Boswell (1956-).
 2. Sandra Lee Boswell (1959-).
- F. Ora Ethel Boswell (1920-) married 1947 Hubert Ranson Thornton (1917-1975).
 1. Hubert Michael Thornton (1949-) married 1968 Denise Davis, marriage dissolved.
 - a. Kelly Dawn Thornton (1968-). Michael Thornton married 1973 Deborah Lee Middleton (1950-).
 - b. Jeremy Michael Thornton (1974-).
 - c. Nicholas Ranson Thornton (1978-).
- G. Mildred Alberta Boswell (1922-) married William Howard Hickman (1911-1949).
 1. Beverly Joyce Barnette (1943-) married 1960 Carl A. "Jack" Jones (1938-).
 - a. Jack Scott Jones (1962-).
 - b. Jon Shawn Jones (1964-) married 1987 Tammy Sue Franklin.
 - (1) Shawna Sue Jones (1988-).
 - c. Joey Stevens Jones (1968-).
 - d. Judy Susan Jones (1970-).
 - e. Jasyn Shane Jones (1976-).
 2. Gerald Wayne Hickman (1947-) married Cheryl Morris, marriage dissolved.
 - a. Shelly Mae Hickman (1969-). Gerald Hickman married Sue Maxwell, marriage dissolved. Gerald Hickman married 1979 Laurie Jeannie Griffin.
 - b. Griffin Bryce Hickman (1984-).
 - c. Caitlin Noelle Hickman (1988-).

Mildred Alberta married 1952 George Edward Braham (1923-).

3. Linda Anne Braham (1953-).
4. Loretta Gayle Braham (1955-) married 1974 John Leslie Knotts (1953-).
 - a. Vanessa Diane Knotts (1975-).
 - b. Matthew John Knotts (1977-).
5. Lana Cheryl Braham (1957-) married 1976 Ronnie Dale Cottrill (1954-).
 - a. Ronnie Dale Cottrill, Jr. (1971-).
 - b. Wayne Grant Cottrill (1977-).
 - c. Jamie Lynn Cottrill (1977-).
 - d. Tabatha Sue Cottrill (1980-).

6. Kathy Kay Braham (1958-).
7. Connie Jean Braham (1959-) married 1979 Eddie Carl Dice (1954-).
 - a. Jessica Eileen Dice (1979-).
 - b. Eddie Carl Dice (1983-).
8. Mark Allen Braham (1961-) married 1984 Tina Louise Stahl (1962-).
9. Darlene Sue Braham (1963-).
 - a. Melissa Sue Braham (1981-).
- H. Mary Don Boswell (1926-) married 1947 Arnold Casto (1923-).
 1. Judith Ann Casto (1949-) married 1971 Frank William Schullek (1946-).
 - a. Matthew Alan Schullek (1972-).
 - b. Jennifer Dawn Schullek (1977-).
 - c. Jessica Anne Schullek (1979-).
 - d. Amanda Beth Schullek (1985).
 2. Mary Ellen Casto (1952-) married 1979 Edward Litler, marriage dissolved. Mary Ellen married 1984 David Ray (1945-).
 - a. Katie Ray (1987-).
 3. David Arnold Casto (1960-).
- I. Otis Warren "Jack" Boswell (1928-) married 1956 Cleora Sharleen Sayre (1936-).
 1. Sherry Colleen Boswell (1957-) married 1977 Jearl Duane Barnette (1954-).
 - a. Adena Dawn Barnette (1981-).
 - b. Andrea Brooke Barnette (1984-).
 - c. Austin "Drew" Barnette (1986-).
 2. Mary Ann Boswell (1959-) married 1982 Patrick Wayne Arnold, marriage dissolved. Mary Ann married 1987 Thomas Franklin Clark.
 - a. Mary Elise Boswell Clark (1988-).
 3. Warren Kent Boswell (1960-) married 1988 Terri Lynn Jordan (1968-).
 - a. Halea Lynn Boswell (1988-). *Submitted by Otis W. Boswell and Sandra L. Boswell and Wade Boswell*

THOMAS GILBERT BOSWELL

Thomas Gilbert Boswell grew up and raised his family not far from Ripley, W. Va., in Jackson County. He was the son of Gilbert and Mary Good Boswell. He had 10 brothers and sisters:

1. Pernetta married John McCroskey, and they had two children, John Jr. and Emma.
2. Mary Elizabeth married Prophet Staats and they had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Molly).
3. Nancy Ann married Lawrence Wolfe.
4. Hanna married Bonapart Harrison.
5. Miriam married Ross Gillispie, and they had four children; Tom, Wade, Carl, and Miriam.
6. Irene married Wilson Haines.
7. William Leftridge married Julia French.
8. Wiley married Martha Jane Adkinson and they had five children; William, Ida Mae, Wiley, Corda and Okey.
9. George A. remained single.
10. Eliza married James Eskew and they had a son, Tom.

Thomas remained a farmer all of his life. He inherited his farm from his father for the promise to care for his mother until her death, and also any sisters that remained unmarried.

Thomas married Susan Parsons, daughter of Nicholas H. and Mary Magdalene (Casto) Parsons, uniting his family with two of the largest families in the area. They lived in a log house, but soon built a new home on the hill above the log house at 13-Mile Creek. He reared his eight children there. The firstborn, Gilbert, died at age one year. The other children were Garfield, Bernice, Mary Magdalene (Sayre), Myrtle Emma (Long), Homer Ray (married Clessie Bibbee and after her death, Lucy Little), Mable Flossie, Floyd Asbury, Miriam (married Ray Sheets).

They raised all their own food, cattle and pork for meat and milk, and cane sugar. They planted many kinds of fruit and berries. They also grew some flax and used it to spin cloth. They had chickens, turkeys and geese from which they saved feathers and made huge feather ticks and pillows. Ice was cut from the creek in the winter and stored in deep underground, straw-insulated bins. The ice was a real treat in warmer weather.



front row: Meriam, Thomas, Myrtle Emma, Susana, Mable, Bernice back row: Homer, Mary, Garfield, Floyd

They repaired all of their own shoes, and, if need be, could make them, as their parents had taught them how. Their home was heated with wood and some coal that popped out of the ground near the house. They grew popcorn for treats, and gathered many kinds of nuts and herbs.

I was told by one of the older cousins that the overalls their grandmother made were so stiff you could stand them up in a corner.

There was always work to do, but Sunday was a day of worship, family, and friends. Salesmen would come through once or twice a year selling all kinds of household goods, toiletries, and some clothing. Sometimes they would take a meal or spend the night.

I remember one of the beds in the house as built with one side attached to the wall with ropes stretched both ways making a spring for the huge feather ticks. There was a kind of key at the ends to wind the rope tight so it would not sag. I have been told that this is where the saying, "Sleep tight," comes from. (If you wished someone a good night's sleep, you would say sleep tight meaning tighten your ropes so you won't sag.)

Someone once said memory is a ribbon that stretches from one generation to the next. We have stretched it from farms to cities, from horse travel to rockets. We have seen more inventions in our generation than any time in history. I thank God for my family, past and present, for letting me live at this time in history, in this country, America. I pray the next generation will grab these ribbons and stretch them into the next generation. *Submitted by Juanita B. Lutey (Sayre)*

WILEY A. BOSWELL

Wiley A. Boswell (1852-1915) was the son of Gilbert Boswell, Jr. (1814-1887) and Mary Good born approximately 1825 and made their home on Parchment. Gilbert served in 1831 on the first Jackson County Court which met in the home of John Warth, Willow Grove. Mary was of German descent. Their family consisted of:

Hannah, born 1847, married Bonaforte Harrison, buried Poca, Jackson County.

William Leftridge (1848-1923).

Irene, born 1850, married "Woody" Wilson Haynes or Haines, buried Poca, Jackson County. Spotwood (1852-1913).

Wiley A. (1852-1915) married Martha Jane Atkinson (1860-1936).

Pernetta, born 1854, married John McCroskey. Eliza, born 1856, married Jim Eskew.

George A., born 1858, bachelor.

Thomas Gilbert (1860-1923), married Suzy Parsons.

Mary Elizabeth, born 1863, married 1892 Clermont Profitt Staats, born 1849, buried Fairplain.

Miriam V., born 1866, married Ross Gillispee.

Nancy A., born 1868, married Laurence Wolfe.

Wiley married 1877 Martha Jane Atkinson. They made their home in the vicinity of Rockcastle where Wiley made a living for his family by farming. Their family consisted of:

William Gilbert (1878-1960) married 1904

Rosa Edith Carney (1886-1970). (For their descendants see William G. Boswell.)

Ida Mae (1879-1963) married 1902 Millard Staats. They lived most of their married life in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Okey Chapman (1881-1886).

Wiley Austin (1884-1977) married 1909 Mary Etta Hanning (1886-1964). They made their home near Given.

Corda Ethel (1889-1975) married Waitman T.W. Paxton, died 1954; married 1957 Charles G. Koontz, died 1962. They made their home on First Street, Ripley, until Corda's death.

Wiley was the grandson of Gilbert Boswell, Sr. (1779-1854) and Elizabeth Mason (1772-1860). She was born in Franklin County, Virginia. They resided on Parchment. Their children consisted of:

Wiley, born 1810, married 1842 Elizabeth Gandee.

Gilbert, Jr. (1816-1886), married 1845 Mary Good.

Creed M., born 1816.

Sarah, born 1824, married 1845 Jacob Wolfe.

Thomas, born 1826.

Ammon (Amos) born 1829, married Margaret J. Boswell.

Mary Jane, born 1833, married 1852 Marlin Simmons.

Wiley was the great-grandson of William Boswell born before 1765, died 1828 in Mason County, who is said to have come to Mason County in western Virginia because of his strong feelings against the slave owning of his father in Franklin County, Virginia. He ran a ferry in Mason County perhaps across the Ohio River. Among his children were:

Thomas, born between 1780 and 1790.

Gilbert (1779-1854) married 1807 Elizabeth Mason (1772-1860).

Creed H., born 1800, married Mary Boswell, died 1830. He received half interest in a patent right respecting a new mode of ferrying and propelling boats in the state of Indiana for the term of fourteen years from October 1, 1830.

William Leftridge born between 1790 and 1795.

Jane (1796-1870) married 1794 Andrew Lewis.

The Boswells were of English descent.

Martha Jane Atkinson Boswell was the daugh-



Martha and Corda Boswell

ter of William Albert Atkinson (Atkisson) (1841-1928) and Elenor Elizabeth Rousbottom (1844-1883). After the death of Wiley she and daughter Corda kept the home and farm in operation until Corda's marriage to W.T.W. Paxton, the owner of a general store in Rockcastle. This store sold every necessity — food, yard goods, nails, patent medicine, harness, lamp oil, etc. Martha did the housekeeping for the Paxtons while Corda served as postmistress at Rockcastle Post Office many years. The post office also had a Star Route.

Martha was born in Maryland but moved to Reedy, Roanoke County when a child, later moving to Jackson County where she made her home until her death. She became a member of Lone Oak Baptist Church at an early age and remained in

that congregation throughout her lifetime.

Wiley, Martha, and Okey are buried in the Boswell Cemetery which is on what was the Tommy Boswell farm up Brotherton Fork from Lone Oak Church. Austin and Corda are buried in the Given Cemetery. William is buried at Leon. Ida was buried at East Liverpool, Ohio. *Submitted by Charles L. Boswell and Naomi Boswell Gainer*

WILLIAM G. BOSWELL

William Gilbert Boswell (1878-1960) was born at Rockcastle. He was the son of Wiley (1852-1915) and Martha Jane Atkinson Boswell (1860-1936). (For the ancestors of W.G. Boswell see Wiley A. Boswell.)

Willie attended Rockcastle School and Ripley Normal School.

He was the brother of Wiley Austin Boswell, who was a life-long resident of Given; Ida Staats who lived in East Liverpool, Ohio after her marriage to Millard Staats; Okey Boswell (1881-1886); Corda Ethel Boswell Paxton Koontz lived in Rockcastle after her marriage to Waitman T.W. Paxton, owner of a general store. Corda was post mistress at Rockcastle for many years. After the death of Paxton she married Charles Koontz and made their home on First Street, Ripley.

Willie married Rosa Edith Carney (1886-1970) in 1905. (For Rosa's ancestors see Alexander C. Carney.) Willie met Rosa when Alexander Carney hired him to turn his two-story house around which was facing Parchment Creek near Given so it would face the road. This was done by jacking up the house and putting it on logs, using horses for power.

Willie and Rosa went to housekeeping in Given



William G. Boswell

before he built the house on the hill behind the then Given United Brethren Church for his family. They lived in Given until the fall of 1915 when they moved their family and household goods to Leon, Route 1, by wagon, buggy, and drove the livestock. The new farm was grown up in timber which had to be cleared before farming could take place. Their family, leaving Jackson County, consisted of Ethel, Howard, Naomi, Odessa — each born in Given. Duard was born in Leon in 1918 during the flu epidemic. He was delivered by Sarah Dunham, midwife, because Dr. B.F. Sommer was taking care of flu patients. Luella and Charles Leonard completed the family.

Willie was a life-long farmer, also mail carrier at Given and did some carpenter work. He was a member of the Leon Baptist Church serving as deacon 36 years and men's Bible teacher. He was a member of the Leon Odd Fellows and K of P Lodges.

Rosa belonged to the Leon Baptist Church where she served as young people's teacher many years. A charter member of the following: Leon Baptist Ladies Aid, Homemakers Club and Leon Temple Pythian Sisters.

The family visited the grandparents in Jackson County, traveling about 18 miles in a horse-drawn hack about once a year. It was a thrill for the children when Willie made them hickory whistles

to blow along the way. A picnic lunch was carried along, also feed for the horses. It was an all-day trip.

The children's friends were always welcome in the home. Molasses making in the fall was a popular time — eating skimmings on a piece of canestock dipped in the evaporator. Wheat threshing was a big event when the farmers and womenfolk helped each other.

Their descendants follow:

I. Freeda Ethel Boswell (1906-1961) married 1928 Don Hindman Moe Harvey (1903-1961). They lived in Kenton, Ohio.

A. Rosemary Ethel Harvey (1929-) married 1948 Kenneth Doyle Nowlan (1921-).

1. Linda Sue Nowlan (1949-1961).

2. Ralph Edward Nolan (1950-) married 1954 Claudia Beth Linto Ingledue (1954-). a. Jami Lynn Ingledue (1973-), father, William Ingledue. b. Sarah Beth Nowlan (1983-). c. Kenneth Edward Nowlan (1986-).

3. Thomas Joe Nowlan (1952-) married 1981 Yvonne Hamby (1959-). a. Matthew Thomas Nowlan (1983-). b. Samantha Jo Nowlan (1985-). c. Nicholas Ray Nowlan (1986-).

4. Mary Louise Nowlan (1953-1961).

5. Janet Kay Nowlan (1955-) married 1975 Gary Lewis Flinn (1952-). a. Emily Elaine Flinn (1983-). b. Andrew Tristan Flinn (1984-). c. William Todd Flinn (1986-).

6. Betty Jane Nowlan (1958-) married 1978 Todd Russell Augsburg (1957-).

B. Frank Gilbert Harvey (1931-1961).

C. Donna Louise Harvey (1932-) married 1952 Donald LeRoy Heilman (1932-).

1. Peggy Lee Heilman (1955-) married 1976 Russell Clayton Cahill. a. Bridget Lee Cahill (1980-). b. Adam Lee Cahill (1983-).

2. Carol Jean Heilman (1957-) married 1987 Patrick David Telljohann (1956-). a. Samantha Susan Telljohann (1986-).

3. Nancy Ann Heilman (1958-) married 1985 James Virgil Daniel (1957-).

4. Paul Eugene Heilman (1960-).

5. Karen Sue Heilman (1961-) married 1980 Jeffrey Alan Sutherland (1962-). a. Nathan Alan Sutherland (1980-). b. Natalie Ann Sutherland (1983-).

Ethel, Don and Frank Harvey, Linda and Mary Nowlan were killed in a car wreck at Upper Sandusky, Ohio August 18, 1961 and are buried in Grove Cemetery, Kenton, Ohio. The Harvey descendants live in north central Ohio.

II. Elmer Liston (1908-1909), buried in Fairview Cemetery.

III. William Howard Boswell (1910-1965) married 1940 Emme Louise Robinson (1923-); Howard is buried in Kirkland Memorial, Point Pleasant. Their home was at West Columbia.

A. Ruth Marie Boswell (1941-) married 1961 Carl Edward Dunham (1941-), have made their home in Leon.

1. Gregory Scott Dunham (1962-) married 1988 Rachel Bethany Kimberling (1970-).

B. William Harold Boswell (1943-) married Evelyn June Rollins (1946-) have made their home back of West Columbia.

1. Evelyn Amanda Boswell (1965-) married 1984 Benjamin Roush, Jr. (1960-).

C. Norma Jean Boswell (1946-) married 1965 Dennis Howell (1946-), live in Middleport, Ohio.

1. William Ray Howell (1967-) married 1985 Patricia Smallwood (1969-).

2. Duane Dennis Howell (1969-1987).

D. Ray Paul Boswell (1948-).

E. James Lee Boswell (1952-) live back of West Columbia.

1. James Lee Boswell, Jr. (1971-).

F. Dale Brian Boswell (1958-).

G. Roger Seth Boswell (1961-) married 1980 Virginia Koon, divorced.

1. Sarah Beth Boswell (1981-1981) buried in Kirkland Memorial, Point Pleasant.

2. Kristin Lynn Boswell (1982-).

H. Richard Boswell (1962-) married 1982 Leona Sanders (1964-).

1. Carol Nicole Boswell (1986-).

IV. Wilma Naomi Boswell (1912-) married 1936 Walter Paul Gainer (1909-1982) made their home in Newark, Delaware.

A. Fredric Paul Gainer (1938-) married 1964 Julia Baldwin (1943-) divorced.

1. David Paul Gainer (1968-).

2. William Fredric Gainer (1970-).

3. Mark Alan Gainer (1974-).

V. Ruth Odessa Boswell (1915-1937) buried in Leon Cemetery.

VI. Verley Duard Boswell (1918-) married Orpha Goode, divorced; married 1972 Esther Trenlenberg (1921-) live in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

VII. Luella Flora Boswell (1922-) married 1943 Warren Dale Keefer (1924-) live at Leon.

A. Judith Elaine Keefer (1944-) married 1964 Jerry Atmer Matheny (1942-) live at Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

1. Timothy Atmer Matheny (1965-).

2. Rusty Warren Matheny (1967-).

3. Michael Scott Matheny (1970-).

4. Brenton Troy Matheny (1978-).

B. Warren Dale Keefer, II (1950-) married 1969 Nancy Louise Young (1950-) live at Charleston.

1. Melissa René Keefer (1974-).

2. Amanda Young Keefer (1980-).

VIII. Charles Leonard Boswell (1927-) married 1957 Estelena Turner (1927-) live at Point Pleasant.

A. George Allen Boswell (1958-).

Submitted by V. Duard Boswell, William G. Boswell, Janet Flinn and Donna Heilman

BOURGEOIS PART I

In 1821 a son Leon was born to Marie Madeleine Hue and Jean Amand Bourgeois. In 1851, the recently widowed Leon left his estate outside Paris and his young sons and emigrated to America. The sons left in France were raised by an aunt and one later became Prime Minister of France and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1920.

Leon came to Jackson County and married there in 1857 to Catherine Sellers, daughter of George and Nancy Sellers. There were at least two children born of this union. The marriage ended and Leon went to Illinois, leaving one daughter to be raised by an aunt.

In Bond County, Illinois, Leon married Rhoda Catherine Jones, who died of brain congestion in 1879. There were two sons born to them, Pollard "Pollite" born in 1871 and another, George Alexander, who was younger. Leon brought his sons to Jackson County after their mother died. Leon married a Malinda Johnson on October 5, 1892.

Pollard married Mary Francis Lewis, daughter of George Lewis in 1893. They settled in Meigs County, Ohio where their first son, William Henry, was born October 18, 1894. Their second son, Cyrus Nathan, was born in West Virginia, May 1897, and their third, George Leon, was born April 1899. Their oldest daughter, Della E., was born in 1901. The fourth son, Robert B., was born February 28, 1903 and the last daughter, Susan Catherine, was born in 1906.

In 1901, George Alexander was killed by a falling tree in the Trace Fork area. He was engaged to Hettie Parsons who later died of tuberculosis. Both are buried at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery on Comet

Road. His father Leon was a stonemason and carved his headstone. Leon died in 1904 and is buried beside his son.

William Henry Bourgeois married Pleasie Velma Sayre in 1916, in Roane County. Pleasie is the daughter of Joel Francis and Margery Arabelle Parsons Sayre, both from the Parchment area. They had six children. Their first son, James Edgar, was born May 23, 1918 and married Catherine Irene Shockey on November 30, 1939. He served in the Navy during WW II. He has a family of five and worked at Kaiser Aluminum in Ravenswood until his retirement. He now lives in Santee, South Carolina. Their second son, Paul Francis, was born October 23, 1919 and married Lessie Faye Hall on June 26, 1948. He served in the Army during WW II. He owned and operated Farmer's Feed Store in Ripley before he retired. He has a family of three. The third son, William Henry Jr., was born February 2, 1923 and married Cora Mae Stewart on February 5, 1949. He also served in the Army during WW II. He owns and operates a farm on Ravenswood Pike and pumped water for the city of Ripley before his retirement. He has a family of five. The first daughter, Naomi Mae, was born June 27, 1925 and married Rector Raymond Fisher on August 8, 1945. They have two children. Naomi works for the United National Bank in Ripley. The last son, John Calvin, was born September 27, 1927 and died October 22, 1927. Their last child, Norma Nell, was born December 14, 1928 and married Frank Wilson Thompson on December 24, 1946. They had three children and traveled much with Frank's job. Frank died of cancer in 1970 and Norma later married Charles Frederick Cutlip on May 12, 1975. They live in Ripley. William and Pleasie opened their home and hearts to many others. Pleasie's brother Carl's daughter Helen lived with them from birth until her death at age three. Pleasie's sister Ferrol's son William C. Balser Jr., who many will remember from the Feed Store, lived with them for many years. William Wilmer Keebaugh lived with them from age seventeen until he went into the service during WW II, at twenty. Sandra Jo Board was taken into their home at a few years of age, growing to adulthood there. She now resides in Tennessee. William died November 8, 1969. Pleasie lives at the family home on Ravenswood Pike and recently celebrated her ninety-second birthday. *Submitted by Norma Cutlip and Naomi Fisher*

BOURGEOIS PART II

Cyrus Nathan Bourgeois married Desta Williams, daughter of William and Bland Williams on August 1, 1920. Nathan served in WW I. They had eight children and owned and operated a farm at Hemlock on Ravenswood Pike. Their first son, Robert Warren, was born May 11, 1921 and married Edna Miller on May 6, 1943. They raised a family of seven, owned and operated a farm on Ravenswood Pike. Their first daughter, Frances Lucille, born February 19, 1923, married William Wilmer Keebaugh on June 8, 1946. They own and operate a farm in the Hemlock Community and are the parents of six children. Their second daughter, Juanita Marie, was born September 23, 1924 and married John Harmon on March 31, 1951. They have two children and own and operated a farm in the Gay area. Their second son, Gilbert Roland, was born December 25, 1925 and married Ruth Ann White on July 22, 1949. They moved to Ohio in 1952. They have three children and own Bourgeois Excavating in Stowe, Ohio. Their third son, Elmer Scaman, was born May 15, 1928 and married Annetta May Gray on December 23, 1953. They lived in the Ravenswood area and had three children. Their fourth son, Nathan Lloyd Duane was born in Meigs County, Ohio in 1935. He married three times and has three children by

his first marriage. He lives in Wooster, Ohio. The third daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born January 10, 1937 and married Robert Eugene Shatto on July 6, 1956. The last son, Lester Albert "Jack", was born May 23, 1940. He was crippled by polio and died May 1, 1979. Nathan died on August 10, 1961 and Desta died March 24, 1986.

George Leon married Mary Edna Moore on April 29, 1920. They have four children, three daughters, Frances, JoAnn, and Carolyn and one son, Duane "Bud." George is well at ninety-one. They all live in Ohio.

Della E. married Omer Hatcher on October 2, 1918. They had one son, Lee, and at least four daughters, Betty, Wilma, Faye, and Catherine. Catherine was killed by an automobile. Omer is still living. They all live in Ohio.

Robert B. died of pneumonia on February 11, 1920 and is buried at Morgan Cemetery on Ravenswood Pike.

Susan Catherine married Clyde Huff and they live in Ohio. They had one son who never married and an adopted daughter, Betty. *Submitted by Wm. Bourgeois, Jr.*

BOURGEOIS — HUNTER

My name is Linda Gail Bourgeois Hunter. I am the first child of William Henry Bourgeois Jr., who was the son of William Henry and Pleasie Velma Sayre Bourgeois, and Cora Mae Stewart, who was the daughter of Everett Elisha and Mary Ione Parsons Stewart. I was born February 20, 1951 at Staats Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia. I have a sister Bonnie Kaye Bourgeois who was born May 12, 1953. She married John Frederick Curry, who is the son of John Junior and Mary Elizabeth Carmichael Curry, on June 19, 1970. They live on Ravenswood Pike with their three sons John William, Jeffrey Wyatt, and Justin Wade. My only brother is David Lee Bourgeois who was born May 3, 1957. He married Sandra Jean McCracken, who is the daughter of Bernard and Meta Watson McCracken, on June 8, 1980. He is an agriculture teacher at Ripley High School and he raises hogs. They live on Ravenswood Pike with their two sons Brandon David, and Caleb Daniel. I have two adopted sisters, Rachel Leigh-Ann Bourgeois who was born on June 7, 1971, and Jennifer June Bourgeois, born August 17, 1973. Rachel married Jeffrey Alan Layman, who is the son of Brenda Frame, on June 30, 1989, and they now live in Florida. Jennifer is a student at Ripley High School.



Glenn and Linda (Bourgeois) Hunter

I married Glenn Farrell Hunter on February 23, 1968. Glenn was born on September 4, 1949 and is the son of John Henry Hunter, who was the son of Fremont Anderson and Frankie Maude Park Hunter and Alberta Lee Carney, who was the daughter of William Alexander and Amanda Olive Welling Carney. Glenn has one brother, Conard Layne Hunter, who was born on September 28, 1946. Conard married Sheryl Jess Thompson, who

is the daughter of Sherwood Jess and Ruth Jones Thompson of Brooksville, Florida, on December 20, 1969. They live in Brooksville, Florida with their three sons, Christian Layne, Jason Jess, and Casey Evan.

Glenn and I have four children. Our first son, Glenn Farrell Jr., was born August 14, 1969. He graduated from Ripley High School and is now living and working in North Carolina. Our second son, Benjamin Joseph, was born April 27, 1971 and our daughter, Rebecca Kaye, was born August 12, 1974. They are both students at Ripley High School. Our youngest, Jacob Alexander, was born December 30, 1977 and is a student at Ripley Elementary School.

We were both raised on Ravenswood Pike and we have lived here since our marriage. Glenn is a truck driver and I stay in Jackson County and raise livestock and work part-time. *Submitted by Linda B. Hunter*

Note: Linda B. Hunter died on February 20, 1990.

PAUL AND FAYE (HALL) BOURGEOIS

Paul Francis Bourgeois and Lessie Faye Hall were united in marriage June 26, 1948 at the Epworth Methodist Church in Ripley, West Virginia.

Paul was born October 23, 1919 at the Bourgeois home on Ravenswood Pike near Sidneyville. He is the second child of William Henry and Pleasie Velma Sayre Bourgeois. His father was born October 18, 1894 in Meigs County, Ohio, the son of Pollard and Mary Frances Lewis Bourgeois. Paul's mother was born on November 28, 1897 in the Parchment area of Jackson County, the daughter of Joel Francis "Little Frank" and Margie "Belle" Parsons Sayre. The other children in Paul's family were James Edgar, born May 23, 1918, William Henry Jr., born February 2, 1923, Naomi Mae, born June 27, 1925, John Calvin, born September 27, 1927 and died October 22, 1927, and Norma Nell, born December 14, 1928.



Paul and Faye Bourgeois

Faye was born June 9, 1928 in Akron, Summit County, Ohio. She is the second child of Peter Bee and Retta May Brannon Hall. Her father was born in Roane County, West Virginia on November 1, 1900 and was the son of Nathan Mollohan and Martha Bertha Chancey Hall. Faye's mother was born February 27, 1901 in Roane County, West Virginia, the daughter of Leonard Brannon Jr. and Myrtle May Boatright Brannon. The other children in Faye's family were Bert Franklin, born March 5, 1926, Tressie Vay, born October 6, 1929, Retta May, born August 15, 1931 and died July 24, 1932, Bernard Bee, born March 19, 1934, Ada Ruth, born January 11, 1936 and died September 25, 1967 and Nina Jane, born September 28, 1938.

Paul grew up in Jackson County, worked on the family farm and graduated from Ripley High School in May 1936 at the age of sixteen. At the time of his graduation he held a perfect attendance record. Paul continued to help on the family farm

until his father purchased the Farmer's Feed Store from Odra Fisher in 1938. Paul worked at the feed store until he was drafted into the United States Army on April 3, 1942. His tour of duty was mainly with the European Theater of Operations (ETO). He was honorably discharged in March 1946. After returning home, Paul was the sole operator of the feed store. He purchased the store from his father on January 1, 1947.

Faye lived in Akron, Ohio until she was two years old. Her family moved to Roane County where she attended her first year of school. The family then moved to the Sandyville area of Jackson County. When she was seventeen years old, she went to Ripley to work at the Greyhound Bus Terminal and later worked at Waybright's Cafe, both on Church Street in Ripley.

After Paul and Faye married, they lived in the Odaville area of Jackson County. In August 1958 they moved to Ravenswood Pike in the city of Ripley. They are the parents of three children. Rita Sue was born at Priddy Hospital in Ravenswood, West Virginia on May 17, 1950. John Paul was born July 11, 1951 at Staats Hospital in Charleston, West Virginia. Kimberly Faith was born at Jackson General Hospital in Ripley, West Virginia on March 15, 1966.

Rita Sue married Roger Dale Anderson, son of Dennie Dale and Ruby Blanch Lent Anderson, on May 25, 1974 at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Ripley. They have one daughter, Sarah Nicole Anderson, born April 13, 1977. Roger is employed at JCo Lumber, Inc. in Ripley and Rita is manager of Goodwill Industries on Court Street in Ripley. They reside at 100 Carter Street, Ripley, West Virginia.

John Paul is employed at Straley Gas Service in Ripley and resides with his parents on the Ravenswood Pike.

Kimberly Faith married Timothy Allen Southall, son of Denzil Clayton and Vivian Marie Hoschar Southall, June 6, 1986 at the Independence United Methodist Church at Sandyville, West Virginia. They now reside in Waverly, Ohio. Tim is employed by Ohio Valley Electric Corporation of Piketon, Ohio.

Paul retired and closed the store in September 1986 and now spends three to ten weeks each year hunting, trapping and fishing in Cochrane, Ontario, Canada. *Submitted by Rita S. Anderson and Paul F. Bourgeois*

STANSBERRY JR. AND DOLLIE (COLLINS) BOWER

Stansberry (1873-1948) was born in the Lowdell Community of Wood County, son of David and Janette (Price) Bower. He was married to Dollie Rosetta Collins (1876-1967) on March 20, 1900. Dollie was born near the Wood/Wirt County line, daughter of John and Lydia Martha (Baumgarner) Collins.

After their marriage, they lived for about two years in the Lowdell Community, then moving to Parkersburg for a short time. About 1904 they moved to what they called "Nicholson Hollow" in Jackson County. A short time later they moved to a house on Jaraires Run near the old Providence Church and School. Approximately 1924 the family moved on up Jaraires Run to another big old farmhouse. They continued to live there until 1948 when Stansberry died. Dollie and Stansberry had eight children, seven of whom lived to adulthood. Dollie was the neighborhood nurse/midwife (using her ingenuity, home remedies and good old common sense), a farmer's wife and helped to run a hotel/boarding house combination at Sandyville for many years. Stansberry was a carpenter and woodworker, farmer and beekeeper.

Their children were as follows: Harold Cecil (1900-1956) married Alice Alva Balderson (1908-1983); Alma Burnice (1902-1986) married Raymond Nelson Thomas (1902-1988);

Lawrence Gilbert (1904-1905); William Everett (1906-1976) married Arah Elizabeth Culver (1908-); Benjamin David (1910-1975) married Lydia Ann Bonnett (1916-); Velma Leland (1913-1985); Virginia Elizabeth (1915-1961) married Romeo Garrison (unknown); Lucy Katherine (1918-1982) married first, David William Walter (1896-1966) and second, Arthur Orville Adams (1913-1982). After raising seven children of their own they also assisted in raising some of their grandchildren. When their youngest daughter Lucy's first husband deserted Lucy and her baby daughter, Beatrice, Dollie and Stansberry were right there giving support to the two of them. Dollie and Stansberry cared for Beatrice while Lucy worked at the Viscose in Parkersburg to support herself and Bea. Dollie and Stansberry loved and supported all their children and grandchildren.

Stansberry was a great practical joker and loved to get a good joke on anyone he could. He was also active in his church, singing in the choir until he had his first heart attack at age 42. He loved to hold and rock his grandchildren and sing to them in his beautiful baritone voice. Dollie was also active in her church, singing in the choir, making use of her lovely soprano voice. One daughter, Lucy, and one granddaughter, Beatrice, had singing voices much like Dollie's.



Stansberry and Dollie Bower

After Stansberry's death in July 1948, Dollie sold the farm equipment, household goods, farm animals and Stansberry's beloved stands of bees. She kept the farm until the spring of 1949, when she then sold it to her youngest daughter Lucy and her husband Arthur.

After the sale of the farm, Dollie alternated living with her children until her death in 1967. She was buried on what would have been her 67th wedding anniversary. Dollie and Stansberry are buried in the Independence Cemetery on Copper Fork near Sandyville, Jackson County, West Virginia.

The last surviving member of this immediate family, Alma Burnice Bower Thomas, died in 1986 and is also interred in the Independence Cemetery. All but one of Stansberry's and Dollie's children are interred there. *Submitted by Beatrice Bower Jones, granddaughter, and Dessie (Thomas) Romine*

JABEL BOWLES

In the year 1817 a group of people left their homes in Franklin County, Virginia because of their dislike of negro slavery and settled at Flat Rock, Mason County, now West Virginia. After living there a year, Jabel Bowles, Gilbert Boswell and their families and Jephtha Mason journeyed to Parchment Creek, where they built and established homes. They purchased their land from one John Cantrell, who had secured patents for a large tract on Parchment Creek and Cox's Fork which was known as the Cantrell Survey.

Jabel Bowles' wife was Nancy Mason. Gilbert Boswell's wife was Elizabeth Mason, both being sisters of Jephtha Mason. Jephtha was single when he came here but he later married Rachel Lewis

of Mason County. Jabel Bowles was born in 1789, the son of John and Frances Bolling Bowles. His wife Nancy was the oldest daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth Mason.

Jabel built his cabin on a low ridge a few hundred yards below the site of the present Pleasant Hill Church. One advantage of this location was a fine spring of water nearby. Jephtha Mason built his cabin about a mile down the creek from Jabel's. Gilbert Boswell built his at the present site of the village of Given. Soon other families such as Carney, Simmons, Stout, Casto, Kessel and Parsons came to build their homes in the community.

When these first settlers came to Parchment, the first settlement in what is now Jackson County (Cottageville) was less than twenty-five years old. The town of Ripley had not been laid out. There were no roads, only trails. Though the danger from hostile Indians was past, these were pioneers in the true sense. They had to clear the forests and build their log cabins.

When the settlers first came they held worship services in their various homes. In the year 1844, Jabel Bowles, assisted by Rev. Sam Black, organized a class of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the Bowles homes. Soon thereafter Jabel was the leader in building a log church near his home. This was known as the Bowles Church and soon came to be used as a school house as well. Old records state that Jabel Bowles was licensed to preach in 1860. This license was renewed each year until his death in 1875 at the ripe old age of 86. Some descendants of Jabel who became ministers are Martin V. Bowles, Alvin Bowles, Joseph S. Bowles, Charles Bowles, John W. Crites and J. Brooks Kessel.

Jabel and Nancy Bowles had at least seven children. Ona, William, and Leftridge never married. Martin went to Indiana. The others lived in Jackson County and left numerous descendants.

1. Francis married Job Kessel and lived a short distance up the valley from Jabel. They had nine children.

2. Elizabeth married Martin Crites and lived at Fairplain. They had twelve children.

3. Mason married Sarah Stout and lived a short distance down the valley from his parents. They had eleven children. Mason was a self-trained doctor of medicine and also had a license to celebrate the rites of matrimony. The farm where Mason Bowles lived is still owned by one of his descendants. *Submitted by James C. Kessel*

CHARLEY BOYCE

Charley Boyce was born Dec. 12, 1889, at Maul Camp, in Grant District, of Jackson County, son of James Henry and Lillian (Shutts) Boyce. He attended the Era Bell School. He met his future wife while working at a sawmill on McGraw Run. Using a team of horses, he had to haul water from the creek, near her home, to the sawmill for use in the steam engines. He married Mary "Etta" Thompson in 1914. She was born Oct. 3, 1891, at McGraw Run, Jackson County, daughter of Thomas "Lindsey" and Cemilda (Sill) Thompson. Etta attended the McGraw School. Charley went



Charley and Etta (Thompson) Boyce

to Akron, Ohio, and worked about a year at the Goodyear Rubber Factory, making tires, then returned to Jackson County.

The family built a house on the upper part of his father's farm, on Maul Camp, about 1915. The farm provided most of the food for the family. The garden produce was either canned, pickled or dried. Hogs provided most of the meat for the family. The meat was either cured or canned. Chickens were also raised for meat as well as for eggs. Cows were milked to provide milk, butter and cottage cheese. Apples, peaches, cherries, grapes and berries were also raised on the farm. Before the installation of electricity in the early 1940s, the canning of meat and some vegetables was done outside in a large galvanized kettle over an open fire. Kerosene lamps and lanterns were used for lighting before that time.

Charley, with the help of his family, raised field corn, tobacco, wheat and oats. A crew of hired men would come at harvest time to thresh the oats and wheat. This was a lot of work for the entire family, since the threshers had to be fed all their meals and boarded over night. The straw was hauled in from the field and used as bedding for the sheep, cows and horses. Straw was also used to stuff the mattresses for the children. Part of the field corn was ground and used in cornbread, corncakes and mush. Horses were used to pull the farm equipment until a tractor was purchased in the late 1940s.

The children had to walk about two miles to attend grade school at Era Bell and Beech Grove. They also had to walk about the same distance to board the bus going to Gilmore High School. Some of the children attended the Warden Chapel Church at Medina when they were small. After the children were a little older, Etta would walk with them to the Beech Grove Church. Later, Charley and Etta became members of the Sandyville Church of Christ.

Charley died Apr. 15, 1980 and Etta died Feb. 26, 1978. They are buried in the Limestone Cemetery in Wood County, WV. They had ten children.

1. Earl (1914) married Ethel Seals and lives at the head of McGraw Run in Grant District. Their child: Dewain.

2. Opal (1916) married Delbert Miihlbach and lives at Mineral Wells, WV. Their children: Dale and Robert.

3. Lawrence (1918) married Naomi Kieffer and lives on Tuckers Creek Road in Wirt County. Their children: Linda, Danny, John, Janey and Amy.

4. Truman (1920) married Marion Blair (deceased) and lives on Tuckers Creek Road in Wirt County. Their children: Anita, Kerry, Randy and Pam.

5. Cecil (1922-1975) married Dorothy Duncan and lived near Parkersburg, WV. Dorothy continues to reside there. Their children: Terry and Jerry.

6. Garnet (1925) married Lionel Thomas and lives at Route 3 Sandyville, WV. Their children: Carolyn and Neil.

7. Gladys (1927-1927) is buried in the Limestone Cemetery.

8. Lillie (1929) married Russell Gates and lives near Rockport, WV. Their children: Barbara and James Henry.

9. Faye (1932) married Irvin Ball. They later divorced. Faye lives near Little Hocking, Ohio. Their children: Larry, Kathy and Charles.

10. Charles (1934) married Janet Gant and lives near Rockport, WV. Their children: Connie, Karen and Tim. *Submitted by Garnet (Boyce) Thomas*

MARCELLUS BOYCE

Marcellus S. Boyce (1843-1892) was born in Preston or Taylor County, (W)V, son of Joshua and Mary Boyce. The family was living in Taylor County (W)V, in 1850. Family tradition says that



Marcellus Boyce

Joshua and Mary died of typhoid fever after drinking contaminated water. The children were then raised by neighbors or relatives. Marcellus served in Co. M, 6th WV Infantry, during the Civil War, enlisting Oct. 15, 1861, at West Union, WV. He spent much of his time during the war guarding railroad tunnels and bridges. He received a leg wound which periodically caused him problems the remaining years of his life. He was discharged June 4, 1865, at Wheeling, WV. Marcellus had a sister, Rachel, who married James Atkinson and lived in Wood County, WV. William Boyce, a brother, lived a few years in Jackson County.

Marcellus married Catharine Atkinson (1844-1909), Jan. 21, 1866, in Wood County, WV. She was born in Monroe County, OH, the daughter of Kinzie and Alice (Buskirk) Atkinson. Marcellus and Catharine lived in the Pond Creek area of Wood County, WV. In the 1870s, they moved to Long Bottom, in Meigs County, OH. Marcellus crossed the river each day and worked several years as a sawyer at the Murraysville Boat Yard. In Nov. 1883, he purchased land in the northeastern part of Jackson County from Henry Park. Marcellus and Catharine are buried in the Anderson Cemetery on Pond Creek in Wood County. Their children:

1. James Henry (born at Wood County, WV in 1866, died in 1939) married Lillian Ainsley Shutts and lived on Maul Camp, near Medina, in Grant District. (See information below)

2. Johnny (born at Wood County in 1868) married Mattie Modesitt and lived in Wood County before moving to Akron, OH.

3. Hattie (born at Wood County in 1870, died in 1951) married, first, Will Skinner and, second, George Stallings. They lived in the Beech Grove area of Grant District.

4. Clara (born at Jackson County in 1872, died in 1956) married Sam Gates and lived at Parkersburg, WV. They are buried in the IOOF Cemetery at Parkersburg, WV.

5. Marybelle (born at Murraysville, Jackson County in 1875) married Ott Skinner and moved to Akron, OH.

6. Bessie (born in Olive Township, Meigs County, OH in 1878, died in 1922) married Fred Hall. She is buried in the Simpson Cemetery (no tombstone).

7. Jesse (born in Olive Township, Meigs County, OH in 1878) married Bertha Harris. They are buried in the Mt. Peace Cemetery at Akron, OH.

8. Francis "Frank" (born in Olive Township, Meigs County, OH in 1880) married Em Warns and moved to Akron, OH.

9. Bertha (born on Maul Camp, Jackson County in 1885, died in 1968) married, first, Sam Powers; second, Ray Hodges; and third, Joseph Rumschlag. She is buried in the Mt. Peace Cemetery at Akron, OH.

10.-12. A set of triplets died at birth (year of birth unknown).

James Henry Boyce (1866-1939) married Lillian Ainsley Shutts (1870-1955), Dec. 28, 1888, in Wood County, WV. She was born in Monroe County, OH, the daughter of James Charles and Caroline (Lowe) Shutts. They owned land on Maul

Camp, in Grant District, and built a small house there. The family made a living by farming and raising tobacco. In the early 1900s, the family built a large, two-story house in front of the first house and a spacious barn was erected nearby, in 1909. James Henry had a stroke and was disabled a few years prior to his death. Lillian died, in 1955, as the result of a brain tumor. They are buried in the Limestone Cemetery, in Wood County. Their children (all born in Jackson County):

1. Charley (1889-1980) married Mary "Etta" Thompson and lived on Maul Camp, not far from his parents' home.

2. Tennie (1891-1980) married Henry Archer and lived at Akron, OH.

3. Vernie (1893-1956) married Will Life and lived on Pond Creek, near the Wood-Jackson County line.

4. Eva (1895-1989) married Den Moore and lived on Gates Ridge, in Wood County, WV.

5. Everett (1898-1898) is buried in the Anderson Cemetery, on Pond Creek, in Wood County.

6. Blanche (1897-1897) is buried in the Anderson Cemetery.

7. Dora (1903-1932) married Roy Ethan Myers and they later divorced. She moved to Akron, OH and is buried in the Limestone Cemetery, in Wood County.

8. Frend (1908-1958) married, first Agnes Findley and, second, Irene Patton. He moved to Akron, OH and is buried in the Limestone Cemetery.



front row: James Henry, Frend, Dora, and Lillian Boyce
back row: Charley, Tennie, Eva, and Vernie Boyce

The farm on Maul Camp, which belonged to James Henry and Lillian Boyce, is now owned by a great-grandson, Tim Boyce. He dismantled the farm house, which had severely deteriorated, and constructed a new house and barn. Submitted by Tim Boyce and Charles Boyce

BROTHERTON

The Brotherton family is descended from the Norman English, that arrived in England during the Norman conquest in the 11th century. The first members of the family to use the name Brotherton were the descendants of Thomas of Brotherton, born in 1300 A.D., the son of Edward I of England and his second wife Marguerite, daughter of Philip III of France.

Members of our family have no record showing when the first Brotherton arrived in America. Information passed down by word of mouth indicates that members of the Brotherton family arrived early in the colonial days of Virginia.

The first member of the family to reside in Jackson County was John William Brotherton, who was born August 30, 1827, in Virginia (no reliable record of the county or father and mother). He was married to Maria Scott Dorsey, December 14, 1848 in Jefferson County, Virginia. Maria Scott Dorsey was the daughter of James W. Dorsey, and Louisa T. Heskitt, born July 3, 1829 in Jefferson County, Virginia. John and Maria moved to Giles County, Virginia prior to the birth of their first son, James Thomas, on February 11, 1852. Two additional children were born in Giles County,



John William and Maria (Dorsey) Brotherton

Virginia. They were John William Jr., September 10, 1854 and Charles Walker, December 30, 1856.

During the summer of 1858 John William moved his family to Jackson County in what is now West Virginia, where he had acquired a large tract of land on the head of Thirteen Mile Creek, near the settlement of Rockcastle. They arrived early enough to build a small cabin which provided shelter the first winter and until a house was completed the following year. The house they built during their second year in Jackson County is still in use as a dwelling today. It is currently the home of direct descendants of the builder.

After coming to Jackson County there were four additional children born to John and Maria. They were Elizabeth Ann, July 14, 1859, Lee White, March 20, 1862, Henry Franklin, August 3, 1866 and Robert Edgar, June 26, 1870.

In addition to establishing a large farm in Jackson County, John William was a practicing veterinarian and provided veterinary services for other farmers in Jackson, Putnam and Mason counties.

James Thomas was married to Sarah Elizabeth Smith on Dec. 19, 1872. Sarah died one year later, December 18, 1873. He was again married on August 8, 1875 to Regina M. Smith, the daughter of Joab Smith and Sarah Ann (Lewis) Smith. James and Regina were the parents of four sons and two daughters. His primary occupation was farming. He initially built a home on a portion of land he obtained from his father. All of his children were born at that location. On September 23, 1887 he was appointed postmaster for the Hogg Post Office, which was located at the junction of Jim Ridge and Brotherton Ridge, in southwestern Jackson County. On January 27, 1887, James and Regina purchased a small tract of farm land on Fisher Ridge, in the southern part of Jackson County, and on October 29, 1901 they purchased an additional 87½ acres that adjoined their initial purchase. During the year 1901 they moved their family from Thirteen Mile Creek to Fisher Ridge, where he resided until shortly before his death. His address on Fisher Ridge was Mt. Tell, West Virginia, where he served for several years as assistant and temporary postmaster. James served as a member of a committee of local citizens to establish a church for the community. The committee met on January 25, 1908 and pledged sufficient money to build a Methodist Church, by the public road where the common property line of P.S. Fisher and J.T. Brotherton joined the public road. From this action the Pleasant View Methodist Church was built, and is in use today, having been rebuilt at the same location, continues to serve the community. On October 19, 1919 James deeded a plot of land adjoining the church lot, containing 55 sq. rods, to the Methodist Conference as a public cemetery. Regina M. Brotherton passed away in the spring of 1919 and is buried in the cemetery at Pleasant View Church. James Thomas Brotherton died November 11, 1937 and was buried beside his wife on Fisher Ridge in southern Jackson County.

John William Jr. was married to Sidney Ann Foglesong, on May 31, 1877. She was the daughter

of William H. Foglesong and Mary (Casto) Foglesong. John and Ann were the parents of three sons and four daughters. One of the daughters died as an infant. His primary occupation was farming. He built his home on land obtained from his father and resided there throughout his lifetime. His wife Ann died the year 1942 and John died on April 6, 1949. They are buried in the Brotherton Cemetery on Thirteen Mile Creek, in Jackson County.

Charles Walker died at the age of 14 years, on March 18, 1871. He is buried in the Brotherton Cemetery.

Elizabeth Ann was married to Samuel A. Waugh, on September 30, 1875. They were the parents of five sons and seven daughters. They established a home in the village of Rockcastle, Jackson County, West Virginia, where they continued to reside until their deaths. Samuel died on October 28, 1932 and Elizabeth on August 11, 1948.

Lee White was married to Nancy Alice Foglesong, on October 6, 1881, the daughter of William H. Foglesong and Mary (Casto) Foglesong. Nancy Alice was born April 5, 1861. Lee's primary occupation was farming. He established his home on a portion of his father's land and resided in that location until his death on August 24, 1941. His wife Alice died August 31, 1942. Both Lee and Alice are buried in the Fairview Church Cemetery, Given, WV.

Henry Franklin was married to Laura E. Gardner on April 2, 1899, the daughter of George F. Gardner and Mary C. (Dudding) Gardner. Laura was born January 1, 1877. Franklin's primary occupation was farming on land obtained from his father. He resided in the Brotherton family home until his death June 1, 1958. Frank and Laura were the parents of three sons and one daughter. Laura died November 12, 1937. Frank and Laura are both buried in the family cemetery.

Robert Edgar was married to Susan C. Gardner on March 20, 1892 the daughter of George F. Gardner and Mary C. (Dudding) Gardner. Robert and Susan were the parents of one son and two daughters. They established a home on land obtained from Robert's father. His primary occupation was farming which he followed throughout his life. Robert's direct descendants are living in Jackson County today, also he has grandchildren living in Dunbar, West Virginia. Susan died March 3, 1935 and Robert on March 7, 1958. They are both buried in the family cemetery on Thirteen Mile Creek.

The persons whose names appear below are the children of Lewis Roscoe Brotherton, who was the third son of James Thomas. Submitted by James R. Brotherton and Valeria M. (Brotherton) Powers

BROTHERTON

Concerning the families of James Thomas Brotherton (2-11-1852) (died 1937) and wife, Regina Moriah Smith (11-21-1846) (died 1919) married August 8, 1875. The following children were born to them:

Idella Valeria Scott Brotherton, June 2, 1876, who married Kenneth Parsons on June 15, 1898. They had one daughter, Freda Gladys, who was a teacher in Jackson County. She married John N. Johnson of Sissonville. They had two daughters, Lura Beverly who married a Vinyard, and Carolyn who married a Smith.

Thomas Howard Early (8-27-1879), veteran of Spanish-American War. Married twice, first, Mary Casto, one daughter, Vera Virginia (3-20-1901). Second wife also Mary Casto, no children.

John Henry Lee (6-21-1882), Spanish-American veteran. Married Emily Clauser July 2, 1911, by Rev. Terbrush. No children.

Agatha Eugenia Anne (8-26-1885), a school teacher in Jackson County for several years, then moved to Mingo County to teach. She taught 55 years in all, and was principal of Matwan School



James T. and Regina (Smith) Brotherton

for 20 years. She married Kirk Hatfield, and they were parents of five daughters, Margaret Lynn, Sarah Regina, Idell, Pauline and Alberta.

Lewis Roscoe (3-22-1888, d. Jan. 1974). He married Hazel Coe (3-5-1893, d. 6-5-67), daughter of William Reese Coe and Lenora Elizabeth Barnhart Coe. Married (12-25-1910) at home of Rev. Alonzo Spencer. Children as follows: Regina Elizabeth (10-24-1911). Married first, Don Krompart, one child, Geraldine Ann. Marriage dissolved by divorce. Second husband Claude Wilson Skeen of Kentucky (8-31-1911, d. 10-25-73). Married May 31, 1936, by Rev. Jack Slater at his home on Fisher's Ridge. Were parents of the following: Gary Claude Skeen (2-5-37). Married Brenda Pinnell. Two children, Gary Todd and Stacy.

Norris Grant (5-9-1939) married Grace Gonzolas. Three children, Alicia Ann, Kevin and adopted daughter Deanna.

Allen Kent (8-19-1940) married Patsy Starcher (9-12-43) married Sept. 4, 1965. Children, Richard Kent, Greta Lynn, Amy Elizabeth, Cazzie Jo.

Sandra Kaye (3-26-1942) married Christopher Winters (6-10-40, d. 10-16-1989), wedding 6-10-60. Children, Craig, Carol Elizabeth, and Brent Allen.

Gale Elizabeth (10-2-1946) married Roy Howell, one son Chad Allen.

Alda Kathryn (3-4-1948) married Carl Lycans. No children. Died 10-24-1981.

Tamara Eleanor (5-3-1952) married Richard Charles Hardman 6-8-74. Children, Sarah Kathryn, Amanda Jo, Emily Elizabeth Anne, and Eleanor Kaye. Richard born 11-9-50.

Geraldine Anne (7-29-1931) married Zane Grey Counts (7-15-26). Children, Kathy, Kevin, Kirby, Kaye, Kelly.

James Richard and Roscoe Recse Brotherton, twins (8-2-1914). James made a life-long career of military service, retired as Lt. Colonel. Married Loraine Hauger in 1936. Three children, Mary Elaine, James R. Jr., and Helen Lynn. Mary Elaine married Dale Griffith, had three children, Richard, Teresa Lynn, and David. Richard married Patricia Bently and they have one daughter, Kristin Lee. Teresa Lynn married Joseph Mills on May 14, 1983, and David married Annette Johnson.

James R. Jr. married Mary Frances Greene, three children, James R. III, Linda and David. Two grandchildren. Christine and James R. IV.

Helen Lynn married James Oliver, two children, Robert and Lori, and one grandchild.

Roscoe Reese, a resident of Grant County, WV, married first Nida Nesslerodt, one child Thomasina. Married next Ruby Evans (2-14-1919).

Valeria (2-12-1917) married Hiram Powers (6-1-1914). Children were Hiram's adopted daughter Diane, Rebecca (5-19-1942) and David (11-4-44). Diane married first Cliff Smith, had one daughter, Pauletta. Second married John Suchanoff. They live in New Jersey.

Rebecca married Walter Scott Donat III, children Scotty and Laura Beth. Laura Beth married John Anthony Riddle in January 1987.

David married Shirley Parsons, they have two

children, Cheryl and Jeffry. Cheryl married Bill Webb, had Ashley and Jeremy.

Eleanor Lynn born 9-14-1919, died of pneumonia 8-22-1936. Forever sixteen.

John William and Mary Grace, twins (12-19-1923). John married first Eleanor Casto, had one daughter, Joreen. Married second Lillian Surface, had children John, Bruce and Robin.

Mary Grace married George Rawlings, had two sons, Michael and Patrick.

Carroll Neil (4-2-1928) never married, lives in Florida.

Robert Donn (8-9-1930) married Stella Gullet, had Robert, Carol and Rodney. Robert died at age thirty-three of cancer.

Richard Malcolm (5-17-1891) practiced dentistry in Texas and California. Never married. Was youngest child of J.T. and Regina Brotherton.

Joab Smith, born 10-4-1812 at Fincastle, Botetourt County, VA married Sarah Anne Lewis (5-16-1816) at Point Pleasant, Mason Co., VA on 6-9-1836. Parents of Regina Moriah Smith Brotherton. He died in Military Camp, of pneumonia, on Oct. 27, 1861, and is buried at White Sulphur Springs Military Cemetery. She died (2-12-1898) her age being 81 years, 8 months and 24 days. She survived him by 37 years. Joab Smith was drafted into the Confederate Army by the state of Virginia, and thought he had to go. He died just a few days after his forty-ninth birthday. They were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom survived at the time of her death. The children were Andrew Lewis, Regina Moriah, George Gordon Byron, Jane, a teacher died young, Fanny was drowned when a small child, Agnes also died young, Victoria Clementine married a Mr. Wolfe. They were parents of Fred Wolfe, who was editor of the *Mountaineer*, a county newspaper, for many years. Augusta Anna Florence married Will Barnett, and they traveled to Oregon, by covered wagon and settled there when young. Mary Ellen, also a teacher, died in a mental hospital. Eugene B. youngest son, and Helen Ashley Lee, youngest daughter, who married Be-At Frey. Joab was called from Ohio, by the parents of the Angerona community, to be their school master, and teach their children, which he did for several years. Sarah Ann Lewis was the daughter of Col. Andrew Lewis, who was a grandson of General Andrew Lewis, and her mother was Virginia Boswell, also from Virginia. Joab Smith owned slaves, three or four, and he gave them their freedom before leaving to join the Confederate forces. All stayed with his wife and children for several years.

After Joab went away to war, and died there, his sons cut and hewed logs and built a home for their mother, and themselves on Foster Ridge. Grandma Smith lived there until her death at 81 years. Her son Andrew Lewis Smith stayed with her as long as she lived. A hutch cabinet, hand-made, probably by the same sons, and put together with square nails, is now in the care of Sarah's great-granddaughter, Valeria Powers, who with the help of her husband, Hiram, "rescued" it from the old house, a few years ago. It was restored, and given a new finish, and now holds family heirlooms, and antique dishes. Joab was one of six brothers, two of which served in the Union Army, two in the Confederate forces, and two went West and took no part in either side of the war. George Washington Smith was a brother that served in the Union Army, and has descendants in Jackson County today. Name of other brothers have been lost over the years. Submitted by Regina Skeen and Valeria Brotherton Powers

HENRY FRANKLIN BROTHERTON

Henry F. Brotherton born August 3, 1866-died June 1, 1958, son of John and Maria Dorsey Brotherton; married Laura Elizabeth Gardner April

2, 1899. Laura born January 1, 1877-died November 12, 1937. Her parents were George and Mary Dudding Gardner. They lived on Thirteen Mile Creek in the house his mother and father resided. Their daughter is still living in that house. They are buried in the Brotherton Cemetery.

Their children:

(1) Ford-born June 15, 1900. He married Tressie McCollum. They had one child-Franklin.

(2) Clyde-born August 9, 1903-died June 6, 1968.

(3) Clay-born June 28, 1907-died June 6, 1987; married Cora Casto; died 1940. Buried in Grandview Memorial.

(4) Lucy born July 11, 1914; married Russell Lantz-April 19, 1956 born September 11, 1914-died July 19, 1958. *Submitted by Lucy Lantz*

LEE WHITE BROTHERTON

Lee White Brotherton, born March 20, 1862, died August 24, 1941, son of John and Maria Scott Dorsey Brotherton, married Nancy Alice Foglesong October 6, 1881 (born April 5, 1861, died August 31, 1942). She was the daughter of Mary Casto Foglesong and William E. Foglesong.



Lee White and Nancy (Foglesong) Brotherton

They lived on Thirteen Mile Creek, Given, Jackson County, West Virginia. Lee was a veterinarian and farmer. Both were buried in Fairview Cemetery, Given, Jackson County, West Virginia.

Their children:

(1) William Holly Brotherton, born June 25, 1882, died July 1954, married Gertrude Barnett, born October 20, 1886, died July 9, 1948. Both were buried in Grandview Cemetery, Sebring, Ohio. Children were: Macel, Oakley (deceased), Harold and Dayton (deceased).

(2) Charles Edgar Brotherton, born February 4, 1884, died February 6, 1977, married Alma Bertha Barnett, born January 22, 1884, died November 16, 1962. Both were buried in Emma Chapel Cemetery, Jackson County, West Virginia.

Children: Geneva, Orva (deceased), Isabelle, Randall (deceased), Carrie (deceased), Russell, Reba, Garnett and Charles.

(3) Motie Orville Brotherton, born October 26, 1885, died June 23, 1966, married Nellie Nuckles, born December 13, 1893, died May 10, 1976.

Children: Otis, Arlie and Robert.

Motie married second wife, Bessie F. Smoot, born December 18, 1905, died March 18, 1982. Both were buried in Fairview Cemetery, Given, West Virginia.

Children: Louise and Edward Lee.

(4) George Franklin Brotherton, born November 23, 1887, died November 16, 1972, married Mattie Belle Balch, born June 2, 1893, died July 16, 1965. Both were buried in Fairview Cemetery, Given, West Virginia.

Children: Oshel, Estel (deceased) and Kenneth.

(5) Junie Forest Brotherton, born January 15, 1890, died April 2, 1943, married Lillie Evans, born February 15, 1889, died June 30, 1929. Both buried in Fairview Cemetery, Given, West Virginia.

They had no children.

(6) Thomas Clinton Brotherton, born January 25, 1893, died November 12, 1966, married Hattie Helen Rhodes, born November 1, 1893, died August 1, 1977. Both were buried in Given Cemetery, Given, West Virginia.

Children: Wilmer (deceased), Robert, Pauline, and Gratton.

(7) Carrie Brotherton, born May 26, 1896, married Emory Kay born October 16, 1889, died August 7, 1975, buried in Grandview Memorial Park, Dunbar, Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Children: Hazel, Virginia and Emory Basil.

Submitted by Virginia Kay Russell

ROBERT E. BROTHERTON

Robert E. Brotherton born June 26, 1870-died March 7, 1958, son of John and Maria Dorsey Brotherton-married Susan C. Gardner-March 20, 1892. Susan was born November 2, 1874-died March 3, 1935. Her parents were George and Mary Dudding Gardner. They lived on Thirteen Mile Creek until her death.



Robert and Susan (Gardner) Brotherton and grandchildren

Their children: Cloyd (1892-1973), Mary M. (1897-1977), Hadie D. (1899-1974).

(1) Cloyd married Edith Barnett April 4, 1914. Their children: Lula Mae (1915), Robert C. (1919), William F. (1919-1968), James O. (1920-1967)

(2) Mary M. married Clarence R. Kay December 27, 1921. Their children: Florence H. (1922), James E. (1923), William F. (1925-1926)

(3) Hadie D. married Londus O. Casto March 31, 1918. Their children: L. Marguerite (1919), Oren E. (1924) *Submitted by James E. Kay, Sr.*

CHARLES L. BROWN

Charles L. Brown, youngest son of Judge Robert S. and Anna H. (Wells) Brown, was born in Elizabeth, Wirt County, Virginia, June 20, 1859. He was graduated from Bethany College on his nineteenth birthday, June 20, 1878. On November 5, 1879 he represented the alumni of the Neotrophian Society of that college at the anniversary celebration. After reading law for a year in his father's office, Mr. Brown attended law lectures at the University of Virginia, and was admitted to the bar, February 26, 1880, and entered practice in Jackson and adjoining counties, and the West Virginia supreme court of appeals.

A Democrat in politics, in August 1882, he was nominated a candidate for the West Virginia house of delegates by his party's convention of Jackson County, and at the October election defeated the Republican candidate, running ahead of his ticket, and receiving more votes than any candidate in the county at that election. In the ensuing session he served as chairman of the committee on federal relations, and as a member of the committees on the judiciary, of counties, and of municipal corporations, his being called to such important duties being eloquent attestation of his ability, such as is rarely bestowed by legislative assemblies upon one so young (then only twenty-three years of age), and during his first

experience among lawmakers. The house journal with its record of his bills introduced and enacted into laws, as well as his extensive committee work, show that this confidence was in no way misplaced. In 1884 he was elected state senator and served four years with usefulness and distinction. Mr. Brown was a member of Ravenswood Lodge, No. 15, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Brown married, November 1883, Frances Tarr daughter of Hon. Cambell Tarr, a distinguished citizen of Brook county and the first Treasurer of West Virginia (18--1864). Charles and Frances had a daughter, Helen Margaret who married Frederick Hanson Fowler of Baltimore, Maryland on October 10, 1906. Their daughter, Elizabeth was the fifth generation to live in the family home which was built by her great-great-grandfather Ephriam Wells in 1848. The home is near Ravenswood, Jackson County, WV and is on part of the General Washington Lands which Mr. Wells bought in 1835.

Frances Tarr Brown (Mrs. Charles L.) was born March 25, 1859 and died November 29, 1931. Charles L. died October 2, 1937. *Submitted by Elizabeth A. Fowler*

JUDGE ROBERT S. BROWN

It was in Virginia that Joseph Brown, son of William Brown, was born in 1792. He married Rachel Hood, a native of Baltimore county, Maryland, and like his father chose the occupation of farming, and lived a long, honorable and useful life. He is buried beside his wife of 60 years. They reared and educated a family of nine sons and one daughter, all of whom they lived to see happily married and settled in life, except for their third son, James Marvel Brown, who died in the war with Mexico in 1847.

Judge Robert S. Brown, son of Joseph Brown, was born April 6, 1828. He was brought up on the farm. He attended such schools as the country then afforded; he was fond of reading and devoted any leisure time to reading such books as his father's ample library afforded. He entered Bethany College, Brooke County, Virginia, in 1845; he chose the profession of law, and commenced its practice at Elizabeth, Wirt County, Virginia, in April 1849. He soon secured a liberal and lucrative practice; was elected prosecuting attorney and re-elected to that office both in Wirt and Roane counties until he went on the bench as judge of the circuit.

Prior to the war, like his ancestors, he was a Democrat. But when Mr. Lincoln was elected, he at once declared his fixed purpose to support the administration of the president constitutionally elected. He was an early and active advocate and liberal promoter of the counter revolution set on foot by the loyalists of Western Virginia at Wheeling, which resulted in the formation of the new state of West Virginia, and it is confidently believed and asserted that no man contributed more time, talents or means to achieve that happy result for the people of his state than did Robert S. Brown.

In 1864 Mr. Brown was chosen elector for the third congressional district of his state, and cast his vote for the re-election of President Lincoln. In May, 1868, he sat as a delegate in the Chicago convention, served on the committee on resolutions that prepared the party platform on which General Grant was nominated, and as elector-at-large, with Hon. A. W. Campbell, of Wheeling, canvassed and carried his state for the Republican ticket.

On January 1, 1869, he went on the bench as judge of the tenth judicial circuit of WV, composed of the counties of Jackson, Roane, Calhoun and Gilmer. He brought to the judicial office the same intelligent zeal and industry that had always characterized his conduct of other affairs, and was universally regarded as a most able, learned and impartial judge.

Retiring from the judiciary, in 1878 Judge Brown was elected to the state senate by an overwhelming majority, and served therein four years. His standing may be inferred from the following editorial of January 1879:

"Judge Brown is a man of strong character, and as a born leader has spent a life of public service; he stands confessedly forward in the body of which he is now a member. His character and ability mark him out as a prominent man. He is upon many of the important committees, and his dictum is always listened to with interest. He has retired from active practice of law, and devotes his time when at home to his large property interests: his home farm at Ravenswood is one of the finest on the Ohio River."

The Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge of West Virginia was organized following the war; Judge Brown joined Ravenswood Lodge, No. 15, in 1865; he passed its several chairs, and in 1877 represented it in the State Grand Lodge.

He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows' Lodges in West Virginia. He joined Ravenswood Lodge No. 15, in 1865, after passing its several chairs he was elected representative to the State Grand Lodge in 1877 and the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1883.

He was united in marriage, October 2, 1849, with Anna H. Wells, eldest daughter of Ephraim Wells, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Jackson County. In 1866 Mr. Wells sold his son-in-law the farm and home he had built upon a large tract of land he had bought in 1835 from Dr. Peter (husband of Martha Custis, a devisee of George Washington). This tract adjoins the town of Ravenswood.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown lived in the large brick home Mr. Wells had built and which was completed in 1848. The Browns were the parents of three sons: William J., Ephraim W., and Charles L. Judge Brown died February 16, 1891. Mrs. Brown died November 14, 1896. *Submitted by Mary Varner*

WALTER O. AND CLARA DELL (ROLLINS) BROWN

Sept. 17, 1949, Clara Dell Rollins, born Sept. 16, 1931, to Victor Marion and Willa Lucille McKown Rollins, married Walter O. Brown, born Feb. 12, 1928, to Charles Edward and Ida Mae Asbury Brown. (Charley Brown was known and loved by the many who came to the Cedar Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair during the 16 years that he ran the grist mill.) There were three children of this union: Cynthia Jean, April 13, 1952; Larry Dean, Dec. 4, 1953; Vicki Lynn, July 31, 1955.



Walter Brown

Clara Dell worked for the Community Health Assoc. and its President, Lloyd Pinnell, in helping to build Jackson General Hospital, which is now 25 years old. She brought to the attention of the Ravenswood Chapter N. S. D. A. R. that there was an Abstract of Title for the hospital in book form that she had typed from Attorney Perry Emmett O'Brien's dictation. Copies of this Abstract are now available in both county libraries.

Walter and Clara Dell spent 1979 and 1980 in



Clara Dell and Walt Brown

Cuidad Guyana, Estado Bolivar, Venezuela, South America, where Walter worked as an advisor for Reynolds International, Panama, Central America. Walter is retired from Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp., Ravenswood Works, and works in South Parkersburg, where he and Clara Dell live.

Cynthia Jean married Ken Stutler, son of Allen and Evelyn Stutler, Spencer, WV. Children: Jerry Brown, Feb. 26, 1981; Casey Allen, April 6, 1983; Randi Jean, June 11, 1984.

Larry Dean married Cathy Halowell, daughter of William (Bill) and Nancy Halowell, Vienna, WV. One son, Adam Andrew, Jan. 20, 1980.

Vicki Lynn married Michael Ray Skeen, son of Gerald and Urada Skeen, Ripley, WV. Children: Stephen Matthew, Nov. 5, 1973; Anna Lucille, May 27, 1977; Joseph Curtis, Jan. 5, 1980. *Submitted by Clara Dell Rollins Brown*

BROWNELL

The Brownell family, being one of the pioneer families of Jackson County, originated in Warwick and Derbyshire, England.

Thomas Brownell, from whom most of the Brownells in America trace their descent, was born in 1619. He was the son of Sir Edmund Brownell of Coventry, Warwickshire in the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1553-1603). Thomas emigrated to America about 1639 to Portsmouth, RI.

Lewis Brownell, sixth generation of Thomas, 6/30/1771-7/17/1856 and son of Daniel (fifth) was the first to emigrate to Jackson County. He was born in Amsterdam, NY, and later moved to Albany, NY. He married Susan Winegar. Two sons were born to this union, David and Ely (seventh). His son David died as an infant and also his wife.

Ely, second son of Lewis, who later came to Jackson County, was reared by his stepmother, Sally Hoyt. To this union, five children were born; (seventh) Hannah, Sally, Janet, Francis, and George.

Lewis came to Jackson County in 1844. He purchased farmland from Bushrod Washington, a relative of George Washington. The location was known as Ripley Landing, located eight miles south of Ravenswood.

Lewis later moved his family to Jackson County. They cleared the land and a log cabin was built on a beautiful site overlooking the Ohio River.

Janet Brownell married a member of the Douglass Family (a pioneer family of Jackson County) and lived and raised a family on a farm near her parents.

The other four members of the seventh generation moved to other locations, but always returning with their families to Jackson County to visit their parents.

George Brownell was only nine years old when his parents first brought him to the farm. He remained on the farm with his parents, helping his father with all of the farm work. Later in his life he started growing large crops of potatoes and later became a potato broker. He shipped them by boat from Ripley Landing and later via the B & O Railroad which he and his father gave land for the right of way.

George married Susan Hoyt from South Carolina. To this union six children were born (eighth); Max Llewellyn, Lewis Hoyt, Elfie, Nellie, Lora Alice and Mertie.

George and Susan built a ten-room home on the site where the log cabin originally stood. The old homestead will be remembered by many Jackson County residents. Five generations lived in the house and the sixth visited and stayed in the home many times. It was a landmark in Jackson County for nearly one hundred years.

George and Susan Brownell moved into the



Brownell family home 1868

house with their family from a smaller house on the farm. George's mother, Sally (now a widow) moved into the home at the same time. Sally was known to family and friends as a good seamstress and quilt maker. In later years the quilts were entered into the county fair at the Evans Fairgrounds. Several blue ribbons were won with Grandma Sally's quilts. She continued to sew until the time of her death at age 90.

Her sewing table, spinning wheel, rocking chair, and eyeglasses are in the home of her descendants who now live in Texas.

Mertie, Elfie and Nellie, daughters of George, died at a young age. They were buried along with their grandfather, Lewis, in the Brownell Cemetery located on the farm. Their grandmother, Sally, was also buried later at the same location. The cemetery is no longer on the land due to the land being cleared for a subdivision. The remains of the eight bodies were moved to the Cottageville Cemetery where George Brownell and wife Susan are buried.

Lora Brownell, the only living daughter of George, married George Bradford and moved to Tulsa, OK.

Lewis (Lew), youngest son of George married Dora Barnett. To this union, three children were born (ninth); Walton, Harry and Hazel. This Brownell family lived in a tenant house on the farm before buying a farm and home two miles from the Brownell farm.

Hazel married Ray Carrier and moved to Detroit, Michigan. She had one son.

Walton and Harry married and they each had four children. Since there are male children in this family, hopefully the Brownell name will be continued.

Lewis (Lew) carried the mail on horseback out of the Millwood Post Office for a number of years. Lena Radcliff was the postmistress.

Lewis (Lew) spent much of his life in Jackson County before moving to Kanauga, Ohio where he lived until his death.

Max, the eldest son of George and Susan, married Mary Elizabeth Sommers, daughter of Wilhelm and Catherine Rosa Sommers (German extraction). Mary was a school teacher, taught in a one room Jackson County School. Since she had quite a distance to travel, she rode a horse using a side saddle which still remains in the family as well as her hand held school bell.

Max was born and reared on the farm and lived his entire 80 years of life there. His farm and

homestead were greatly cherished by him. He and wife Mary took great pride in their farm and home for 46 years.

At an early age he became a member of the United Brethren Church. He and his mother Susan attended church services together much of the time. At one time church services were held by a Pastor Martin in a school which was located on the farm. After a church was built at Cottageville, Max and his mother were regular members traveling six miles to and from the church by horse and buggy. He also attended church at Pleasant View and Millwood. He followed a daily religious program in his home after his health would not permit him to attend church. He will always be remembered by many Jackson County residents as a devout Christian.

Max and Mary had two children (ninth); Harold Leonard and Phyllis Wendelen.

After the death of his mother Susan, Max moved his wife and baby son from one of the tenant farm houses into the Brownell homestead to care for his father, George, whose health was failing. His father continued to live for five more years in the house that he had built.

Phyllis was born in the home with Dr. Harenkohl of Mt. Alto as the attending physician. This doctor delivered many babies in Jackson County during his many years of practice. He doctored five generations of the Brownell family and at a later date treated a member of the sixth generation for a minor illness.

Phyllis attended elementary school at Ripley Landing School and commuted to Ravenswood on the B & O train for four years. She graduated as salutatorian of her class. She continued her education at Marshall College. After graduation she taught at different high schools, two of which were in Jackson County: Ripley and Sandyville.

She married Raymond (Pete) Bell, a civil engineer from Berryville, VA. The wedding took place on the spacious front porch of the Brownell home, the date July 15, 1942 which was the 46th anniversary of her parents, Max and Mary. Her father was deceased at this time. Pete and Phyllis were married five years. They were living at Lexington, KY at the time of his death due to a car accident. Phyllis continued to live there and attended the University of Kentucky where she received her masters degree. Later she taught English at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio.

She met Donald Drumm of Marietta who was the athletic director at the college. They were married and built a home in Marietta. Her mother, Mary, died a month prior to their marriage at the home of her granddaughter, who at this time lived in Parkersburg with her husband and three children.

The Jackson County farm and homestead continued to be a part of her life since she was co-owner with her brother Harold, being the fourth generation to own the farm.

Harold spent most of his life on the farm and was in the horse and cattle business. He attended school at Ripley Landing and Ravenswood, served in World War II and was a member of the American Legion. He was a substitute mail carrier transporting the mail some of the time with a horse and sulky. He was instrumental in developing a portion of the farm into a subdivision, the first road for the development being called Brownell Lane. A number of beautiful homes have been built in this subdivision in the past several years.

Harold married Frances Margrete McKown, daughter of Grover and Bessie Bowles McKown and granddaughter of Fannie Bowles, all of Ripley. Both the McKown and Bowles are pioneer families of Jackson County. To this union one daughter was born, Juanita Jean. Mrs. Lucille McKown Rollings, a native of Jackson County, was present at the time of her niece's birth and added the name of Jean to her name. Juanita (tenth) was born in the Brownell homestead where her parents were living after their

marriage. Again, Dr. Harenkohl was there to deliver another baby to Jackson County.

Juanita attended school at Ripley Landing and Millwood. She also attended high school at Cottageville her first year by commuting with Dean Brown in a pickup (Dean later lost his life in World War II) and Rhea Donohew who also attended the same school. The next three years Juanita rode the school bus to Ravenswood. After graduation she moved to Pittsburgh, PA to live with her mother, Frances. She worked in an office for the Dravo Corporation and married Robert Cecil Wright, Jr. of Ravenswood, son of Robert Cecil Wright, Sr. and Maggie Livezey Wright, owners and operators of the Ravenswood Ferry for many years (another landmark of Jackson County). After graduation from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School, Cecil, Jr. opened an office for the practice of dentistry in Parkersburg and a part-time office at the home of his parents in Ravenswood.

Cecil and Juanita have three children (eleventh); Nancy Jean Wright Green was a teacher and now is a stewardess for Delta Air Lines. She is married to Jackie Dewitt Green who is an accountant and high school teacher at Mathis, Texas.

Cecelia Ann (Junie) Wright Fojtik, a school office secretary, is married to Felix David Fojtik, a farmer at Tynan, Texas.

Robert Cecil Wright III is in the swimming pool business in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Junie and Felix have two children (twelfth); Tobin David Fojtik, a freshman in college; and (twelfth), Wendelen Ann Fojtik, a junior in high school.

The Wright family moved to Sinton, Texas in 1951 and opened a dental office there. Many trips have been made by family members back to Jackson County to visit family and friends over the years.

The Wright children were the sixth generation to be a part of the Brownell farm.

Juanita Brownell Wright (tenth) was the last generation to own the farm, being in partnership with her Aunt Phyllis (Fee).

At this time the farm house was demolished. The farm land was sold to Adrain and Linda McCoy, where a beautiful home was built by them on a site close to where the Brownell homestead once stood. The subdivision portion was sold to Royal Delano Carney who had previously bought the Carter farm which at one time also belonged to the Brownell family.

(Twelfth) Toby and Wendy Fojtik, Juanita and Cecil's grandchildren, don't remember the old farm home, but they have visited in Jackson County and have been on the land, being the seventh generation to be there.

The Fojtik children are the twelfth generation of Thomas Brownell, previously mentioned in the beginning of the history.

Max, Mary and Harold (Brownnie) Brownell, Phyllis B. Drumm and her first husband, Pete Bell, are all laid to rest in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Submitted by Juanita Brownell Wright and James F. Rollins

JAMES WELDON BRYANT

James Weldon Bryant, born on December 14, 1932 at Canvas, West Virginia, the second son of John Jennings Bryant, and Thelma Niel. My father was born August 11, 1905 at Canvas, West Virginia, and was the son of Walter Bryant and Sarah Elizabeth Rader. My mother was born January 18, 1910 at Canvas, West Virginia, the daughter of Charles Oscar Niel and Lola M. Groves. After the death of my father, and the remarriage of my mother to Don Hall, I moved to Jackson County at the age of 10. Don Hall was a builder and contractor. He built many of the commercial buildings in Ripley. In 1940 Don and his crew of men came to Canvas, West Virginia to build a new school house. While there he met my mother and

they were married on October 11, 1941. I graduated from Ripley High School with the class of 1951.

I have one brother, Charles Jennings Bryant, born March 1, 1929, Canvas, West Virginia, and one sister, Jo Ruth Hall, born May 22, 1948, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

I married Janet Lee Hardman on January 13, 1952 at Russell, Kentucky.

We are the proud parents of: William Glenn Bryant, born April 16, 1953 at Parkersburg, West Virginia; Susan Beth Bryant, born December 29, 1958 at Gallipolis, Ohio.

William Glenn graduated from Ripley High School with the class of 1971 He graduated from Marshall University with the class of 1976. He is a botanist and now lives in Roane County.

Susan Beth graduated from Ripley High School with the class of 1977, and from Parkersburg Community College as a dental assistant in 1978. Susan married Richard Bruce Casto, son of Glenver C. Casto, and C. Elaine Southall on August 25, 1979. She and Richard have two children, William Isaac Bryant Casto, born May 23, 1983, at the Jackson General Hospital in Ripley, West Virginia. Amy Beth Casto, born January 23, 1986, at the Saint Joseph Hospital in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Richard and Susan recently purchased the late Helen Walker property on East Main Street in Ripley, West Virginia.

I have been employed at the Kaiser Aluminum Chemical Corporation at Ravenswood, West Virginia, since March 23, 1960.

My wife Jan has been in business since September 1, 1968. She is the owner of Bryant Accounting. Submitted by James Weldon Bryant

EARNEST L. BUCK

Earnest Lorain Buck, son of Vallard and Myrtle Steinbeck Buck, grandson of Anna McCoy (1871-1934) and Perry G. Steinbeck (1870-1948), Deborah Ann Finley (1867-1958) and Alonzo Buck (1857-1934), was born February 1, 1928 in the Penile section of Roane County. The family moved to Jackson County in 1940. He has one sister, Ann O'Neil Winter.

After graduating from Ripley High School (1946), he served in the First Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army, stationed in Tokyo, Japan (1946-48).



Earnest and Betty Buck family

On July 2, 1948 at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Ripley, Earnest married Betty Mae Frashier (1928), daughter of Lelia Landfried (1909) and Gay Clarence Frashier (1902-1970). Rev. Wilson W. Harvey performed the ceremony. The couple moved to Huntington, WV and enrolled at Marshall University. Betty received an A.B. Degree (1951). Earnest graduated with an A.B. Degree (1952). In 1955 Betty received an M.A. Degree. Earnest accepted a position with Nabisco, Inc., and Betty began her teaching career with the Jackson County School System. Both have retired, Earnest in 1988 and Betty in 1989.

The three children of this marriage are: Jolea Beth (1957) married (1979) John Daniel Martin, son of the late Delmar and Barbara Jones Martin. They have two daughters, Chelsea Ann (1985) and Jordan Lorain (1987). Jill Ann (1959) married (1980) Donald Keith Rake, son of Keith and Alice Anderson Rake. They are the parents of two sons, Hamilton Keith (1983) and Gabriel Grant (1984). Jeffrey Brent (1961) is a graduate of Ripley High School and Marshall University. Before moving from Ripley, he was a member of the Ripley Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Ripley Jaycees. Presently he is a member of Masonic Lodge #16 and the Beni Kedem Shrine. Brent is a sales representative for Nabisco, Inc., and resides in Lexington, KY. Jolea and Jill graduated from Marshall University with A.B. Degrees in Education. They hold M.A. Degrees from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies in School Administration. Both are teachers in the Jackson County Schools. John D. Martin graduated from WVU-Parkersburg Center and is a sales representative for Nabisco, Inc. D. Keith Rake is a graduate of Fairmont State College. He is a Certified Public Accountant and is employed by the Federal Government.

Earnest and Betty are proud of their Jackson County Heritage. Both have been active in organizations and affairs of the city and county. Earnest served four (two-year) terms on the Ripley City Council. He is a past president of the Ripley Jaycees, former member of Ripley Volunteer Fire Dept., and was the first Lifetime Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5501-Ripley. He is a member of Masonic Lodge #16 and Nemesis Shrine.

The Epworth United Methodist Church has always been an important part of the Buck family — all are members of this church. With four grandchildren living close by, Ripley and Jackson County will continue to be home to this couple.

Submitted by Jolea Buck Martin

ELIAS BUCKALEW

One of the first known ancestors of this name was Peter Buckliou who was the son of William Bucklow (born around 1620) who had emigrated at an early date to America. Another early emigrant of this name was Frederick Buckalew who came to America from Inverness-shire, Scotland in 1715.

Elias Buckalew was the first member of this family to settle in Jackson County. Elias was the son of George Buckalew who was a resident of Harrison County as early as 1811. On January 13, 1837 Elias married Spicy Romine. They lived in Harrison County until 1848. In that year they sold their small farm and Elias took the proceeds from the sale and purchased a large tract of land consisting of some 500 to 750 acres on the waters of Parchment Valley, not far from Ripley. He paid \$300.00 for his new home. Elias and Spicy had at least two children and probably more whose names are not known to this writer. They are: James Madison Buckalew (Sept. 4, 1845-Jan. 3, 1935), Jonathan Albert Buckalew (March 1, 1848-May, 1928).



James Madison Buckalew's homeplace

Spicy Buckalew died sometime before 1868. Elias later married Rebecca Fisher Hill, the widow of William H. Hill. Rebecca has eight children by her first husband. She and Elias had one child, Isaac Jennings Buckalew (March 10, 1870-May 21, 1940). Jennings Buckalew married Iva Gwinn (May 13, 1868-Jan. 15, 1923) and they were the parents of nine children; Annie, Oakey, Alma, Clifton, Myrtle, Edith, Loshia, Western Virginia, and Staunton Koran.

Jonathan Buckalew married Lenora Alice Carney (parents Silas Carney and Lucinda Fisher) and were the parents of twelve children. Jonathan joined the Mormon Church in 1908 and he and about thirty members of his family left Jackson County and settled in or near Duchesne, Utah.

James Madison Buckalew acquired farmland at the head of Parchment Valley. He joined the Union Army when only 15 or 16 years of age. He served under General Phil Sheridan, was wounded in action but not seriously. When discharged from the Army he walked from the Shenandoah Valley to his home on Parchment.

On August 21, 1866 James, or "Jim" as he was known to his friends, married Lueasy (sometimes Louesa or Luesy) Bonnett (Nov. 13, 1850-Dec. 14, 1923). Lueasy was the daughter of William (Billy) Bonnett, Jr. (April 4, 1811-May 6, 1892), one of the best known and beloved one-room school teachers in the history of Jackson County. Jim and Lueasy had seven children: Albert Preston (June 19, 1867-Dec. 27, 1910), George F. (Jan. 30, 1869-June 4, 1945), James Madison (1871-Sept. 16, 1916), Floyd Wesley "Wes" (June 15, 1882-Sept. 16, 1950), Effie Dell (Nov. 10, 1886-Dec. 10, 1958), Roy Hazel (Sept. 21, 1893-Jan. 23, 1973), and Corda (Nov. 29, 1879-Feb. 23, 1884).

Albert Preston married Margaret J. Lewis (Dec. 29, 1868-July 5, 1954) (date of marriage unknown) and they had eleven children: Corda Ethel, Cora Murtle, Charles Gay, Okey Iven, Freda Cluster, Harley Parvin, Floyd Clafus, Erman Flafilus, Howard Taft, Sherman and Audra Bell.

George F. married Sara A. Reed (Feb. 14, 1870-May 4, 1957) on Sept. 16, 1891, and they had seven children: Dovie, Mella Foster, Hobart, Bessie Mae, Audra, Okey, and Kelsie.

James Madison ("Matt") married Elizabeth Mandaville Painter (b. ?-d. 1907) on Nov. 14, 1893. They had four children: Floyd H., Burley White, Docie Love, and Hettie Fay. Doshia married Luther Casto, a well known Jackson County minister.

After his first wife died, "Matt" married Felicia Dorothea Waugh (Jan. 26, 1878-Aug. 31, 1963) on Dec. 7, 1907, and they were the parents of five children: Dixie Elizabeth, Ira Edgar, Maric, Madison Ray, and Delba Rand.

Floyd Wesley ("Wes") married Dorothy Iva Sayre (Nov. 10, 1886-Jan. 15, 1964) on March 26, 1903. Dorothy Sayre was the daughter of William Lee Sayre, a descendant of Daniel Sayre (March 22, 1785-March 7, 1886) one of the very early settlers in Jackson County and who is buried at Evans, Jackson County. "Wes" and Dorothy were the parents of twelve children but only six survived early childhood diseases such as whooping cough, measles, and diphtheria. The surviving children were: Loshia Jane (Feb. 23, 1904-Dec. 23, 1955), Robert Floyd (June 23, 1906-Feb. 4, 1987), Marshall Lee (Nov. 29, 1912-), Harry Fenton (Dec. 31, 1922-), Dorothy Inez (Nov. 24, 1924-), and Jackie Ray (Nov. 11, 1932-).

Effie Dell (Nov. 10, 1886-Nov. 10, 1958) married Oakey Sayre (Nov. 14, 1882-Feb. 1960) on February 3, 1903 and they had six children: Golda, Kenneth, Corbitt, Sylvia, Roy and Cecil. Effie attended the old Big Pine School on Jim Ridge and lived on Parchment Valley all her life.

Roy Hazel married Orpha Brotherton (Nov. 16, 1893-Feb. 1, 1962) on July 26, 1914. They were



Dorothy Iva Buckalew



Floyd Wesley Buckalew

the parents of four children: Ferrel Virginia, Mildred, Worthy Haden, and Keith Karlot Kenten. Roy taught at the old Big Pine School on Jim Ridge and the Clendenin School near Goldtown in Jackson County. He also taught one room schools in Putnam County. Later he was teacher and principal at the Mound Elementary School in Dunbar, Kanawha County. Retiring after twenty years as a teacher, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Dunbar, first as a clerk and later as assistant postmaster.

Corda Buckalew born Nov. 29, 1879, died at the age of four, Feb. 23, 1884.

The writer of this article is the son of Floyd Wesley Buckalew and Dorothy Iva Sayre Buckalew and thus this material is primarily about this line of the Buckalew family. All of the members of the family, except three were born in Jackson County on small farms near Goldtown. Harry Fenton, Dorothy Inez, and Jackie Ray were born in Charleston, Kanawha County.

Loshia Jane Buckalew was born in a small cabin on her Grandfather Sayre's farm at the mouth



Loshia Jane Buckalew

of Spicewood Creek near the old Sayre School. She married Otmer H. Withrow on April 23, 1923 and became the parents of seven children: Richard Lee, Yolanda Virginia, Otmer Henderson, Jr., Johnnie Edward, William Wesley, Dolores Julia, and Barbara Catherine.



Robert Floyd Buckalew

Robert Floyd Buckalew was born on the waters of Sugar Creek which runs into Middle Fork of Pocatalico River. He attended a one-room school on Fisher's Ridge and the Clendenin one-room school near the old homeplace of Jake Weatherholt. Floyd married Irene Beane, daughter of William Forrest Beane on Oct. 27, 1927. They had one daughter, Janet Mae. Floyd worked forty-five years at the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass plant in Charleston. He operated a glass production furnace and later became Superintendent of Production. At one time he served as Vice-President of the AFL-CIO Union at the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass plant.



Marshall Buckalew

Marshall Buckalew was born on Fisher's Ridge on what was referred to as the Ed Hutton farm. He attended the Clendenin one-room school for two years and completed his public school education in Charleston. He attended West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1931-32; served as manager of a Kroger Store until 1935 when he quit to complete his college education. He graduated from Morris Harvey College in 1938; West Virginia University in 1941, and Harvard Law School in 1948. In 1959 he received an Honorary LL.D degree from Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio.

During World War II he served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. He received a Commendation Citation for his work there.

On November 15, 1944, he married Mary Hover of Charleston and they are the parents of three children; Ronald William, James Leonard and Marsha Jean.

Marshall started to work for Morris Harvey College in 1938 and retired in 1975. He served as president of the college from 1964 to 1975. Among his other activities at this time he taught Business Law and practiced law from 1948 to 1964. After leaving the college he served as president of The First National Bank of South Charleston from 1975 to 1981. Since 1981 he has served as President and Editor of The West Virginia

Historical Education Foundation, Inc. In this capacity he has edited and published the following books: *West Virginia-Our Heritage* by W.T. Doherty, *West Virginia Government* by Coffey, Karr and Riddel. Marshall is the author of *The Life of M.P. Shawkey*. Between 1938 and 1989 his civic, church, community activities in Charleston and West Virginia have been too numerous to list here.

Harry Buckalew was born in Charleston, Kanawha County. He attended public schools in Charleston through the seventh grade. In 1936 he graduated from the Sayre School near Goldtown and in 1940 he graduated from Ripley High School.

Harry served in the U.S. Coast Guard from September, 1942 to April, 1946. From 1947 to 1977 he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service. He started out as a carrier and rose to the position of Chief Administrative Officer of Postal Service Center and in this position he served 1108 post offices.



Harry Fenton Buckalew

On May 17, 1947 he married Hazel Virginia Casdorff. Harry and Hazel live on their farm at Goldtown. They have two children; Robert Wesley and Rebecca Irene.

Dorothy Inez Buckalew was born Nov. 24, 1924, in Charleston, Kanawha County. She attended public schools in Kanawha County through the seventh grade. She graduated from the Sayre School in 1937 and from Ripley High School in 1941. Inez became a Registered Nurse in 1946 when she received her nursing pin and nursing hat from the McMillan Hospital in Charleston. In 1964 she supervised the setting up of the Surgery Department of the Jackson General Hospital in Ripley.

On April 19, 1951, Inez married Randall Roger Bailey from Belpre, Ohio. They are the parents of two daughters; Sandra Lee and Jane Ann.



Dorothy Inez Buckalew Bailey

Inez has been a practicing nurse since 1951 and currently works for Dr. George L. Grubb in Charleston. Inez and Randall live on their farm located on U.S. 21 near Goldtown.

Jackie Ray Buckalew was born in Charleston, Kanawha County on November 11, 1932. His parents moved to their farm at Goldtown when Jack was four years old. He attended Sayre School from 1938 to 1944, then attended Woodrow Wil-



Jack Ray Buckalew

son Junior High School in Charleston, from 1944 to 1947. He graduated from Ripley High School in 1950. Jack attended Morris Harvey College in 1950. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955.

On June 6, 1955 Jack joined the West Virginia State Police force as a private and resigned as a Captain in 1972. He re-enlisted in 1972 and retired in 1983. During his tenure with the State Police he served as Captain in Charge of Department Headquarters; Officer in Charge of Criminal Identification Bureau; Planning and Research Officer; Commandant, State Police Academy; and Lieutenant Colonel, Chief of Field Operations. He was appointed Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police Force with the rank of Colonel by Governor W. Gaston Caperton, III, and sworn in on January 16, 1989.

Jack served as Assistant Supervisor of the International Section, Training Division, Traffic Institute, Northwestern University and has been instrumental in conducting training needs analysis and determining command training needs for state police organizations as well as determining training needs for city and county police agencies.

He has also served as Manager, Security and Building Operations for CNG Transmission Corporation, Clarksburg, and as Chief of Charleston Police Department from Sept. 15, 1983 to Sept. 15, 1985.

In 1980 Jack received his M.S. Degree from Marshall University. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society.

Jack is a member of International Association of Chiefs of Police; International Academy of Criminology; Northwestern University Alumni Association; Traffic Institute, Northwestern University; West Virginia Police Science Instructors Association; West Virginia Chiefs of Police Association; National Association of State Police Academy Directors; American Society of Industrial Security.

Jack married Eula Irene Mitchell on Sept. 11, 1959. They have two sons; Robert Ray Buckalew and Paul Kenneth Wilson Buckalew. Jack and Eula live in Kanawha County.

The Buckalew family has been represented by its members in Jackson County since 1848. Members of the family are proud of their Jackson County heritage and their Jackson County friends.

Submitted by Marshall Buckalew

BUFFINGTON

Joel Buffington was born in Virginia, he was married four times; the name of his first wife is unknown, second was Frances, third was Elizabeth Logan and fourth was Sarah Huges who died in 1846. The children of Joel Buffington include: (1) Joseph (1800-1826, Meigs Co., OH). He married Nancy Ann Williams. (2) Elizabeth (1802-) married Rubbin Tubbs in 1819 at Meigs County, OH. He was born in Canada in 1801. Both are buried at Morris Chapel Cemetery, Spiller, Ohio near Portland and Racine. Our family placed a small marker on their graves. They were the great-grandparents of my late father Allen Brewer. (3) Samuel Buffington (1807), wife Mary. (4) Seith

Buffington, wife Susan. (5) George Buffington, wife Mary. (6) Lydia Buffington. (7) Wesley Buffington (1823), wife Martha. (8) Brooks, 1826. (9) Jane, 1828. (10) Baldwin, 1832.

Children of Rubbin Tubbs and Elizabeth Buffington Tubbs: (1) Marillia Jane (1841-1923) married John Wesley Ervin who served almost four years in the Civil War. They are buried in the Morris Chapel Cemetery. They were the grandparents of my late father Allen Brewer. Their children: (1) Nancy Ervin (1860-1923) married John Icenhower (1856-1939), both are buried at the Morris Chapel Cemetery. They had nine children, all deceased. (2) Lewis Ervin (1866-1911) buried near Bashan, Ohio. He married Eliza Parks (1872-1962), they had six children, all deceased. (3) Elmer Francis (1876-January 7, 1904), married Nettie Young, they had four children (two died young). She married a second time and is buried in Pennsylvania. He is buried at Morris Chapel. (4) Emma D. Ervin (July 11, 1869-April 3, 1926) married David Alderman Brewer (August 2, 1864-April 26, 1948). They had eight children; Agustus, Rosco, Eber, Ethel, Earnest, Allen, Frankie, and Edgar. Rosco, Ethel and Frankie died as children, the rest raised families, all are deceased except Earnest and Edgar. My father Allen Brewer (January 5, 1899-March 6, 1972) married Audrey Smith (1899-1988). They are buried in the Stiversville Cemetery near Portland, Ohio. (5) Sarah Matilds Ervin was born July 22, 1872, she died at the age of 90 in Pennsylvania. She married first, Jacob Midciff; second Robert Crawford and third Thomas Jackson. She had five children, all are deceased except for one daughter. *Submitted by David Allen Brewer*

JOSEPH BUMGARNER

In the year 1863, the Union soldiers who were stationed in Wirt and surrounding counties were watching the soldiers of the Confederate Army very closely, who came home on furlough, etc.

Joseph Bumgarner, the oldest son of Jacob II and Nancy Bumgarner, lived on Nestleroad near Lockhart in Jackson County.

He, with his two brothers, Jacob H. and John P., enlisted in the Confederate Army. Joseph's wife died in November 1863. Some of the Union men thought this would be an opportune time to capture him when he came for his wife's funeral. So the night before the funeral, they assembled at his residence to capture him. They searched all through the house for him, even looking under the bed where his wife lay a corpse. Joseph Bumgarner was there that night, dressed in women's clothing but they failed to recognize him. His father and mother were also there that night and when the soldiers left they took his parents' horses with them. Disappointed in not locating Joseph at his home, they decided to go over to the Pisgah Church in Wirt County where Mrs. Bumgarner was to be interred the next day and capture him if he attended the funeral. It was a long journey in those days for a funeral procession from Lockhart on Sandy Creek to Pisgah on Right Reedy Creek. At that time the roads were not very good. Most of the people rode horse back. Jacob and his wife had to procure other horses to make the trip. When they arrived at the home of Joseph's father, which was just above the Pisgah church, the Union soldiers were already there. They had tied several horses to the posts of the front porch of the Bumgarner home. They had procured fodder from a nearby field and fed it to their horses on the front porch. They had brought the horses of Mr. and Mrs. Bumgarner back over on Reedy to his home and left them there but kept his saddle which they probably made use of later in the Army. Joseph Bumgarner was not at the funeral but he was on a nearby hill where he had a view of the church and the cemetery and saw the last rites of his companion as she was lowered to her final resting

place to await Resurrection Day. The Union soldiers never captured Joseph Bumgarner. *Submitted by John Watson Bumgarner Jr*

BUMGARNER-BUMGARDNER

Three brothers came from Germany. Their names were: Jacob (hereafter as Jacob I), Frederick and Andrew. There were also three sisters; Christinia who married David Bennett on April 5, 1791, Margaret who married Aaron Elsworth on June 9 1791 and Susanna who married John Elsworth on June 28, 1792.

On February 12, 1795 Jacob I Bumgarner married Sarah Wilson in Harrison County, Virginia. They had the following children; Eliza (Lydia) who married John F. Petty on March 1, 1827, George, Jesse, Joel and Jacob II.

Sarah died before 1820, and Jacob I died in 1823. They are both buried in a small family cemetery under a sugar maple on the bank of the Little Kanawha River and a part of the farm belonging to him. This part of the farm is owned and operated by his great-great-grandsons; Paul Michael and John Phillip Bumgarner. Eliza (Lydia), daughter of Jacob I, died about 1844 and is probably buried in the family plot beside her mother and father.

Jacob II, born September 15, 1804 in Harrison County, Virginia. On May 11, 1830 he married Nancy Elizabeth Somerville, daughter of Samuel and Susanna Sheppard Somerville. Nancy was born July 12, 1812.

Jacob II became a large landowner in both Jackson and Wirt counties. In 1843 he purchased a tract of land from Samuel Somerville, Nancy's father, on Somerville Fork at Zackville, which became known as The Bumgarner Farm.

Jacob II and Nancy Elizabeth Somerville were the parents of twelve children, all of whom reached adulthood and married. They were: Joseph M. (1832-1865), married Rowena Ott; Susan Margaret (1834-1901) married Samuel Kingsbury Morehead; Sarah Elizabeth (1836-1899) married Harrison Morehead; Samuel Alexander (1838-1923), married Mary Loretta Saunders; Lydia Martha (1840-?) married John Collins; Mary Jane (1842-1929) married Henry Enoch; Jacob Harrison (1844-1922) married Emma Florence Thorne; John Powers (1846-?) married Mary Jane Sheppard Sheppard; David Hamilton (1848-1901) married Sally Graham; Nancy Catherine (1850-1903) married (1) Samuel Coe, (2) Aaron Ruble; Virginia Caroline (1852-1879) married George M. Knotts; Eliza Ellen (1855-1933) married B.F. Thorne.

John C. and William H. came to Sullivan County, Missouri about 1885 and their parents and sister followed a year later. Samuel and both sons purchased land in Clay Township near Judson and remained there the rest of their lives. Linna married Manford Watson and made their home in Harris.

William H. (Barley) married Amanda Duley of Newtown, they had six children; Charles Otis (Pearl), Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. W. Burns Watson), Francis Clem (Mrs. George Matkins), Willie Hazel (died in infancy), William H. (Hazel), and Jessie (Mrs. William Burk).

Mary Loretta died June 8, 1917 and Samuel A. died Nov. 30, 1923. Both are buried in the Harris Cemetery.

John Carlos married first Cora Ellen Hardin (1874-1914) July 24, 1892. They had eight children: Clint (1893-1918); Truman (1895-1940); John B. (1896-1897); Oaky C. (1898-1900); Linnie Ethel (June 16, 1901) married Francis Joseph Kramer (1906-1975); infant daughter (1905); infant daughter (1908); Margaret Helen born Jan. 8, 1914, married Fred Ilje Oct. 13, 1951.

John Carlos next married Ethel Lee Watson (1881-1939). They had two children, John Watson (Eleta) and Sarah Lee (April 24, 1919-Sept. 22,

1946) married Maurice Clem (1918-1953).

John Watson Bumgarner, born Dec. 3, 1917, married Eleta Crum of Newtown, Missouri, two children; John W. Jr. of Warren, Ohio; Michael Jim of Bloomfield, Iowa. John Jr. has six children: John W. III, Julie Nicole, Catina, Jacob D., Travis John, Wade Tyler. Michael has three children; Jason Michael, Sarah Elizabeth, and Lincoln Taylor.

Submitted by John Watson Bumgarner Sr. and John Watson Bumgarner III

SAMUEL A. BUMGARNER

Samuel Alexander Bumgarner, fifth child of Jacob II and Nancy Elizabeth Somerville was born May 1, 1838 in Jackson County, Virginia. In March 1859 he married Mary Loretta Saunders, third child of Charles R. and Francis Price Saunders at Wood County, West Virginia. They were the parents of five children: Dora May, born 1861, died 1880, William Harrison, born 1863, died 1934, John Carlos, born 1865, died 1944, Calvin born 1867, died 1881, Linna (Linnie) born 1871 died 1929. Dora May and Calvin died in West Virginia and are buried in the Pisgah Cemetery. In 1883 William Harrison and John Carlos, went to Sullivan County, Missouri. A great-uncle Samuel Somerville had previously settled there. John C. and WM. H. (Barley) found employment with the Somerville's and liking the area their father, mother and sister joined them two years later. The elder Bumgarners purchased land in the northwest part of Sullivan County and spent the rest of their lives there. William Harrison married Amanda Duley in 1889. John Carlos married, first Cora Ellen Hardin 1892, second Ethel Lee Watson in 1916. Lina (Linnie) married Manford Watson 1889. William Harrison and Amanda Bumgarner were the parents of six children: Charles Otis, Mary Elizabeth, Willie Hazel, Francis Clem, William Samuel and Jessie. John Carlos and Cora Ellen Bumgarner were the parents of eight children: Clint, Truman, John B., Oaky C., Linnie Ethel, Infant Daughter, Infant Daughter, and Margaret Helen. John Carlos and Ethel Lee Bumgarner were the parents of two children: John Watson and Sarah Lee. *Submitted by Michael J. Bumgarner*

BURDETTE-GANDEE-DUNBAR

George St. Clair Burdette, born 1830 in Monroe Co., WV married Octavia Kincaid in Meadow Bluff, Greenbrier Co., WV in 1840. Moved to Fayette Co., next to Grasslick, Jackson Co., WV in 1862, then to Roane Co., WV and settled on Upper Flat Forks, Poca, in Harpers District.

To St. Clair and Octavia were born nine children: The first five were born in Fayette Co., and the others were born in Jackson County. Named as follows: (1) Charles Lewis, (born 1854-died 1936) married in 1874 to Mary Jane Gandee (born 1856-died 1937), daughter of George W. and Mary (Westfall) Gandee. (George was the son of Uriah and Masse (Hughes) Gandee); (2) Mary Burdette, married Henderson Gandee (brother of Mary Jane Gandee); (3) Sarah Burdette, married Jonathan R. Reed of Flat Fork; (4) John Asher Burdette, died young; (5) Giles Numer Burdette, (born 1859), married Martha Ellen Hildreth in 1882; (6) Martha J. Burdette, (born 1863-died 1897), married Chittendon Coon in 1886; (7) Ellen Burdette died young; (9) George Whittington Burdette, (born 1869) married Julia Suck.

Charles Lewis Burdette and Mary Jane had six children, all were born in Roane County, WV: 1. Dora (born 1875-died 1963) married William Riley in 1893. He died and she married Elijah Starcher of Gandeeville, WV. 2. Frederick (born 1877); 3. Clarence Floyd Burdette, (born 1889-died 1943), married Mazie Neola Tucker (born 1889-1943). 4. Elysa Mae Burdette, (born 1889-died 1972) married Oather Alexander Dunbar in 1908 (born 1880-died 1971); 5. Audrey Burdette, married Ernest VanCamp; 6. Stella Burdette

(1883-1885); 7. Ernest Burdette (1891-1932) married Lulu Mullins; 8. Roy Burdette (1892) married Betty Mullins.

Oather Alexander Dunbar (born 1880-1971) was the son of James M. and Eliza J. (Dodson) Dunbar of Jumping Branch in Summers County, WV. He married Elva Mae Burdette in Kanawha County. He was living around Queen Shoals at the time. He moved to Blakely, WV where he owned and operated the O. A. Dunbar and Son's Grocery Store for 35 years. They then moved to Evans, WV to live beside their son, Cecil Raymond Dunbar. They lived about two years and died eleven weeks apart. They were both buried at Jackson County Memorial Garden. Oather and Elva Mae Dunbar had five children: 1. Charles James (born 1910), married Henen Wedge; 2. William Lewis (1917), married Dorothy Lucas; 3. Vira Jane (born 1919) married Grant Fuller Jr.; 4. Harold Lloyd (born 1926) married Barbara Bird, then Ruth (Withrow) Sampson; 5. Cecil Raymond (born 1927) married Jessie Durie (born 1933) married February 2, 1954.

Cecil and Jessie Dunbar lived in Ripley for eleven years then moved to Evans, WV. They have two sons. 1. Richard Wayne Dunbar (born 1955) married Geraldine Ray (daughter of George and Ethlene (McCoy) Ray of Evans, WV. They have two children: a. Laurene Autumn (born 1981) and b. Brian Joshua (born 1983). Richard Dunbar is an electrician at Ravenswood Aluminum. 2. Dennis Allen Dunbar (born 1957) was married in 1988 to Sandra Meadows, daughter of Jimmy and Nelly (Kincaid) Meadows of Pluto in Summers Co. Dennis Dunbar is an Instructor at West Virginia Tech. in Montgomery, WV. Sandy is a nurse at C. A. M. C. in Charleston, WV.

Cecil Dunbar has worked 30 years for Kaiser Aluminum, now known as Ravenswood Aluminum Co. He is an Electronic and Radio repairman. Jessie Dunbar is the daughter of Gilbert and Ruth Adaline (Marshall) Durie. Gilbert came from Edinburg, Scotland in 1925 and married Ruth in 1926. Gilbert Durie Sr. (born 1900-died 1951) and Ruth Adaline Marshall (born 1906-died 1982) was born at Dana, WV and Jessie Dunbar, her daughter was also born in Dana, WV. Submitted by Jessie Dunbar and Richard Dunbar

BURDETTE — JOHNSTON

William Johnston, born around 1753, Anondale, Scotland, buried Pioneer Cemetery, Monroe County, Ohio. Date of death unknown, homesteaded Randolph County, VA, came to the U.S. with Clark. Had four children, John, James, Elijah, and William (our ancestor), born Jan. 1, 1796, Randolph Co., VA. William Johnston married Esther Emmons, born Feb. 8, 1804, Pennsylvania, daughter of Lewis or John Emmons and Nancy Jane Hayden of VA, children; Sarah, born Oct. 21, 1820, Lewis (was with seventh Inf. Co.) born Jan. 11, 1823 in Ohio, died Mar. 30, 1891. Jane, born Sept. 1, 1824, died Sept. 29, 1840, Mary (our ancestor), born Nov. 18, 1826 died Apr. 29, 1895, married Wm. Burdette, Oct. 22, 1842, Eleanor, born Jan. 4, 1828, died Apr. 1899; Wm. Christian, born Nov. 1, 1830, died Dec. 14, 1864.

Wm. Burdette, born Jan. 17, 1818, Monroe Co., Ohio, died Nov. 30, 1904, Monroe Co., Ohio, was in Civil War, a Cpl. in the Ninety-second Ohio Infantry, was a blacksmith. His first wife (our ancestor), Mary Johnston, had ten children. After her death he married Hannah S. McWilliams. Children; Mary L., born 1844, Esther A. "Hesther", born 1843, Miller S., born 1844, Sarah Sida, born 1845, John M., born 1846, Wm. J., born 1847, Robert M., born 1864, Harriet Elizabeth, born Aug. 2, 1860, in Ohio, died Mar. 17, 1920, married George Hickenbottom, Oct. 22, 1878 (our ancestor), Abraham Lynn, born 1865; Blanch Luana, born 1868, died 1940. In 1870 the family moved to the Simpson area, Jackson Co., WV.

Obituary for William Burdette, which was composed by a friend: "It has become my sad duty to announce the death of a former citizen of Monroe Co., Wm. Burdette, who died Nov. 30, 1904, at Lowdell, WV; born in Flushing, Ohio, in 1817, served his apprenticeship until his eighteenth year, moved to Monroe Co., married Miss Mary Johnston of near Woodsfield in 1842, and worked his trade until the Civil War, when he enlisted with 92 Reg. O.V.I., Captain Milton Patton. He served until close of war, receiving an honorable discharge and resuming his trade at Newcastle, after which he moved to West Virginia where his wife departed to the higher life ten years ago leaving him alone with an afflicted daughter. Eight years ago he married Miss Hannah McWilliams, a worthy help-mate who kindly waited on him until the closing scene. Mr. Burdette was in many ways a remarkable man with great mental as well as physical powers. He was a man of pronounced opinion with the courage of his conviction, an advocate of good, an enemy of evil, an uncompromising enemy of liquor traffic, a friend of the weak and oppressed against the strong, was an affectionate husband, a kind father, obliging neighbor and loyal citizen. He was interred in Simpson Chapel Cemetery, the funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. K. Riffe, of the M. E. church of which the deceased was a substantial pillar for more than sixty years. Before the final scene he spoke in bright anticipation of the eternal union with those who had gone before and urged the following in the same path those who still remain. After the conclusion of the church service the Comrades of R. B. Hayes, Post No. 20, G. A. R. conveyed the casket to the grave and interred it according to ritual. A solemn and impressive scene in presence of his children, grandchildren, and a concourse of people who assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to a worthy man, realizing that a vacancy has been made that can never be filled."



Harriet (Burdette) Hickenbottom's children, Friend, Mary, Bert, Georgia, Cash, and Elmer (inset: Willie and Gail)

Harriet Elizabeth, "Aunt Tibb" born Aug. 2, 1860, in Ohio, died Mar. 17, 1920, buried at Rockhill Cemetery, Flushing, Ohio was married to George Hickenbottom, born May 22, 1852 in Ohio, son of David Hickenbottom and Hannah Pierce. They had seven children. (George was a widower with one son, Elmer, born June 16, 1873, Harriet reared this child as one of her own.) — Mary, born Jan. 21, 1881, Wm. Burdett, born Sept. 10, 1884, Bradford Cash, born Nov. 30, 1886, Willie Mina, born May 1889, Georgia, born April 29, 1892, Gail, born Mar. 12, 1894, married Harry T. Frame in Apr. 1910. He was born May 14, 1888 and son of Sardine Frame and Margaret McWilliams. They owned a general store at Rockland, Ohio. They had three children; Bonnie Gail, born Feb. 2, 1912 at Rockport, WV married Harold Medley, died October, 1977, Roland Thomas Frame, born Nov. 17, 1913, New Brighton, PA, married Helen Preston, died Dec. 14, 1989. (Nancy's dad) Had two children, Nancy Jane, born July 5, 1933, married Maurice L. Fleming, Rebecca Gail, born June 18, 1949, married David

Rhodes; Ronald Harry Frame, born May 1916, married Beatrice Rogers, had one child, Dr. Ronald David Frame.

Friend Robert Hickenbottom (Jean's dad), born Mar. 4, 1896, Barnesville, Ohio, died July 13, 1973, buried Rockhill Cemetery, Flushing, Ohio; married Luvada Jane Smith, born Oct. 12, 1901, daughter of Charles H. Smith and Campsie Della Moore; had four children; Amelia Georgia, born June 14, 1917, Perl Robert, born Sept. 19, 1919, married Hope James, Friend Dale, born Mar. 20, 1928, married Pauline Taylor; Jean, born Feb. 20, 1933, married Theodore Snider. Submitted by Jean Snider and Nancy Fleming

ANNA M. BURDETTE

Mrs. Anna M. Burdette is the daughter of the late Charles and Maggie Fox. She was born in 1932 in Fayette Co. She attended school at Meadow Bridge, Fayette Co., living at home in Fayette Co. with her mother and father and three brothers and six sisters.

Charles A. Burdette, Jr. is the son of the late Charles and Rosa Burdette, Sr. He was born in 1930 in Summers Co., and attended school in Summers Co., living at home with his mother and father and four brothers and two sisters.

Charles and Anna met and were united in marriage on February 18, 1950. After their first child was born, they moved to Jackson Co. for Charles to work at Kaiser Aluminum, where they reside at Cottageville. Their children's names are: Wilma Surbaugh of Michigan, Carolyn Baker of Ohio, Shirley Burdette of Huntington, WV, Larry Burdette of Sandyville, Jackson Co., William Burdette of Cottageville, Jackson Co., Angela Huddleston of Cottageville, Jackson Co., WV. Submitted by Charles A. Burdette and Anna M. Burdette

BURKE

The Burkes migrated from Ireland and settled in Virginia in the 1700s. Ambrose Booten Burke was born December 26, 1835 in Culpepper, Virginia along the Rappahannock River. He drove a stagecoach over the Blue Ridge Mountains in his early years. Later, he migrated to Lockhart, West Virginia and married Lucy (Davis) Adkins.

Booten was in business with a Mr. Barnett of Rockport, West Virginia. They held large tracts of land and cattle which were allowed to roam open range. I have the branding iron they used to brand the cattle. Grandfather also had a grocery store at Lockhart sometimes called "Buttermilk". Grandfather and Grandmother had five sons: James, Thomas, Charles, Lawrence, and Walter.

James married Elma C. Barlow. They had three children Wayne, Everett, and Lucy. Aunt Elma died very young and James married Missouri Rankin. I knew Aunt Missouri. She was a kind and religious lady. She was always kind to everyone.

Wayne married a lady in Washington. They had two children, names unknown.

Everett had a grocery and produce market in Ripley, West Virginia. He married Tessie Carney. They had two children — Thomas Watson and Billie. Thomas died when the dear baby was ten months old. Billie lives in Ripley, West Virginia. Billie married Keath Bennett. They had no children. Lucy married Sam Kittle. They had five children: Earnest, Coral, Clair, Roberta, and Loren. Earnest died when he was 21. Coral married Clarence Jones. They had two boys — Darrel and Carroll. Clair married Reva Chancey. They had two children — Jack and Sheila. Roberta married Robert Farrar. They had three children — Robert, Judy, and Carolyn. Loren married Velma Childers. They had three children — Sam, Loren Jr. and Sandra.

Thomas Burke was a lawyer in New York City with offices on Madison Avenue. He was never married.

Charles was never married. At one time he had an automobile dealership in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Lawrence Burke, my dad, whose nickname was "Dick" married Lillie K. Guinn the daughter of the Reverend Wallace P. Guinn and Cynthia Graham Guinn. Grandfather preached at the Lockhart church. The preachers were called circuit preachers. They rode horseback to different churches each Sunday. Lawrence and Lillie had eight children: Muriel, Maude, Robert, Bruce, Clifford, Pauline, and Buhl whose nickname was "Billy".



Wedding picture of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burke

Muriel married Earl Balderson who ran the Lockhart Grocery Store for many years. They had no children.

Marie married Lawrence Black. Marie and Lawrence worked for the Storck Baking Company for many years. They had no children.

Maude married Lloyd Amos. Lloyd was a farmer, school teacher, and politician. Maude worked for Murphy's Department Store. They had two children — Paul and Patricia. Patricia married Paul Archer. They had two children — Paul Jr. and Susan Ann. They live in Florida. Paul married Jerry Kaufman. They had two sons — Michael Grant, and James Patrick.

Robert married Gertrude Campbell. Robert worked for the Storck Baking Company and was in the insurance business. Robert also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Gertrude was a school teacher. They had three children — Robert Jr., Sue, and Michael.

Robert Jr. married Cecelia Coine. While married to Cecelia, they had three children — James Robert, Regina, and Sarah. Robert Jr. lives in South Carolina.

Sue married William Sommerville. They had one daughter — Margaret Ann. William died very young and Sue married David McKain. They own the Acme Fishing Tool Company in Parkersburg. Sue and David had four children — Carolyn, Kathy, David and John.

Michael married Sherry Quick. They had two children — Ruth Ann, and Seth Michael. They live in Huntington, West Virginia.

Bruce Burke was never married and lived at home with his mother.

Clifford married Ruth Davis. Clifford served with Patton's Army in Germany during World War II. Clifford and Ruth had four sons — Lawrence, David, Dennis, and John. Lawrence married Margaret Rowe. They had two sons — Bradey and Jeff. They live in Virginia. David married Ilene Bonnett. They had four children — Cheryl, Lucinda, Daniel, and David Jr. They live at Rockport, West Virginia. Dennis married Brenda Cochran. They had two children — Scott and Schelly. They live in Stanford, NC. John married Cindy Ott. They had one child — Jennifer Ann. They live at Lockhart.

Pauline married Harlan Hawkins. They had one boy Philmore. Pauline and Harlan worked for the Storck Baking Company for many years. Harlan served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. Philmore married Kim Knowls. They had two children — Elizabeth Katherine and

Nathan. They live in Piketon, Ohio.

Buhl married Marjorie Weltner. Buhl worked for the Storck Baking Company for 42 years. Marjorie worked for the Pennzoil Oil Company. They had one child Jeffrey. Jeffrey married Jane Calendine. They had two children — Mary Katherine and Jeffrey Jr. Jeffrey Sr. is affiliated with Nashua Photo. Jane is a medical technologist at the St. Joseph Hospital.

Walter whose nickname was "Bumps" was a farmer. He married Lulu Wilson. They had six children — Wallace, Delmar, Noldia, Evelyn, Doyle and Lois. Noldia married Harley Morrison. They had two children — Lyla and Harold.

Lyla married Olan Thomas. They had four children — Dwayne, Nolan, Karla, and Scott. Harold married Laura Meats. They had four children Michael, Michelle, Neil, and Eric.

Wallace married Hazel Cooper. They had two children — Yvonne and Robert.

Delmar married Fannie Moore. They had no children.

Evelyn married Luther Hardesty. They had no children.

Doyle married Ethel Boso. They had two children — Donna and Barbara. Doyle worked for Kaiser Aluminum Company.

Lois married Robert LaRue. They had no children.

My father Lawrence "Dick" Burke was a buyer of all kinds of livestock, cattle, wool, and tobacco. He bought from the farmers all around the area. The cattle and livestock were gathered at Lockhart and Dad hired cowboys to drive the cattle to Ravenswood, West Virginia, where they were shipped to Cincinnati, Ohio or Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The tobacco was brought to the "tobacco barn" on our farm, where women were hired to sort the tobacco leaves to size and color. Then the tobacco was tied in hands as they were called. The tying room was behind the tobacco barn and was large enough to have at least 20 women working. Some of the women acquired the taste of tobacco by chewing on a twig of tobacco while they worked, leading them to "dip snuff". After the tobacco was tied in hands, it was put in great wooden hogsheads and shipped to the tobacco market in Kentucky. My dad died when he was 58. My mother lived to the age of 88.

My grandfather was a Free and Accepted Mason. He belonged to the Ashton Lodge #12 in Ravenswood, West Virginia. His grandsons Robert, Clifford, Buhl, Koyle, and great-grandsons Jeffrey, Lawrence, and Philmore also are Masons of various degrees.

The picture is of my father and mother. It is their wedding picture. Submitted by Buhl G. Burke and Jeffrey G. Burke

BUSH

The people in the upper Rhine River Valley in Germany had suffered long wars, heavy taxation and religious persecution. They listened eagerly to William Penn's invitation to come to Pennsylvania. There they could have freedom and perhaps they could get some of the rich farmland Penn's agents described. It would be a long hard trip, and probably would take all their money.

The family we will follow decided to come. They arrived in Philadelphia on the ship Hope on August 28, 1733. The father signed the loyalty oath to the new government with his full name Johann Michael Busch. His wife was Eva and the children were: George Adam, Lewis, Mary Margaret and John. The spelling was changed to Bush after a short time.

We will follow our direct line from the oldest son, George Adam who was 13 upon arrival in Philadelphia.

After some time in Philadelphia the family

moved to the Potomac River area in Virginia where they bought land on the South Branch of the river. George Adam had married Susannah and in 1754 his son Adam was born.

In a few years the family moved westward to the Buckhannon valley. Adam lived in this area for several years. He married Margaret Hagle at Buckhannon Fort about 1777.

Adam volunteered in the American Revolution in defense of the frontier. He also served Colonel George Rogers Clark in his expedition.

Adam and Margaret had six children, one of whom was our ancestor, Paulser Bush. By the time Paulser was born in 1790, Adam had moved westward again to Cedar Creek in the present Gilmer County. Paulser grew up here and married Elizabeth Heckert. He lived in this area until his death in 1869.

Paulser's son Peter was born in Gilmer County in 1824, where they lived near Freeman's Creek. He married Sarah Norman and their first child was our grandfather, James Emmett Bush. He was born in 1840 in Gilmer County, but moved with the family to Grass Lick now in Jackson County. He left Grass Lick to join the Virginia Cavalry of the Confederate Army in 1862. After his return from the Civil War, he married Virginia Simons in 1867. Their home was near Kenna. There were ten children as follows:

Beatrice, married Mr. Garmes. Children: Ralph, Ethel, Mamie and Alma. This family lived in Tennessee.

Ella, married Warwick Pfost. Children: Arnett, Jay, John, and Beulah. The Pfosts lived in Kentucky.

Homer, married Ella Quick. Children: James, Theo, Roy, and Arnold. Married Ann Parrish. Children: Jack and Joyce. Homer built homes in Charleston, WV.

David married Molly Parsons, died age 28.

Loverna, married Rufus Oliver. Children: Sylvia Smith, Orion and John. This family lived in East Palestine, Ohio.



Ella Pfost, Loverna, Jonah, Robert, Homer, and Roy Bush

Loverta, twin to Loverna. Never married. Remained in the family home at Kenna.

Jonah Adam, married Stella Hodges. Children: Lawrence, Virginia Moore, and Loverta Gregory. Jonah and family lived in Pittsburgh, PA.

Robert, married Edna Hopkins. Children: Jonah, Leo, Kenna, Edward, Carroll, Phyllis, Geneva, Ralph and Raymond, twins. This family lived at Given, WV.

Stella, married Wm. Hodges. Children: Bessie Cadle, Russell, Homer, Josephine Lyons, Bernice Russell, and Irene McCoy. The Hodges lived in Mason County near Leon.

Roy, lived at Kenna most of his life. He remained single.

These ten children of James Emmett Bush and Virginia Simons were brought up in Kenna in Jackson County.

An annual reunion is held in Baden, WV by their descendants. It is well attended and all the cousins enjoy the day together. Submitted by Virginia B. Moore

BUSH — HOPKINS

Robert Emmett Bush and Edna Hopkins were married May 6, 1909. Robert, son of James Emmett and Virginia (Simon) Bush, was a carpenter. Many of the homes he constructed are still gracing the county. Edna was the daughter of James Gideon and Tabitha (Reed) Hopkins. Rob and Edna settled on Wolf Creek, Given and lived their lives out there.

Rob was tall, slim and a quiet man; Edna, his opposite, always having a joke, rhyme or riddle, with a large comfortable lap and a loving hug.

Edna was born June 8, 1883; died June 5, 1956. Rob, born July 10, 1883, died June 16, 1962. They are buried in the Grasslick Cemetery, Pleasant Valley Road, Given.

Their family: 1. Robert Leo "Lee" Bush (6-28-1910/7-29-1985) married Orvia Brotherton. 2. Jonah Arden Bush (1911-1950) married Clara Wolf. Their children: (a) James Paul Bush married Mary Hill, and had two sons. (b) Lowen Ray Bush. (c) Ruby Marie Bush married James Casto; son James Derek. (d) Reba Mae Bush married William Casto; one son and three daughters. 3. James Carroll Bush born April 25, 1913 married Lottie Harmon, December 26, 1939. Lottie born February 11, 1910, died December 13, 1984, daughter (a) Mary Catherine "Katie" Bush born August 24, 1941. 4. Kenna Howard "Red" Bush, born May 10, 1915 married Peggy Vickers. Children: (a) Linda Mae (Bush) Ault. (b) Kenna Howard Bush Jr. (c) Gary Wayne Bush. 5. Raymond Estel "Dock" Bush born August 24, 1917, married on December 27, 1940 to Mary Erma Harmon, born November 23, 1921, died September 27, 1976. Children: (A) Kenna Ray Bush, born July 27, 1942, married Juanita Marie Wilson and had two children; (a) Fredrick Estel "Rick" Bush, born August 28, 1964, married Barbara Driscoll; daughter Jacqueline Dale born April 19, 1985. (b) Merilea Ann Bush born February 4, 1969. (B) Phyllis Jean Bush, born July 8, 1948, married December 6, 1965 David Jay Casto, born June 7, 1945, son of Kenna and Nina (Comer) Casto. Children: (a) Katharina "Rina" Bernadette Casto born May 25, 1967, married August 31, 1987 to Joseph Edward Angus, born May 28, 1963, son of Billy Angus and Maxine Dewitt. (b) David Jay Casto II, born April 22, 1971. (C) Terrill Dean "Terry" Bush, born July 8, 1953, married September 25, 1977 to Winona Kay Thomas. 6. Ralph Owen "Bob" Bush, born August 24, 1917 died November 1980. Married with two children. 7. Edward Gordon Bush born December 10, 1919, married June 8, 1946 to Dorothy Hankins. Children: (a) Joel Gregory Bush, born July 17, 1947, married December 18, 1971 to Jill O'Gwin. (b) Richard Dexter Bush born November 5, 1952, married Cindy Manasco. 8. Phyllis Marguerite Bush, born April 16, 1921. 9. Geneva Maxine Bush born November 13, 1928, died June 5, 1981. Submitted by Phyllis J. (Bush) Casto

CLEON CADLE

Cleon Cadle was born February 18, 1895, near Long Hollow Church, son of John and Mary Adams Cadle. The post office was called Pigeon and the postmaster was his grandfather, Rev. William A. Cadle, also the minister at Long Hollow Church.

Cleon joined the Baptist Church at Riverside, now Red House, when he was 15 years of age. Now at age 94, he attends Bethel Union Church on Baden Road. He joined the Army during World War I, was made sergeant, and discharged May, 1919.

On June 16, 1923, he married Bessie Hodges, daughter of William and Stella Bush Hodges. To this union were born five children: Vernon, October 5, 1924; Eloise, March 27, 1926; Dallas, July 15, 1927; Alice, April 28, 1929; and Ruth, Janu-



Cleon and Bessie Cadle

ary 30, 1931. Cleon and Bessie have 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Cleon was a carpenter and a rural mail carrier out of Leon for 34 years. He retired and went back to work as a carpenter at the Kaiser Plant. During the time he was a letter carrier he not only brought people the mail, but served as a good samaritan, confidant, and news bearer, especially during the days of the Great Depression.

Today, Cleon resides on Baden Road where he still does light carpentry work and makes clocks for a hobby. He loves feeding the birds and watching the humming birds in the summer. He can usually be found with a great-grandchild on each knee. One of his favorite pastimes is to read or tell them stories of the pioneer days. Submitted by Roderick Casto

JOHN ZEARLEY CADLE

John Zearley Cadle was born 2 October 1871 on Little Spruce just off Thirteen Mile Creek in Mason County near the Andrew Jackson Stephens farm. (Mr. Stephens was his great uncle through his marriage to Minerva Minor, a sister to Caroline Minor Zearley, John's grandmother.) John was the son of the Reverend William A. Cadle and Elzena Zearley Cadle. A sister, Emma Caroline and John were born in Mason County but the family moved to Long Hollow, Jackson County, when the children were very young. Five more were born in the years that followed. John attended rural schools. His father was a schoolteacher as well as a preacher. John benefited greatly and was as well educated as his peers in the neighborhood, if not better.



John Zearley Cadle

He was married to Mary Adams (1870-1936) of Kenna, 2 May 1894. She was the daughter of William Meade Adams, a native of Fauquier County, Virginia and Martha Winter Adams who came from a prominent Jackson County family. Mary's maternal great uncle, Joseph Johnson, was a member of the Virginia State Legislature, a member of Congress and the only Governor of Virginia that hailed from the trans-Allegheny section of the state. (He was a native of Harrison County.)

John brought his bride to Long Hollow and established a home near to that of his parents. He became a farmer and sometimes worker on a sawmill owned and operated by his uncle, A.

Judson Zearley. Three of John and Mary's children were born in the Long Hollow community; three others in Ravenswood and their youngest in Riverside, Putnam County. Their children are:

(1) Cleon B. Cadle, born 1895, married Bessie Clair Hodges. They had five children; (1) Vernon who married Amy Goff; (b) Eloise married Rodney Burns; (c) Dallas married Betty Jo Miller; (d) Alice married Capt. Dewitte Beaver; (e) Ruth married Edward Short. Cleon worked as a carpenter before World War I and following the war as a rural mail carrier from the Leon post office. He has been active in church, fraternal societies and civic endeavors.

(2) Bert B. Cadle, born 1897, married (a) Sylvia Ditty, (b) Mabel Vollmar. He designed and built quality homes in Dayton, Ohio. He is a skilled craftsman and a marine enthusiast. He has built a number of model steam boats. A model of a grist/saw mill may be seen at the West Virginia Farm Museum in Point Pleasant.

(3) Orval L. Cadle (1899-1988) married Dessie Graham. They had four children: (a) Charles married Virginia Wallace; (b) John William married Thelma Brown; (c) Mary Ellen married Harold Burns; (d) Betty Jo married Cecil Taylor. Orval co-leased and operated a popular parking lot in downtown Charleston for many years.

(4) Bonnie Cadle, born 1901 married Dawson Hartley. She attended Marshall College; was a teacher in Cabell and Mason counties. She was active with 4-H clubs for several years. She is a skilled quilter and has many valuable ones in her collection. She is now active in church and civic activities. She is an avid homemaker and horticulturist.

(5) Clare B. Cadle, born 1903, married Bertie Fletcher from whom he was divorced at the time of his death in 1942. He worked in the mailing department of the McCall Publishing Company in Dayton, Ohio. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed fishing and was a sports fan.

(6) Ray K. Cadle, born 1906. He was a Social Services worker for the Mason and Putnam counties Department of Public Assistance for several years. He served as staff Arts and Crafts Director for Hq. Far East Air Forces in Tokyo, for Hq. Pacific Air Forces in Honolulu, Hawaii and 2nd and 8th Air Forces at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. He is listed in Who's Who In American Art.

(7) Parke A. Cadle, 1908, married Carmelita Cunningham (1907-1970). She was a high school science/mathematics teacher in Jackson, Mason, Putnam and Kanawha counties. They had three children (a) Bernard Charles (1942-1971), married Carolyn Burford, had one child, Carmelita, 1971; (b) Robert Clare, 1943, married Margaret Giersch in 1968. They have two children (1) Cris Parke born 1971 and (2) Robert II, 1973; (c) Joan Parke (1947-1960).

Parke was active in sports while in high school, excelling in football. Upon graduation he became involved in construction work and learned to operate heavy equipment. He joined the Sea Bees in World War II and operated heavy equipment in building landing fields, etc. on Okinawa. He served as road supervisor in Mason and Jackson counties and helped to organize the Cloverleaf Construction Company in Ripley, which played an important role in the Jackson County home building boom. He remained in construction work until his retirement. (Deceased members of his family are buried in the Otterbein Cemetery, Evans.)

John moved his family to a farm on the Leon-Baden Road in Mason County in 1910 after living in Red House where he had been a miller. The old homeplace where his seven children grew to adulthood, is now owned by the eldest son, Cleon. John died in 1951 and is buried with his wife, Mary, and son Clare in the Mitchell Cemetery

on the Leon-Baden Road. Nearby is the Baden Bethel Church.

Four family members served in the Armed Forces, Cleon and Bert in World War I; Ray and Parke in World War II. *Submitted by Parke A. Cadle*

WILLIAM A. CADLE

William Anderson Cadle was born July 31, 1850 near the mouth of Bluestone River in Mercer County, Virginia, now Summers County, West Virginia; d. January 16, 1929. He was the son of John and Julia Agee Cadle and a great-grandson of Thomas Cadle who migrated to the Virginia area from Surry County, North Carolina. John Cadle moved his family to Jackson County in 1862 to establish a home in that area.

Young William became convinced of his duty to preach at the age of 15 and soon thereafter took up the active ministry of the Gospel, serving in the Baptist denomination, and remained in that work until failing health forced him to retire in the '20s. He preached in neighborhood churches and schoolhouses, and because of his extreme youth when he entered the ministry, he was familiarly known as the "Boy Preacher." Before he was 22 years of age he was ordained as a minister and accepted calls to the pastorate of churches.



Rev. William A. Cadle

In the early years of the Reverend Cadle's ministerial career, he taught several terms of school. In the meantime his reputation as a successful revivalist was growing and demand for his services reached a point where he decided to give up school teaching so that he could devote more time to the ministry. Thus, the pattern for his future life was set. He was a consistent student of the Bible and an avid reader. His library contained many books of reference, Bible Concordances and Gospel expositions. He was a mild mannered and soft spoken man in all phases of his life. In the pulpit his voice was seldom raised to a pitch higher than necessary to be audible to his audience. His sermons, for the most part, were forceful and logical and were always delivered extemporaneously. His command of English was excellent and he seldom hesitated for words to express himself.

His work in the ministry was confined largely to country churches in Mason, Jackson, Putnam, Roane and Kanawha counties, extending up the Ohio River as far as Wood County and at times over into the state of Ohio. The following is a partial list of churches he served as pastor: Ebenezer, Ripley, Grass Lick, Lone Oak, Long Hollow, Jackson County; Baden, Wolf's Valley, Leon, Concord and Harmony in Mason County; Poca, Riverside, Hurricane, Teays in Putnam County; St. Albans and Spring Hill in Kanawha County. Several of the above churches are in the Teays Valley Baptist Association of which he was Moderator during the last eight or ten years of his active ministry.

He was married to Elzena Ann Zearley, the daughter of Jacob A. Zearley and Caroline Minor,

28 February 1869. Their children were:

- (1) Emma Caroline, b. 1869, d. 1948, m. Emory Duffield;
- (2) John Zearley, b. 1871, d. 1951, m. Mary Adams;
- (3) Otho Minor, b. 1875, d. 1949, m. Dora King;
- (4) Minerva LeGrand, b. 1877, d. 1958, m. Parke Billups;
- (5) Lawrence Travis, b. 1886, d. 1965, m. Willie Johnston;
- (6) Nora Alice, b. 1888, d. 1977;
- (7) William Albert, b. 1892, d. 1957, m. Alberta Kyle.

In addition to their own seven children, they made a home for Rose Alice Hussell, b. 1906, d. 1977, m. Harry Lipscomb who died in 1986. (Rose Alice was the daughter of Frederick Albert Hussell and Melissa Alice Zearley. Melissa Alice died when Rose Alice was three days old.)

The Reverend Mr. Cadle, his wife Elzena, daughter Alice, and Mrs. Cadle's niece, Rose Alice, chose the beautiful Leon Cemetery overlooking the serene Kanawha River as their final resting place. *Submitted by Bonnie Cadle Hartley*

LAWRENCE M. CAMPBELL

Morgan B. Wade, born 25 August 1840, died (no date). (1) In 1866, he married Cassandra Santee, born (no date), died 22 April 1877. They had two children: William E. Wade and John. (2) Morgan B. Wade's second marriage was to Catherine Masters, who bore him 12 children: George Harmon, Sarah Jane, William M., Leroy M., Temperance, Viola, John, Minnie Belle, Oliver, Nancy Samilda, Etta Florence, Goldie May and Oscar Floyd.

William M. Wade, born 1 July 1870, died 26 January 1943. On 20 September, he married Nancy Jane Clark born 11 September 1877, died 3 April 1947. They had 12 children: Morris Russell, Clarence Lee, Elmer Lawrence, Arlie Ray, Harold Guy, Mildred Viola, Cynthia Irene, Edna May, Edgar V., Dorothy, Helen Louise, and Geraldine.

Edna May Wade, born 8 January 1910. On 29 July 1927 she married Lawrence Meryl Campbell, born 12 June 1907. They had two children: Phyllis Jean Campbell, born 1 December 1932 and Richard Harold, born 25 February 1928.

John Harrison Hughes, born 25 January 1844, died 22 October 1923. He married Mary Marie West, born 18 February 1847, died 15 November 1936. They had 10 children: William James Porter, Thomas Leonard, Alice Malvernina, John Franklin, Samuel Leslie, Robert Geddis, Harry, Jessie May, Bertha Jane and Mary Elizabeth Pansy.

Bertha Jane Hughes, born 2 July 1882, died 2 September 1974. On 21 August 1904, she married Lawrence Milford Campbell, born 11 May 1881, died 10 October 1963, the son of Joseph Snider Campell and Manerva Jane Baker. They had nine children: Lawrence Meryl Campbell, Alverda Beryl, Russell Clyde Baker, Virginia Evelyn, Marjorie Olive, Edna Hughes, Paul Raymond, Mary Jo and Bryon Lee.



Edna May (Wade) and Lawrence M. Campbell

Lawrence Meryl Campbell, born 12 June 1907. On 29 July 1927, he married Edna May Wade, born 8 January 1910. They had two children: Phyllis Jean, born 1 December 1932 and Richard Harold, born 25 February 1928. Phyllis Jean Campbell Gladwell is the mother of Janean Gladwell Hayes. For further reference, see genealogies: Gladwell, Potts and Hayes. *Submitted by Phyllis Jean Gladwell*

WILLIAM CARDER

The original Carder family moved from Belgium to England and then to the colonies. William Carder served in the Revolutionary War. He served 27 months as an Indian scout and a private. William married Nancy Washburn and raised seven children; Elizabeth, William, Manley, Sarah, John W., Nancy and George. He is buried in the old Bethel Cemetery in Harrison County. His son, John W. Carder, married Margaret Smith on August 15, 1815. They had a son, John Smith Carder, who married Hilda Rowley. Hilda's ancestral roots stretched back to Holland. Hilda was from Hereford in Jackson County near the present site of the Joe's Run Dam. Hilda and John Smith Carder owned extensive properties in Jackson County. They had nine children but only six survived. They were John Wesley, Hulda, Ellen, Burton, Zibe and Jane.

Burton was born March 16, 1849 in Jackson County, Virginia (now W. Va.). He married Matilda Payne and had four children: John Smith, Althea, Ester and Orton. John Smith Carder married Gertrude M. Collins in 1896 at Ripley in Jackson County. They lived on a farm on Joe's Run about two miles up the left fork. This, according to family legend, is the site of the original land grant given to the first William Carder for his participation in the Revolutionary War.

Orton Carder was raised next door to his brother John's children. He was born late in his parents' life and was of the same age as many of his nieces and nephews. Orton attended Ripley schools and graduated from Ripley Normal School. He taught in the Jackson County School system for a few years. He answered the call to the ministry in 1915 and joined the United Brethren Conference. He served in churches in Silverton, Leon, Point Pleasant and Huntington, W. Va.



John Smith Carder and wife

John Smith Carder was a large man who stood over six feet tall and was heavily built. His house stood close to the stream, Joe's Run, which was used as a highway by horses and wagons. His house was Jenny Lind style and had cracks in the walls which allowed snow to sift through in the winter. Neighbors often gathered there and friendly gatherings lasted well into the night.

He rented pasture in the Cobb Hollow area which adjoined his farm. His wife, Gertrude, would walk two miles a day up hill to milk her cows. They kept a few head of cattle and farmed the hillsides extensively. John died May 16, 1954 after being bedfast for some time. Gertrude lived the last few years of her life in Parkersburg, West Virginia. John Smith and Gertrude Carder's children were:

Ida, Burton, Lora, Alma and Lorella.

Ida married Howard Allen and lived in Parkersburg. Burton married Golda Houchin who died of TB. His second wife was named Mable. Lora married Charles Shirley and moved to Pittsburgh, PA. Lorella married Dennis Allen and also went to Pittsburgh. Alma married Romie Freeman and settled down in Jackson County. Alma and Romie had eight children: Clarence, Geneva, Lenora, Gerald, Evelyn, Lorena, Linda and Melvin. Only two settled in Jackson County. Lenora married Eddie Waggoner and had five children: Joyce, Wayne, James, John and Wendy. Geneva married Hoyt Snyder and had two sons: David and Bill.

Submitted by Lenora Waggoner

CARNEY

Our earliest ancestor in the Jackson County area was John Carney, who came here about 1813. He fought in the Revolutionary War, as did his son Thomas and two other sons who were killed in the war. Thomas was unable to prove his participation in the Revolutionary War because of his youth at the time, however, he did serve as a scout in the Indian Wars.

Thomas Carney (born October 15, 1768-died October 19, 1846), was married to Mary "Polly" Parsons (born January 1, 1773-died December 4, 1863), daughter of Charles Parsons. Their children were: Mary; Jemima; Jesse, who married Sarah Greene; Charles, who married Elizabeth Greene; William, who married Elizabeth Bonnett; John, who married Earty Jividen; Delila, who married William Roach; Malinda, who married Peter Thomas; Anna, who was married three times, but lastly to Enoch Thomas; Spencer, who married Sally Hyde; Margaret, who married John Staats; Dorcas, who married James Brown; Mercy, who married Joseph Stout; Mahala, who married Adam Given; Phoebe, who married Calvin West; Hannah, who married Levi Casto; and Enoch, who never married.

Jesse Carney (born February 23, 1793-died July 31, 1879) was married August 19, 1817 to Sarah Greene (born 1798-died September 16, 1869) the daughter of John and Jemima Smith Greene. Jesse and Sarah had the following children: Weedon, who married Catherine Hoffman; Miriam, who married Alexander Dewitt; Enoch, who married Martha Vandine; and Frances.

Weedon Carney married Catherine Hoffman on May 25, 1840. She was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Hoffman. They had the following children: Emily J., who married Joseph S. Bowles; Elmore, who married, although we're not sure to whom, and had two children before he died; Charles C.; Enoch, who married Josephine Winters; Sarah; Alexander; John, who was evidently handicapped in some way, as his father's will left instructions for his care; and Jesse. There may also have been another child, as the will mentions an H.C.

Weedon and Catherine's son Enoch C. Carney (born 1855-died January 26, 1921) was married March 23, 1879 to Josephine Winters (born December 9, 1855-died January 6, 1946) who was the daughter of Matthias Sr. and Hannah Winters. They had the following children: Hannah Catherine, who married John Sargent; William Alexander, who married Amanda Olive Welling; Alice, who married Lewis L. Welling; George Wesley, who married Bessie Gardner; Pearl Ethel, who married Ophie Painter; Emma M., who married Talmadge Bonnett; Freddie May, who married Jim Casto; Jesse Austin, who married Linnie Hill; and Jerusha Belle, who married Alamander Painter.

William Alexander Carney (born January 1883-died 1959) married Amanda Olive Welling, daughter of Lewis and Abigail Young Welling. They had five children. Callie Dove was born August 3, 1903, died May 7, 1956, was married



Alberta Hunter, Gratia French, Charles A., William and Amanda, Herbert C. Carney and Callie Dove Casto

to Early Casto and had four sons, Carl, Arthur, Ralph and Buford. She also had three daughters, Carmin, who married a Bonnett; Marjorie; and EmmaJean, who married a Smith. Charles Addison was born February 23, 1905 and died April 6, 1979. Herbert Clair was born April 25, 1908 and died June 21, 1981. Gratia Opal was born April 6, 1914. She was married to James Hoyt French (born December 7, 1905-died July 7, 1959) who was the son of Maurice Hosmer and Laura Phoebe Kessel French. They had three children. Their first son, Steven Hoyt, was born November 30, 1945, and married Linda Sue Adkins on May 3, 1968, and they have one daughter, Sarah. Their only daughter, Robin Gail, was born January 9, 1949. She was married to and divorced from Charles Michael Gillespie and they had a daughter, Amanda Hope. She later married John Keriluk and they have two sons, Travis French and Seth. Gratia's last son, James Rodney, was born January 13, 1952. Alberta Lee was born March 24, 1920 and she married John Henry Hunter (born June 27, 1922), he was the son of Fremont Anderson and Frankie Maude Park Hunter. They married July 14, 1945. They have two sons. Their oldest, Conrad Layne, was born September 28, 1946 and married Sheryl Jess Thompson (born August 9, 1950) on December 20, 1969. They have three sons, Christian Layne, Jason Jess, and Casey Evan. They live in Florida. Their youngest son, Glenn Farrell, was born on September 4, 1949 and he was married to Linda Gail Bourgeois (born February 20, 1951) on February 23, 1968. They have four children, Glenn Farrell, Jr., Benjamin Joseph, Rebecca Kaye, and Jacob Alexander. *Submitted by Alberta Hunter and Gratia French*

ALEXANDER C. CARNEY

Alexander C. Carney (1860-1943) taught school in early life, later took up farming at Given on Parchment. He was known for Hereford cattle breeding. Being an excellent scribe, the teachers at Given School had him make copies for the students' penmanship classes as they had no penmanship textbooks. He became a member of Fairview Methodist Church in 1889.

Alexander was the son of Weedon Carney (1816-1881), married 1840 Catherine M. Hoffman (1825-1909), daughter of Thomas Hoffman of Greenbrier County, Virginia, later Mill Creek. They were members of the M.E. Church South for forty years. Their children were:

Emily J. Carney born 1845, married Joe Bowles.

Elmore Carney born 1852, married a Phrone, later a Lemon.

Charles Carney born 1853, married Nora Staats.

Enoch Carney born 1853, married Josephine Winter.

Sarah Carney married a Wingett.

John Carney remained unmarried.

Alexander C. Carney (1860-1943), married 1885 Mary Frances Winter.

Jesse Carney married Nancy Douglass.

Three children died in infancy.

Alexander's grandparents were Jesse Carney (1797-1879) and Sarah (Sally) Greene. Jesse served for the longest period in justice court — 23 years (1836-1860). He served as school commissioner for one year, 1831. Their children were:

Weedon Carney married Catherine M. Hoffman.

Enoch Carney married 1849 Martha J. Vandine Coon.

Edward J. Carney married 1840 Melissa Rollins.

Miriam Carney married 1851 Alexander Dewitt.

Alexander's great-grandparents were Thomas Carney (1768-1846) and Mary (Polly) Parsons (1773-1863). Thomas is said to have attended the first school within the bounds of the present Upshur County. The date of Mr. Haddox, the teacher's, school was just nine months after Washington left the White House. This would make it 1797. Polly was the daughter of Charles Parsons, Sr. and sister of Captain William Parsons, the first settler at the present site of Ripley. Thomas was an Indian scout for eight years. Once while living alone, her husband being on a scouting trip, Indians were reported in the area and Polly grew frightened, ran out of the cabin and climbed an apple tree and hid among the leaves. In a little while she saw two men with red handkerchiefs tied over their heads as a danger signal, come running to her cabin. Not finding her there they soon found her trail. One of the men, her brother Captain Billy Parsons, called her down and hurried her to the fort. Thomas was on the first grand jury in Jackson County, empaneled 1831.

The children of Thomas and Polly were:

Mary Carney remained unmarried.

Jesse Carney married Sarah (Sally) Greene.

Charles Carney married Elizabeth Greene, daughter of Charles Greene. On the old Keenon farm on Mill Creek above the "forks" is a graveyard in which are buried negroes who were slaves of Charles Carney.

William Carney married Elizabeth Margaret Bonnett, daughter of William and Barbara Harpold Bonnett. They lived on Grass Lick.

John Carney married Earty Jividen. He was the first person buried in Crislip Cemetery.

Delila Carney married William Roach in 1819.

Anna Carney married three times: Cornelius Staats, son of Abraham. He was killed in the War of 1812; William R. Randolph; Enoch Thomas.

Spencer Carney married Sally Hyde.

Margaret (Peggy) Carney married John Staats in 1837.

Dorcas Carney married James Brown in 1833.

Nancy (Mercy) Carney married Joseph Stout in 1826.

Mahala Carney married Adam Given in 1835.

Phoebe Carney married Calvin West in 1838.

Hannah Carney married Levi Casto in 1833.

Enoch Carney did not marry.

Alexander's great-great-grandfather, John Carney, migrated from Ireland, fought in the Revolutionary War. He lost two sons in that war. He and his son, Thomas, built his cabin home in the spring of 1813 on a large tract of bottoms he owned along Mill Creek, reaching nearly to the mouth of Tug Fork.

Alexander married 1885 Mary Frances (Tad) Winter (1859-1953). She was reared in the vicinity of Fairplane on Grasslick and was a member of the Dirty Fork Baptist Church. She was the daughter of Mathias (Black Tice) Winter born 1818 and Hannah Farris Winter born 1835. Their other children were born in Harrison County. The family migrated to Jackson County.

Their children were as follows:

Wesley Winter married a Parsons.

Jesse H.G. Winter married Belle Corbin.

Josephine Winter married Enoch Carney.

William Austin Winter married Hannah Brannon, lived near Kenna.

John Humphrey Winter married Maggie (Pfof) Casto.

Dr. Emmette A. Winter "Buck" married Mae Corbin.

Leonidas P. Winter "Berry" married Sarah Greene.

Hester Winter married Thomas McCracken, lived at Gay.

Mary Frances Winter married Alexander C. Carney.

Tad's grandfather, John Winter, moved to Jackson County with his three sons about 1856.

The Winter family left Ireland because of the ever conflict between Protestants and Catholics. They first went to Germany. They left for the New World from Winterhaven, Germany.

The family of Hannah Farris Winter migrated to the New World about 1840 from Belfast, Ireland.



Alexander C. and Mary Frances Carney

Alexander and Mary Frances are buried in Fairview Cemetery. Her funeral was the last held in the old Fairview Church. Their descendants are:

I. Rosa Edith Carney (1886-1970) married 1905 William Gilbert Boswell (1879-1960). (For Rosa's descendants see William G. Boswell.)

II. Allen Thurman Carney (1888-1979) married 1931 Hazel Parsons (1912-). Thurman taught elementary school many years in Jackson County before he and Hazel moved in 1932 to their rolling farm in Mason County near Leon. He taught several terms of school in Mason County before going into full-time farming, where he raised beef cattle. He is buried at Fairview. Hazel is the daughter of "Oke" Parsons of Given. She taught several years in Mason County: Beech Hill and Leon School. After retirement she moved to Garden City, South Carolina.

III. Howard Romeo Carney (1891-1976) married Emelia Lindstrom Oliver (1886-1945). Emelia was born outside Stockholm, Sweden, migrated to America when she was 15. Howard married Mildred Benjamin after the death of Emelia. As a young man Howard went to Detroit and worked for Ford Motor Company until his retirement. His and Emelia's descendants are:

A. Dorothy Lillian Carney (1916-) married Richard Dana, divorced.

B. Mary Virginia Carney (1920-) married John Hodor (1919-1968).

1. Pamela Ann Hodor (1945-) married 1965 William Pierson.

a. Christopher Pierson (1964-).

b. Tammy Pierson (1965-).

c. Michelle Pierson (1971-).

d. Marie Pierson (1973-).

2. Steven Bruce Hodor (1947-) married Valarie Hodor (1949-).

a. Angela Hodor (1967-).

b. Doreen Hodor (1970-).

c. John Hodor (1972-).

C. Betty Jane Carney (1922-) married 1963 Paul Morrow (1920-).

1. Linda Lee Morrow (1955-) married 1981 Jim Smallwood (1951-).

a. Christy Lee Smallwood (1974-).

b. Sherri Lynn (1976-).

c. Melissa Lynn (1982-).

D. Eugene Gilbert Carney (1925-) married 1948 Eunice Drys (1924-).

1. Patricia Carney (1949-) married 1977 James Wheeler (1949-).

a. Dawn Nicole Wheeler (1977-).

b. Heather Ann Wheeler (1978-).

2. Barry Allen Carney (1950-) married Kathleen Taylor.

a. Sean Michael Patrick Carney (1976-).

b. Nathan Samuel Carney (1980-).

IV. Audra Jane Carney born 1893 married John Martin Casto. For their descendants see John M. Casto.

V. Whitmer Liston Carney (1894-1895) buried at Fairview Cemetery.

VI. Flora Hannah Carney (1896-1978). She went to Detroit, Michigan at an early age where she worked until her retirement for General Electric. She is buried in Detroit. Flora never married.

VII. Mary Belle Carney (1899-1954) spent her life caring for her parents and farming the homeplace. She never married. Her funeral was the first in the new Fairview Church where she is buried.

VIII. Fanny Zee Carney (1901-1980) went to Detroit at a young age where she worked and lived until her death. She is buried in Detroit area. Submitted by Luella Boswell Keefer, Eugene Carney and Betty Carney Morrow

ARLIE CARNEY

Archie Roy Carney (January 20, 1917) and Margaret Elizabeth Hunter (July 18, 1919) were married in 1941. Arlie, son of George Wesley Carney (October 4, 1887-May 25, 1978) and Bessie Ivy Gardner Carney (September 14, 1895-March 31, 1974) served in the U.S. Army in World War II. His grandparents were Enoch and Josephine Winters Carney and John and Alice Gardner.

Margaret was the daughter of Fremont Anderson Hunter (August 19, 1895-December 18, 1943) and Frankie Maude Park Hunter (December 18, 1892-May 27, 1986). Her grandparents were Daniel David and Rosetta Helen Harpold Park and William Russell and Martha Jane Parson Hunter.

Arlie and Margaret are the parents of four children:

1. Wilma Mae (May 20, 1943) is married to Billy Eugene Barnett (Oct. 10, 1943). They are the parents of three children, Kristi Anne, Ken Preston, and Kamden Wesley. Ken Preston married Kimberly Darlene Pringle and they are the parents of two children, Kurtis Alan and Kortney Dawn.

2. Charlotte Ann (October 21, 1946) married Jim Richardson. She has one daughter, Monica Ann Haley.

3. Gary Lee (August 18, 1952) married Jackie Lynn Barnette (May 30, 1954). They have one son, Joseph Michael.

4. Teresa Lynn (March 30, 1959) married Stanley Albert Counts (June 20, 1960). Their children are Michele Lynn and Brian Stanley.

Submitted by Wilma Barnett

GEORGE W. CARNEY

George Wesley was born October 4, 1887, on Jim Ridge in Jackson County. He was the son of Enoch and Josephine Winters Carney. He married Bessie Ivy Gardner of Eighteen Mile Creek in Jackson County on February 8, 1914.

George was a farmer. He was born, raised and spent most of his life on the farm where he was born on Jim Ridge. George and Bessie I. had five children: Opal M., Arlie R., Dencil T., Cintilla P. and Frederick D.



front row: Enoch, Freda, Josephine Winters, Jess Carney, John Andrew, Hanah Catherine (Carney) Sargent and Bertha Ann (Sargent) Casto; back row: Bill Carney (with gun), Ethel, George, and Alice Carney



Josephine Winters and Hanah Catherine Carney Sargent



George and Bessie I. Carney

Opal M. married Herman Riffie from Putnam County. Arlie R. married Margaret Hunter from Jackson County. Dencil T. never married, he is deceased. Cintilla P. married Clyde O. Barnette from Rock Castle. Frederick D. married Georgia Lee Stephens from Rock Castle, he is deceased. George and Bessie have eleven grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. Submitted by Cintilla P. Carney Barnette

JEFFERSON FREDERICK CARNEY

Jefferson Frederick Carney (1863-1941) married Mary Louise Landfried (1862-1936) on June 14, 1883. She was the daughter of Phillip and Sarah Ables Landfried. Phillip had come with his parents, Adam and Charlotte Landfried, to America from Leitwyler, Bavaria, Germany in 1847.

The Carney's first home was on Sycamore, Jackson County, where Mary was born, later moving to Ripley. Mr. Carney was first a merchant, then became Chief of Police in Ripley for many years. Mary was a homemaker whose life centered around her family. Her home was always a place of warmth and cheer to all who entered. They had four children: Tessie Forna, Fanny Belle, Frederick Jefferson and Tinnie Louise.

Mary had one sister, Charlottie, who married Amos Boice. Her brothers were Asbury, William, Charles, Adam, John, James, Jacob and George. Most of the Carney family lived their entire lives in or near Jackson County. They are interred in Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley.



Jefferson Frederick Carney family

Tessie Forna (1884-1960) married Thomas Everett Burke (1884-1961). The Burkes operated a grocery and produce business in Ripley known as Burke and Carney. They had two children: Thomas Watson, born 1912 and died at the age of ten months; and Billie Louise, born in 1920. Billie was educated in Ripley schools, received her B.S. Degree in Elementary Education at Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) and her Masters Degree in EE from Marshall University. She taught school in Jackson County for thirty years, twenty-six as a first grade teacher at Ripley Elementary. Billie married Keath Bennett (born December 29, 1910), of Burnsville, Braxton County, October 29, 1938. Keath worked for soil conservation and later in construction. He died September 7, 1984.

Fanny Belle Carney was a schoolteacher. She attended Lee's Normal School where she met her future husband, Grover Hammond. They lived in Parkersburg where they operated a grocery store and transfer business. They adopted twins: Edward (deceased), and Esther, who married Robert Brown of Akron, Ohio. Esther and Robert had two children. Fanny Belle and Grover are buried in Parkersburg.

Frederick Jefferson (1888-1971) married Estel Blake. He worked for many years for Jackson County Grocery and Pinnell and Pfof. They had three sons: Eugene, Robert and Harold. Eugene married Virginia Critchfield and worked at Union Carbide, Charleston. They had one daughter, Joan, who married Bill Morton, and lives in Buffalo, WV. They have three children: Shelley, Adam, and Brian. Robert married Beulah Hill and worked for state of WV. They had one daughter, Linda, who married Phillip Harpold and has a son, Ryan. Harold married Hallie Hall Kuhl. They had one daughter, Christy, who married Rick Campbell, and has two children, Muffie, and Chad. Harold worked for the state of WV.

The youngest daughter of Mary and Jeff was Tinnie Louise (1894-1982) who married Joseph Bream Vail. They owned and operated the Vail Furniture and Funeral Home. Submitted by Billie Bennett

THOMAS AND MARY (POLLY PARSONS) CARNEY

Thomas Carney married Mary (Polly) Parsons. Mary was born in 1775 to Thomas and Polly Parsons. Some of their children were: twins, Jesse and Mary, b. 1797; Charles, b. 1804; and Hannah.

Brothers, Jesse and Charles married sisters, Edy Sarah and Elizabeth, daughters of John and Jemima Smith Greene.

Jesse and Sarah were married 8/19/1817 in Kanawha County. Sarah was born in 1799 to John and Jemima Smith Greene. They were blessed with several children. Some of them are Weedon, b. 1818, Enoch, b. 1826, Miriam, b. 1829, Frances, b. 1834, Dallas, b. 1845, Theodore, b. 1852, Thomas, b. 1856 and Nancy E., b. 1858.

Weedon Carney married Catherine M. Hoffman on 5/25/1840. Catherine was born around 1825 to Thomas and Margaret Hoffman. Their children

were: Emily J., b. 1845; Elmore, b. 1852; Charles, b. 1853; Enoch, b. 1855; Sarah M., b. 1857; Alexander, b. 1860; John, b. 1862; Jesse, b. 1864; Daniel, b. 1875.

Charles C. married Lenora (Leonora) J. Staats Carney on 10/6/1881. She was born in 1862. She was the daughter of Enoch and Louisa Casto Staats and the granddaughter of Isaac and Ann Eliza Tolley Staats and Nicholas and Telitha Casto Casto. Her paternal great-grandparents were Cornelius and Anna Carney Staats, William and Elizabeth Litton Tolley and maternal great-grandparents were George and Sarah Ours Casto, Sr. and William and Sarah Parsons Casto, Jr. Charles and Lenora's children were Virgil L., Clara and Cordellia.

Virgil married Lucy Casto, daughter of J.J. Perry and Margaret Chancey Casto. They were blessed with four children: Madeline Harpold, Edith Waybright Lyons, Herman Carney and Ira Albert. (See John J. and Gracey McDade Casto)

Clara married Jim Fisher and they had one son, Warren Fisher. Clara died of TB in 1911. After his mother died, Warren went to live with his aunt and uncle, Lucy and Virgil Carney on Tug Fork. He lived with them until he got a job. Later he married Genieve Casto and they have one daughter.

Cordellia married Eddie Fisher and they had one child that died at birth. Cordellia died in 1901 of TB.

Charles and Lenora lie side by side along with their children Virgil, and his wife Lucy, Clara and Cordellia, and her husband Eddie Fisher, at the family cemetery at Fairplain. Submitted by Ira Carney

VIRGIL L. CARNEY

Virgil L. Carney and Lucy Casto were united in marriage on October 17, 1913. They lived on a farm all their lives near Staats Mill. They had four children: Madeline, who married Wayne Harpold and had one child, Norma Ann; Edith, who married Wilmer Waybright (and after his death, married Russell Lyon) with no children by either marriage; Herman, who remained single; and Ira, who married Annabell Fields and had six children, Kenneth, Diane, Steve, Greg, Darleen and Denna.

Herman and Ira both served in the Air Force



Lucy, Ira, and Virgil Carney

during World War II. Herman was an aerial gunner, making 65 bombing missions over Germany. Ira was a mechanic.

The farm they lived on is now under water in the Mill Creek Watershed project. Submitted by Madeline Harpold

CARSON — LASHER

Arthur Melanethon (A.M.) Carson (June 17, 1849 to January 6, 1925) and Cordelia Susannah (Cora) Lasher Carson (October 8, 1857 to February 13, 1941) came to Ripley from Racine, Meigs County, OH in 1889. They were married in Ohio, September 19, 1875, Meigs County.

Mr. Carson was the son of Elizabeth (Eliza) Cross Carson (January 11, 1828 to March 24, 1912) and William Carson, Jr. (December 26, 1826 to October 14, 1861). A.M.'s paternal grandparents were William Carson, Sr. (1800 to Dec-



Arthur Melanethon (A. M.) Carson and grandson, Wallace Waid Staats

ember 14, 1865) and Mary Elizabeth Chidester Carson (b. 1800). William Carson, Sr.'s parents were Alexander and Betsy Carson.

A.M. Carson's brothers and sisters were: Ella Carson McConnel (August 29, 1851 to January 11, 1941), married Rev. James McConnel; William Lucius Carson (June 19, 1854 to April 19, 1929), married Agnes Marie Henderson (October 23, 1857 to June 30, 1937); John Charles Carson (December 9, 1857 to October, 1895), married D. Markanthy; Anna Marie Carson (November 20, 1859 to January 6, 1882) drowned in a whirlpool in the Ohio River; and Albert Carson (November 20, 1861 to April 1922) married Sadie Barnett.

Through A.M.'s uncle Ephriam Carson (April 8, 1834 to 1880) and Ephriam's daughter, Lula Carson Blake (born May 30, 1869), A.M. Carson was the great-great-uncle of Eugen Carson Blake, President of the World Council of Churches.

A.M. Carson's father died when A.M. was twelve. His mother and family moved to her parents' home. Mr. Carson's maternal grandparents were Lucius Cross, Sr. (December 30, 1798 to August 15, 1883) and Thriza Stanley Cross (April 2, 1801 to April 19, 1885). Lucius Cross, Sr. was the only child of Waid Cross, I (April 19, 1771 to August 14, 1819) and Sarah Alworth Cross. Waid Cross was the son of Peter Cross (August 5, 1740 to April, 1808) and Alice Warner Cross (born August 11, 1742). She is sixth in descent from William Bradford of Plymouth Colony.

Lucius Cross, Sr. was born in Mansfield, CT and came to Marietta, OH at the age of three. He was orphaned and reared by a step-mother who married John Brough, Sr. By family tradition, Lucius Cross's step-mother, Bridget Cross Brough, took Lucius Cross's inheritance to educate her son, John Brough, Jr. who became Governor of Ohio.

Following their marriage on April 15, 1821, Lucius Cross, Sr. and Thriza Stanley Cross moved to Sutton Township, Meigs County, OH. They had a saw and grist mill, a tannery, the Racine Woolen Mills, a grocery store, and a facility for building flatboats to take produce down the Ohio River.

Thriza Stanley Cross was the daughter of Timothy Stanley (June 29, 1771 to February 14, 1819), and Abigail Robbins Stanley (born April 2, 1801). Abigail Robbins Stanley was the daughter of Uni Robbins. He was from Newington, CT. The Cross, Stanley and Robbins families came to Washington County near Marietta, Ohio in the early 1800s from CT. All three families had lived in New England since the first half of the 1600s.

Cora Lasher Carson, wife of A.M. Carson, was the daughter of Morgan van Rensselaer Lasher (Sept. 24, 1825 to February 25, 1903) and Laura Melissa Cable Lasher (November 12, 1831 to July 18, 1905). She is one of four children: Homer B. Lasher, George A. Lasher (born January 5, 1860), who moved to California, and Edward Lasher, who was lost at sea.

Morvan V. Lasher was the son of John van Rensselaer Lasher (August 19, 1799 to April 9, 1882) and Catherine Martin Lasher (born Febru-



Cordelia Sussana "Cora" (Lasher) Carson

ary 5, 1800). The John V. Lasher family came to Ohio from Dutchess County, NY. Laura Melissa Cable Lasher was the daughter of George Cable (born October 20, 1803) and Susannah Johnson Cable (July 6, 1806 to June 14, 1857) and the granddaughter of Jonathan Cable (born 1771) and Appa Brown Cable (born June 7, 1788) of Hartford, NY.

A.M. Carson prepared to teach, but during an emergency, he went to work for his Uncle Waid Cross II in the family general store in Racine, OH. This store, Waid Cross' Sons, is the oldest continuous business in Meigs County. It is owned and operated by William Stanley Cross.

The great flood of the Ohio River occurred in 1884, and the family escaped in a skiff out the third floor window of the Cross Store. In 1889 Mr. Carson moved with his wife and two children to Ripley, WV.

He purchased an interest in the mercantile firm of J.M. Hensley & Company, who did business in West Ripley, near the railroad tracks. Later he was in partnership with W.A. Ellis. The James Poling property on the NW corner of Main and Court streets was purchased in 1895. It is the present site of Family Dollar Store. In 1914 Mr. Carson's son-in-law, Mr. Cornelius C. (Neil) Staats purchased Mr. Ellis' interest. The firm continued business under the name of A.M. Carson Store Company.

A.M. and Cora Lasher Carson lived in the brick house on the SW corner of North and Seventh streets. Their home, built in 1800 by F. Leon Clerc, is the second oldest brick house in Ripley. Their great-granddaughter Dorothy Staats (Dotty) Kerns and her family live there today.

A.M. and Cora Lasher Carson had two children: Waid Edwin Carson, M.D. (August 8, 1876 to April 10, 1946) and Bessie Evelyn Carson Staats (September 17, 1878 to November 18, 1967).

Dr. Waid Carson, son of A.M. Carson and Cora Lasher Carson, was graduated with an AB degree (1900) and a Master of Arts (1901) from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH. He worked in his father's general store in Ripley and later took



Waid Edwin Carson, M.D.

post-graduate courses at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. He was graduated from John Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, MD in 1907. He specialized in ophthalmology and was a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Carson never married.

Bessie Carson Staats married Neil Staats (February 21, 1874 to October 17, 1935), son of Enoch Staats, Sr. and Louisa Casto Staats. (See Staats-Carson entry). Submitted by Helen Staats Harris and Wallace Waid Staats

CASTO

Danielle Elaine Casto was born April 6, 1987. Her parents are Kevin (born October 31, 1959) and Sandy Smith Casto (born March 4, 1965). They were married July 10, 1984 and are living in Clay County. Her father grew up in Putnam County and has two brothers; Kerry and Kason Casto. Her mother grew up in Jackson County and has three brothers, one sister and one step-sister. They are: Marsh, who is in the Navy; Mark, who is in the Marines; and Rod Smith; Cathy Smith Rowlett; and Freda Blake Bradley.

Danielle has eleven living grandparents (three of which are living in Jackson County today). On her mother's side are Paw Paw Dale and Maw Maw



Danielle Elaine Casto

Addie Waybright Smith Blake; Paw Paw Darrell Smith; and Great Paw Paw Fleet Waybright. On her father's side are Paw Paw Burton and Maw Maw Beverly Bailey Casto; Great Paw Paw Ray and Great Maw Maw Velma Johnson Bailey; Great Paw Paw Arden and Great Maw Maw Pearl Painter Casto; and Great-Great Maw Maw Bessie Hill Bailey.

On her father's side, her ancestry has been traced back to Jonathan and Roxana Worner Hill who came to the Jackson/Putnam area sometime around 1809 from Rhode Island and settled at the mouth of 18 Mile Creek. Most of their children married and moved away, but their son Labon Hill settled with his family in Jackson County near the present site of Rock Castle on a place known as Chestnut Orchard. He attempted to cut himself a house in a cliff by stone. By the time the lay-out of a window and door were chiseled out, he realized his task was impossible. The chisel marks on the face of this great stone are almost as plain now as the day they were put there. It has been said that this is how Rock Castle got its name.

Danielle's great Paw Paw Fleet Waybright, whose ancestors originally came from Germany, has lived on a farm on Zion Ridge all his life. He married Eva Harmon and raised thirteen children. He became known as the bare-footed hunter, believing he could sneak up better on squirrel if he was not wearing shoes. His wife passed away in 1974. He owned a 1962 Studebaker that he drove until November 1989 at the age of 93. He is a World War I veteran. Submitted by Sandy Casto

CASTO

The first Casto came to the United States in 1696 from Wales and settled in Egg Harbor, New Jersey. He settled there and reared a family at that place. Azariah was his name and he had a son born in 1717, named William C. Casto. William died in 1778. Two of his sons came to West Virginia; one named Jonathan settled in Upshur County, and the other son William settled in Jackson County on Mill Creek near Ripley. Presently, almost 2000 families are listed in the United States by the Casto name. William, the first Jackson County Casto, married Patsy Parsons and some of their children were Levi, James, Jonathan, William Jr. and a daughter who married John Pringle. James and Jonathan both fought in the War of 1812, and Jonathan became the third Sheriff of Jackson County.

Levi married Hannah Carney and their children were James, Webster, Dr. A.S., Charles, George, and Asbury.

James married Sidney Kessel and some of their children were; Elmore, Robert, George, Nathan, Nicholas, Charles, Riley, Mary, and Minerva.

Jonathan married Magdalena Weatherholt and some of their children were; Isaac, Abraham, Jacob or Jacob, Benjamin, Temperance, Elizabeth and Barbara. Temperance married Hiram Price, Elizabeth married Robert Barnett and Barbara married William Goodwin.

William Jr. (Devil Bill) married — Parsons and two of their children were Charles and Tibitha.

Elmore married Phoebe Cunningham and their children were Orville, McComas, Thaw, Jasper, Joseph, Oak, Cleremont, and Clate.

Robert married Ellen Bonnett and their children were Press, Dr. O. John, Theadore, Holly, Alanzo, Winfield, Samuel, Florence, and Mary.

Nicholas married Margaret Koontz, and their children were: Summers, John R., Park, Mattie, Clara, and Georgia.

Mary married William Foglesong and Minerva married Thomas Stout. Mary and Minerva were daughters of James.

Abraham married Rebecca Crites and their children were Barbara, Betty, Loretta, Cordelia, Maude, Chloe, Leonard, and Albert.

Jacob married Celia Winter and their children were H.J., H.L., Dr. Fred W., I.C., Homer, Addie, Jonathan, Colombia, Harriett, and Sarah.

Benjamin married Mary Craig and their children were H.G., John, Dr. Fred S., H.L., Georgia, Mary, Bessie, and Addie.

Theodore "Teed" Casto married Colombia "Sissy" Green, and their children were Melvin Leo, M. Lionel, Dolan M., and Cleo.

Winfield married Eveline Rollins and their children were Herford, Russel, Pearly, Racil, Glenna, and Raymond.

Samuel married Hattie Baker and some of their children were; Lula, Delbert, and Gladys.

Press married Mattie Lewis and their children were Luthur, Lona, Audra, Lessie, Okie, and Nettie. Press's second wife was Inez Casto. Submitted by Mrs. Loren "Jack" Casto

AVERILL B. AND SARAH ANNA CASTO

Averill Bond Casto, son of William Mack Casto and Louvisa J. Parkins Casto was born at Philo, October 9, 1886, died September 26, 1982. He was married December 11, 1912 to Sarah Anna Cartmill, daughter of John G. and Virginia McGuire Cartmill of Winfield. She was born September 28, 1889 and died June 9, 1984. Their children are as follows:

Guthrie Blair Casto, born January 28, 1914, married Macil Withrow. Gaynell Faith Casto, born August 14, 1915, married Harry E. McAdams.



Averill B. and Sarah A. (Cartmill) Casto

Wayne Gilbert Casto, born November 18, 1930, married Maxine Williams.

Averill B. and Sarah A. Casto are buried in the Parkins Cemetery at Paradise, Putnam County, West Virginia.

During his long and productive life, Averill Casto was many things: farmer, carpenter, mechanic, blacksmith and surveyor. but always he was an historian. No matter what his vocation was, he managed to find time for his avocation, which was local history. Not only did he acquire a remarkable knowledge of Putnam and Jackson County History, he accumulated an extensive collection of historical records, relics and artifacts pertaining to our local area. For his outstanding contribution in preserving history, The Upper Vandalia Historical Society of Putnam County presented Mr. Casto with their "Heritage Award" in 1971. Submitted by Wayne G. Casto

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CASTO

Benjamin Franklin Casto (1830-1920), son of Jonathan and Mary Magdelene (Weatherholt) Casto, was married at Ripley on June 9, 1860, to Mary Matilda Craig (1840-1924). She was the daughter of Christopher W. and Mary Matilda (Bonnett) Craig. Benjamin and Mary were the parents of six sons, and five daughters.



Harry (Lad) Benjamin, Mary, Addie, Claude, John (grandson) Verna (with child) Loundes (in tree)

1. Otmer (1861-1863).

2. Holly G. (Pete) (1863-1936) married Millie Reid April 1888. They were parents of one son, Okie Sattis Casto.

3. John Charles (1864-1927) married 1887 Rosanna Kessel (1866-1944), daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Hill) Kessel. They were the parents of three children: Claude married Birdie Sleath; Freddie married to Perry Hill; Thelma married to Thomas Ranson.

4. Dr. Fred S. (1867-1948) married 1888 Dora Simmons (1872-1946), daughter of Dr. Thomas and Sarah (Maddox) Simmons. They were the parents of four children: B. Cleo married to Verna Polsley; William Roland married to Mary N. Adams; Corda married Talmadge Hambrick; Wilma married Ona Rawlings.

5. Frank H. (Bolark) (1869-1933) married March 29, 1896, Verna Mae Parsons (1880-1953), daughter of Washington and Margaret (Kessel) Parsons. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters: Londus Oren (July 8, 1897-March 15, 1974) married March 31, 1918,

Hadie Doris Brotherton (September 14, 1899-February 21, 1974), daughter of Robert Edgar and Susan (Gardner) Brotherton. Their children are L. Marguerite (1919) married 1946 Obie H. Young, Jr. (1920-1976) one child Michael, and Oren Edwin (1924) married (1) 1947 Anna M. Blake, two children Theresa and Elizabeth.

(2) Lessel A. (Bill) (November 7, 1899-May 8, 1959) married Myrtle Hammack. No children.

(3) Russell Walter (February 12, 1902-August 4, 1980) married January 11, 1929, Althea Goodall (November 11, 1904) daughter of Thomas and Laura Belle (Cooke) Goodall. Two sons: Russell Walter, Jr. and Thomas F.

(4) Verle A. (Jake) (November 5, 1905-October 1, 1960) married Thelma Gravely. Two children: Mary Ann and John A.

(5) Gladus Bell, B. & D. July 23, 1911.

(6) Mary Margaret (September 20, 1915-September 28, 1915). Frank H. and his family moved to Kanawha County about 1921. He was serving his second term as Mayor of Dunbar, WV where he died on February 22, 1933.

6. Georgina (1871-) married 1890 William H., son of Washington and Margaret (Kessel) Parsons. They moved to Akron, Ohio. They were the parents of four children: Otmar, Shirley, Freeda, and Watson.

7. Mary (1873-1950) married 1890 George G. Maddox (1864-1905). They were the parents of three sons: Raleigh, married Emma Waugh; Brady married Alma Nichols; Clair (Red).

8. Ella (1874-1877).

9. Bessie L. (1878-1957) married 1897 Willis A. Lee 1869-1957 son of Charles H. and Laura (Buck) Lee. They were the parents of three children: Rolfe married (1) Hester Blain, (2) Violet — ; Phyllis; Gladys.

10. Addie (1880-1955) married 1902 Robert H. Austin (1873-1934) son of Frederick & Nettie (Henry) Austin. They were the parents of two sons. Ray married Nettie Hartley, daughter of Lewis Edgar and Evalina Hartley; Frederick D. (Happy) married Beulah Casto, daughter of J. Mance and Oda (Stalnaker) Casto. Ray and Nettie are the parents of one daughter, Charlotte. Frederick and Beulah are the parents of three daughters: Helen Jean, Sharon, and Nancy.

11. Harry Luddington (Lud) (September 17, 1885-). Enlisted in the Army about 1910. Went to California later.

Benjamin and Mary lived at Fairplain for several years. He was a farmer and served as Constable of Ripley District eight years, 1856-1862; magistrate, 1862-1864; member of the board of education, two years. He later moved his family to Given, on what is now called Wolfe Creek. He was living there at the time of his death. Mary was living with her daughter and son-in-law, Robert and Addie Austin, in Dunbar, WV, at the time of her death. Benjamin and Mary are buried in the Fairplain Casto Cemetery.

Descendants of this family are still living in Jackson and surrounding counties, and other states. Submitted by Oren E. Casto and Marguerite (Casto) Young

BOYD CLEO CASTO

Boyd Cleo (B. Cleo) Casto, was born May 9, 1892, at Kenna, Jackson County, West Virginia, son of Dr. F. S. and Dora Belle (Simmons) Casto. He was educated in the public schools of the county, and the Marietta Business College, Marietta, Ohio.

On June 22, 1913, he was married to Verna Valeria Polsley, daughter of W. W. and Nancy Caroline (Ridenour) Polsley. After their marriage, they both became members of the Grass Lick Baptist Church at Kenna, where they remained loyal members their lifetime, serving in various leadership positions. They are buried in the Grass Lick Church Cemetery.

Mr. Casto was one of the leading figures in political and business life of Jackson County. He engaged in the mercantile business at Kenna for a number of years, and served as Kenna's Postmaster from 1915-1921. In 1926, he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jackson County. In 1932 he was elected Clerk of the County Court of the county, and in 1938 was elected a member of the West Virginia State Senate from what was then the Fourth Senatorial District. After serving his term in the Senate, he became an Auditor in the Land Department of the State Auditor's office. He remained in this position until a few months before his death on January 23, 1951.

Mr. Casto was not only a devout Christian man, he was also very civic minded and anxious to improve the lot for others whenever, or wherever he could. During the period he served as Circuit and County Clerk there were no school buses in Jackson County. He saw the need for young folk in the community to further their education and for several there was need for transportation to and from Ripley High School. He purchased a large used panel grocery delivery truck, had benches built through the bed of the truck and this became the High School bus for some twelve to sixteen young folk, as well as provide his own transportation to and from work. On Saturdays, and days when it was not used for the students, "Cleo's bus" as it became known, transported the general public to the county seat; some to take care of business, others to see the doctor or shop for family needs. The Casto's living room was often filled with folk waiting to go to Ripley, and Mr. and Mrs. Casto, were always glad to be able to accommodate each one.



Boyd Cleo Casto

B. Cleo resided in Kenna all his life except for a period of two and one-half years when he and family lived in Charleston, West Virginia. He and Mrs. Casto were the parents of Geneva (Casto) McGrew, Josephine (Casto) Doig, Rodrick Wayne Casto, Rodney Cleo Casto, and one son died in infancy.

After the death of B. Cleo Casto, his widow, Verna Casto, continued to live in the home at Kenna. She had some remodeling done to the large house and opened it up for tourists. Many times it became a bed and breakfast home. She stayed prepared in the event folk asked for breakfast. She found her venture with the Tourist Home very rewarding and often spoke of the fine and interesting guests that had spent the night in the home. Mrs. Casto closed the home to tourism when through traffic was placed on I-77. She remained very active in church and community affairs until a few days before her death, March 30, 1968. The home then became the property of the eldest son, Rodrick Wayne Casto.

B. Cleo Casto, was a man respected by his church, community, county and by those who knew and worked with him in state government. Submitted by Rodney Cleo Casto

D. D. AND RACHEL (BOICE) CASTO

David D. Casto (1820-1899) was the son of John D. Casto and the grandson of David and Margaret Province Casto from Monongalia (later Harrison) County. John D. Casto moved to Jackson (then Mason) County about 1814. On October 28, 1819, he was married in Mason County to Susannah McDade, the daughter of James and Rachel McDade.

John and Susannah Casto had three children: David D. born 1820, Rachel born 1827, and Sintha born 1831. John died sometime after 1831, and Savannah then married William Edmonds who died prior to 1846. On April 14, 1843, David D. Casto was married to Rachel Boice (1825-1901) the daughter of Stephen and Sarah Sayre Boice. David and Rachel and their three young children left Jackson County in 1849 for Caldwell County, Missouri, accompanied by Rachel's brother, George Washington Boice, and her mother, Sarah, who died during the journey. David's mother, Susannah, chose to remain in Jackson County near her daughters.

David and Rachel Boice Casto had thirteen children: Henry Rousch (1844-1926), Enoch Sayre (1846-1922), Lavina (1848-1891), George Washington (1851-1891), Melissa Jane (1853-1856), Hannah Elizabeth (1855-1859), Sarah Alice (1858-1924), John Wesley (1860-1935), Jesse Oliver (1862-1939), Hattie Rosetta (1864-1948), Cleora Adelaide (1867-1952), Minnie May (1870-1888), and an infant son who died on January 9, 1873.

David was a farmer in Caldwell County, Missouri, until his death on January 4, 1899. On September 13, 1864, David enlisted in Captain Washington T. Filson's Company of Caldwell County Militia. A week later, he was thrown from his horse and so severely injured that he was discharged on October 10, 1864. David's eldest sons, Henry and Enoch, also served in the Civil War.



David D. and Rachel (Boice) Casto, 51st year of married life

David Casto was a slender man of rugged appearance weighing only 140 pounds and standing 5 feet 9 inches in height. Although he suffered from recurring disabilities due to his Civil War injury, he maintained his youthful appearance well into his seventh decade. David and Rachel were generous people, raising not only their own family but also the children of George and Sarilda Boice following their deaths in the mid-1880s. Rachel was a small, dignified woman of determined yet gentle appearance. Her straight, dark hair was worn pulled back and tied behind her head. She was reportedly psychic and able to foretell coming events. David and Rachel Casto are buried in the Brown Cemetery between Polo and Kingston in Caldwell County, Missouri.

Four of David's sons left Missouri. Enoch moved first to Lakecreek, Oregon, and then in about 1894 to Lewis County, Washington. Jesse Casto also moved to Lewis County sometime between 1886 and 1893. Henry moved to Kansas during the 1880s where he worked prior to home-

steading near Piedmont, Oklahoma, during the Run of 1889. John Wesley Casto worked in Kansas and Washington before homesteading during 1893 in the Cherokee Strip near Covington, Oklahoma.

The family history of David and Rachel Casto has been chronicled by his great-great-grandson, Stanley D. Casto in *The Descendants of David D. Casto and Rachel Boice* (1979) and a supplement *The Ancestors and Descendants of David D. Casto and Rachel Boice* (1983). Submitted by Stanley D. Casto

DAVID L. CASTO

David bought one hundred and seventy-two acres of land at the forks of two streams, later named Beech and Bear Forks, in the State of Virginia from a Mr. Cunningham in the year 1845. This was a hillside farm with some bottom land which was considered to be of little value because it was not located near any large rivers which could be used for transportation.

On March 15, 1849, at the age of twenty-nine, David married twenty-eight year old Louisa Casto.

It is not known if there was a house on the farm at the time it was purchased or if David build the rough-hewn home for his new bride. It was a four room house with two rooms upstairs and two rooms on ground level and it was built with logs up to twenty-four inches wide in its walls.

David and Louisa were living on the farm during the Civil War of 1861-1865 and an incident of that great conflict has been passed down through the family. It seems David had discovered that a troop of soldiers was coming through the countryside looking for food, cattle, horses or anything else beneficial to the war effort. David had a young pair of horses and a few cattle that he hoped to possess after the troop departed. It is reported the animals were hidden nearby on the farm and David had chosen a high rock from which he could keep an eye on the movement of the troop. He was apparently working closer to the edge for a better view when he fell off.

During this same time period David provided some property across the creek from his home for the construction of a schoolhouse. It was built near a large pine tree and was named the White Pine School.

The Civil War affected every family and all had to choose their side of allegiance. When Virginia seceded from the Union, the western portion elected to remain and on June 20, 1863 the State of West Virginia was admitted to the Union.

At about this time a small community in the mid-western section was gaining recognition by being named Belgrove. On August 26, 1885 the Belgrove post office was established. A Mr. Daniel Williams was named the new postmaster.

David and Louisa were the parents of four children; Rachel, Joel, Columbus, and Sarah. Columbus became a doctor. At the age of fifty-one Louisa died of measles. Following the death of Louisa, David married Melissa Booth who was the sister of his son-in-law. From this marriage David had three girls; Clora, Eva and Laura.



David L. and Melissa (Booth) Casto, Laura, Clara, and Eva

Through the years the farmhouse had remained essentially the same, but at some period of time a large kitchen had been added to the basic structure.

After David's death in 1909, Melissa divided the farm between her three children with Clora getting the section the cabin was on. She kept it until 1983 when she sold it to Cody Randolph, he now lives there.

The family graveyard is located on a point overlooking the old homestead. There are five generations of the Casto family buried in this graveyard. It has a good fence surrounding it and is presently well maintained. The five generations reposing at this location are:

- I. David, Louisa and Melissa Casto
- II. Joel and Polly Casto
- III. Theodore, Ernest and Kenna Casto
- IV. Donald Casto, son of Theodore
- V. Shirley Casto, son of Donald

Submitted by Sybil Casto Harper and Ray Casto

DR. FREDERICK S. CASTO, M. D.

Dr. Frederick Sattes Casto was born near Ripley, West Virginia, January 25, 1867, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Matilda (Craig) Casto. His paternal grandparents were Jonathan and Madaline (Weatherholt) Casto, and his maternal grandparents were Christopher and Mary (Bonnett) Craig.

On the 21st day of March 1888, Frederick S. Casto was married to Dora Belle (Simmons) Casto, at the home of her parents, Rev. Thomas W. and Sarah C. (Maddox) Simmons, at Kenna, West Virginia. The officiating Minister was W. A. Cadle. Rev. Simmons, Dora Belle's father was also a Medical Doctor, having graduated from Ohio College of Medicine, Cincinnati, class of 1867-8. Dora Belle (Simmons) Casto's paternal grandparents were Samuel and Melinda (Greer) Simmons, who came from Surry County, N. C. in 1852, and settled in Jackson County. Her maternal grandparents were Thomas and Martha (Goodwin) Maddox, who came to Jackson County from Lewis County in 1856.



Dr. Frederick S. Casto

Dr. Frederick S. Casto was a graduate of the University of Louisville, Kentucky, Medical College, class of 1893. Following graduation he and Mrs. Casto built a home at Kenna, Jackson County where he maintained a practice for thirty-one years. His two room office building was erected close by the home. During most of those years it was necessary for him to travel by horseback when making house calls. The Citizens Telephone switchboard was located in Dr. Casto's home, and frequently when returning from attending one person, a message would be waiting for the doctor to hurry to another ill one, often requiring several miles of travel. He would change horses, replenish his medical supplies which he carried in saddle-

bags, and be on his way. In 1917, he purchased his first car, a Model "T" Ford. The country dirt roads made limited use of the car. Many of the children born in southern Jackson County, parts of the surrounding counties during the thirty-one years Dr. Casto practiced at Kenna, were delivered by him. His standard fee for delivery at that time was five dollars. Most of the families he attended were farm folk with little ready cash. It was not unusual for him to receive a bushel of wheat, cord of wood, or garden produce, for his services.

In 1924, Dr. Casto moved to Charleston, West Virginia, where he continued to practice until his retirement in 1943, and at that time the University of Louisville awarded him a certificate of appreciation for fifty years of service. Following his official retirement and the closing of his office located at the corner of Washington and Florida Streets, many folk he had cared for through the years came to his residence located at 943 Sixth St., for medical help. An additional room, with a private entrance, was added to the home where he continued to attend the sick.

The children of Dr. Frederick S. and Dora Belle (Simmons) Casto, were Corda (Casto) Hambrick, Boyd Cleo Casto, Wilma (Casto) Rawlings, Ronald Herman Casto, and two children, Frederick and Gladys, died in infancy. Their grandchildren are: Herman and Nadine (Smith) Hambrick, children of Corda (Casto) Hambrick, Geneva (Casto) McGrew, Josephine (Casto) Doig, Rodrick Wayne and Rodney Cleo Casto, children of Boyd Cleo Casto, James Rawling, and Ruth (Rawling) Lilly, children of Wilma (Casto) Rawling, Ronald Herman Casto II, Elizabeth (Casto) Mathias, and Frederick Adams Casto, children of Ronald Herman Casto.

Dr. Casto died April 19, 1948, age 81 years. His wife Dora Belle Casto died August 5, 1946, age 74 years. Dr. Casto and his wife were members of the Grass Lick Baptist Church. They, along with four of their children, Corda, Boyd Cleo, Frederick, and Gladys, are buried in the Grass Lick Baptist Church Cemetery, at Kenna, West Virginia, as are Mrs. Casto's parents, her maternal grandparents, and a number of other family members. Dr. Casto's parents are buried in the Casto Cemetery at Fairplain, West Virginia.

The old home of Dr. and Mrs. Casto, at Kenna, has remained in the Casto family, its present owners are a great grandson, William Michael McGrew and wife Deborah. *Submitted by Geneva Casto McGrew*

GEORGE CASTO, SR.

George Casto (c. 1784-1845), a son of David and Margaret (Province) Casto, of Harrison, now Upshur County, came to then Mason, now Jackson, County, in 1816, with his second wife, Sarah, daughter of John Godfrey and Anna Maria (Wetherholt) Ours, whom he had married in 1813. He had married first, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Margaret (Wolf) Westfall, September 19, 1807, by whom he had two children — Margaret, who married Thomas Cunningham, son of James and Keziah (Barnard) Cunningham, February 17, 1829, and Abram G., who married (1) Zilpha Carpenter, December 3, 1829, and (2) Roseanna, daughter of Jesse and Polly (Rollins) Slaughter, March 19, 1843.

Children by his second wife were: John G., known as "Long John", married Catherine, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Hyre) Westfall, November 27, 1831; George Jr. (1822-1898), married Nancy (1828-1904), daughter of Robert R. and Elizabeth (Hinzman) Raines, December 26, 1844; Nicholas (1825-1913), married Telitha J. (1826-1913), daughter of William Jr. and Martha (Parsons) Casto, August 7, 1845; David G. (1827-1860), married Sarah, daughter of Robert R. and Elizabeth (Hinzman) Raines, February 16, 1848; Dr. James C. (1829-1919), married Sarah (1832-

1907), daughter of James and Nancy (Rhodes) Bradley, December 21, 1854; Joel (1834-1886), married Mary Magdalene (1837), daughter of James and Nancy (Rhodes) Bradley, September 17, 1857; Mary Magdalene (1816-1906), married Joel, son of James and Keziah (Barnard) Cunningham, October 13, 1831; Phoebe (1818-1877), married John Greathouse, February 12, 1835; Sarah (1825-), married Jonathan J., son of Elijah J. and Lucretia (Casto) Rollins, October 9, 1834; Elizabeth (1826-), married Elias, son of William Jr. and Martha (Parsons) Casto, January 14, 1841; Louisa (1832-1880), married David L. (1820-1909), son of John J. and Gracey (McDade) Casto, March 15, 1849; and Matilda (1834-), married Joseph, son of Stephen and Susanna (Kiser) Skeen, March 12, 1861.

George Casto was a member of the first County Court of Jackson County in 1831, and served on the Court until his death in 1845. Was the second Sheriff, and later, Collector of Revenue (Assessor). He was a Methodist, later Methodist Protestant, minister.

He settled first on the bottom at the foot of Salt Hill, then sold this land to his younger brother, John D. Casto, and moved up on Tug Fork to the present Skidmore farm, and later to a 614 acre tract at present Stat's Mills, where he was living when he died. His widow died in 1862. It is said that he taught all her children to say the Lord's prayer in German. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

GEORGE CASTO, JR.

George Casto Jr., a son of George Sr. and Sarah (Ours) Casto, was born in Jackson (then Mason) County, April 7, 1822, and died at Stat's Mills, West Virginia, February 15, 1898. December 26, 1844, he married Nancy, a daughter of Robert R. and Elizabeth (Hinzman) Raines, who was born in Lewis County, 1828, and died, August 10, 1904. They are buried in the Casto-Fisher Cemetery, at Stat's Mills. Their children were: Elvira C., married James H. Taylor, January 17, 1867; Mary, married Robert R. Rhodes, October 17, 1867; Henry Clay, married Emily Beaver, March 3, 1875; Francis Marion M. (1) Miriam A. Rhodes, August 9, 1891, (2) Rosa Fisher; Sarah Ruhama, married William Henry Fisher, January 9, 1877; Martha Ann, married Jacob B. Casto, August 5, 1875; Emily Etta, married Thomas Mankins, November 21, 1976; Louisa Jane, married William H. Morris, May 7, 1885; Nancy Alice, married Solomon Kelbaugh, October 8, 1891; Edward Shordan, married (1) Leolia Cunningham, (2) Clara Fields.

Mr. Casto served on the County Court of Jackson County from 1845 until the Civil War and after the war served two terms, 1867-1871, the last year as President. He was a Sergeant in Company K 13 WV Infantry Volunteers for over two years in the Civil War. He was a farmer all his life.

Submitted by Delmer R. Hite

GEORGE RILEY CASTO

My grandfather was George Riley Casto, 1845-1942. At the age of 7 he went to live in the home



Mr. and Mrs. George Riley Casto

of Jabel Bowles and lived there until his marriage in 1865 to Margaret Ann Hogsett, 1850-1927. Children: Allena, Ernest, Jane, Theodocia, Love, Tennie, Edward, Otmer, Mae, Blanche, Layton and Harry. Grandfather was a farmer and for many years lived on Parchment where he reared his family. He eventually moved to Millwood, but when he was about 83 years old his children persuaded him to come to live with them in Parkersburg.

Grandfather, known as a rugged individual, at 95 decided to visit his granddaughter in Detroit. He took the bus, unbeknown to his family, but arriving in Detroit, he had lost her address and started asking people on the street if they knew where Shirley lived. By chance he asked Sergeant Hollingsworth. Because of age his voice had been reduced to a whisper. Sergeant Hollingsworth took him to Receiving Hospital and the doctors said they would see that he got a good night's rest. He was tired but seemingly not worried. An orderly undertook to search him and although he protested was searched according to routine. The orderly found him wearing two pairs of trousers, and in the inner pair was \$105 in gold coins, \$15.00 in bills and old silver coins, old enough to be collectors' pieces, and some bank books. He told them he owned a farm near Parkersburg. Police called his daughter who made arrangements to go and bring him home.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Casto

My father, Ernest, 1868-1941, the second child, married in 1889 Mary Etta Waugh, 1871-1938. Children: Howard, Manona, Glenmar, Luther, Carrie, Everett, Ada, Lucy, Leola, Lura, Erva and Lohan. All except the youngest were born at their home in Given.



Family of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Casto, back row: Carrie Ferrell, Manona Bowles, Lucy Sigmon, Lura Given; front row: Ada Raines, Erva Norris, Leola Williams, 1905

The first Given Postmaster was William (Bill) Given, and the postoffice was named in his honor. All that is known about Mr. Given's family is that he had two daughters, Ruby and Tommie. He later moved to Evans and probably from there to the Charleston area. After I was married to Forrest Given, I learned that William (Bill) Given was his great great great great uncle who had moved to Jackson County from Braxton probably searching for greener pastures.

My father, with his large family to care for, in addition to farming, made brooms for sale. He also

taught singing lessons from "shaped" notes. Oh, how we loved to sing! Our family operated the Telephone Exchange in our home. As most families did in those days, they raised and canned most of the food they ate, and the men killed hogs, and took wheat and corn to the mill to be ground for flour and meal. I can remember Father making sorghum and how the "horse power" would be used to grind the cane to extract the juice to be boiled down for syrup. Mother said, "If you don't thank the Lord for your food it won't set well in your stomach." Grace was said before every meal. Emily Dickinson said, "Hold your parents dearly because without them the world is a very lonely place."

In 1915 father moved us to the Charleston area to further our education and to find industrial employment. He eventually bought property in Dunbar and we became quite active in community affairs. At present I am the only child who still resides in Dunbar. I play the organ at First Church United Methodist. I was instrumental in establishing an Endowment Fund at our church in memory of loved ones who have passed away. *Submitted by Lura Agatha (Casto) Given*

G. W. AND MYRTLE CASTO

On February 25, 1872, a baby boy was born to Clermont Thaw and Permelia Ann Shinn Casto at Fairplain, West Virginia. He went by the name of Jim Casto until fifteen years of age. His grandfather, George Shinn, with whom he lived said, "Your name shall be George after me and Wallace after Wallace Harpold. George Wallace Casto to be your name." His father, Thaw, died when Wall was six years old. He attended school to the sixth grade.

In early teens he worked in a harness shop at Fairplain, making harness, bridles, etc.

On April 30, 1899, he married Mary Myrtle Kessel, daughter of James Mason and Flora Jane Kessel on Parchment near Given, West Virginia. They were married at the Kessel home by the Rev. Sam Robinson.



G. W. and Myrtle Casto

They moved to Rockcastle, West Virginia, and operated a flour mill with steam. William "Bill" Casto helped part time. They lived here during the Big Flood of June 1910 and another one in 1913 that washed away two stores containing \$10,000 worth of stock as well as other damage.

Three children were born here: Harlan, Willard and Hazel. In 1900 the mill was sold to two brothers: Orfe and Ceph Casto. G. W. purchased the Lafayette Sayre farm of 325 acres at Evans, West Virginia; moved there in 1912. He timbered the land and had a good farm for raising cattle.

Myrt, as she was called, raised white leghorn chickens and sold cream and eggs to buy the groceries.

G.W. always had a short pencil and a nail that he would use to figure his problems whether on a board or ground.

About 1918 three people in Jackson County had Model T's: G. W., Dr. Tom Rymer, and Dan McKown.

G.W. set three goals for himself: 1918 — build a reservoir on the hill for water to the house; 1920 — to have 85 lb. pressure; 1928 — wire the house for electricity.

The family had one of the first Crosley radios in the community, and friends would come in on Saturday night to listen to the Nashville Barn Dance.

The family attended the Evans Methodist Church. While living in Evans, another son, Raymond R., was born. The children grew up in Evans and later married — Harlan married Dollie Parsons of Given; Willard married Virginia Hood of Ripley; Hazel married Blaine Y. Hughes of Flatwoods; and Raymond married Grace Hartley of Creston in Mason County.

G.W. (often called "Wall") was sharp in business dealings. He soon began purchasing more land and property — farm at Willow grove, building at Ripley as well as other property.

G.W. had one sister, Flora, who married W. B. Stewart. They owned the Stewart Tourist Home on Church Street in Ripley. He also had a step-father, A. A. "Archie" Reynolds and three half-sisters, Mary, Della and Minnie. Mary married Jeff Sayre, Della married Marshall Long, and Minnie married James Casto.



Rockcastle Flour Mill

G.W. and Myrt were very caring and friendly people. When they operated the flour mill at Rockcastle, Wall would often tell customers who came to the mill to go to the house to get something to eat. This same attitude carried over to Evans. Occasionally, a tramp, as they were called in those days, would stop and ask for something to eat. Myrt would never turn a hungry person away, so she would make them sandwiches and on their way they would go.

The preacher of the church would often ride his horse and later came by car to the Casto home for a visit and chicken dinner. It was customary to have chicken when the preacher visited.

Myrtle was one of fourteen Kessel children. She was a woman of intelligence, strength, warmth, and a good home maker. She won first prize on bread making at the Jackson County Fair for several years, attended Woman's Camp at Jackson's Mill for nine years, member of Millcreek Valley Farm Woman's Club and Order of Eastern Star at Ripley. G.W. died July 18, 1952, at age 82. Myrtle died November 20, 1939, at age 61. Both are buried at Otterbein Cemetery.

G.W.'s grandparents were Elmore H. and Phoebe Cunningham Casto. Myrtle's grandparents were Alexis Fink Parsons, Sr. and Phoebe Casto Parsons.

They have six grandchildren: Harlan Casto, Jr., Hazel Parsons, Lowell Hood Casto, Gloria Hughes, Lewis Raymond Casto, Gary Hughes. *Submitted by Hazel C. Hughes and Raymond R. Casto*

HOLLY M. AND MABEL (SAYRE) CASTO

Two teachers who began their teaching careers in one-room schools in Jackson County.

Holly Morton Casto, the son of Vinton and Rhoda French Casto and the grandson of Isaac Alexander and Rozanna Barnett Casto, was born December 31, 1888, at Carthage, on Little Spruce Creek, in Jackson County. He was the oldest with two sisters and a brother: Lucy Stover, Gaile Casto, and Claude Casto.

As a young man, Holly attended Lee's Normal School in Ripley, received his diploma from Ripley High School, and took several courses at Morris Harvey College. He taught for 42 years until his retirement in 1954. Some of the schools he taught in were: Center Point, Rockcastle, Sidneyville, Salt Hill, Frozen Camp, Evans, and Fairplain, as well as schools in McDowell, Wayne, and Kanawha counties.

Mabel Claire Sayre, the daughter of Andrew Delmer and Ada Rebecca Unrue Sayre, and the grand-daughter of John and Earlie Price Unrue and George and Isabella Casto Sayre, was born at Evans, Jackson County, November 10, 1893. She was the oldest of five girls, her sister being Elta Highsmith, Eulah Hunt, Freda Crum, and Belva Sayre.

She also attended Lee's Normal School and took classes at Ripley High School and Morris Harvey. She taught several years before her marriage, and after her children were in school, she taught until her retirement. Some of the one-room schools were: Beech Grove, Flag Rock, Mt. Hope, and Clay Lick. She taught primary grades at Fairplain, Evans, and Gay.

Holly and Mabel were married March 20, 1915 in Ripley at the home of E. E. and Josie Starcher. Paul and Golda Starcher were the witnesses. They went to house-keeping on a farm near Evans. Their daughter Mildred Loreen was born June 16, 1916. In 1917 they bought a farm located on Foster Ridge near Rockcastle. Holly taught school and they farmed.



Holly and Mabel Casto, 1954

While living at Rockcastle, two other daughters were born: Macil Irene, December 9, 1917, and Freda Grace, October 11, 1922. In 1923, they sold the farm to Holly's uncle, Lawson Casto, and moved to Ripley.

The three daughters graduated from Ripley High School and Mildred and Grace graduated from Marshall College and became teachers. Mildred taught in Jackson and Kanawha counties, retiring in 1972; and Grace taught in Jackson and Putnam counties, retiring in 1980. Macil attended Martz Beauty School in Huntington and worked there and in Akron. During World War II, Mildred served two years as a WAVE in the U.S. Navy.

Mildred married William W. Fisher of Charleston in 1946. He was a Captain in the Charleston Police Department at the time of his death in 1973. Their daughter, Nancy Humphreys, is a teacher in Charleston.

Macil married George Dinkins of Huntington in 1938. He retired from Goodyear Aerospace in

Akron, and died in 1982. Their two sons are William D. and Neil, who live with their families in Ohio.

Grace married Arnold Boggess of Jackson County in 1947. He was a heavy equipment operator before retiring in 1981. They have two daughters and a son. Rebecca Dee Simmons is a teacher in Florida. Sarah Lee McCallister lives at Hurricane. Christopher Boggess is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Holly belonged to the Masonic and IOOF lodges. They attended Ripley Baptist Church. My father died in 1954 and my mother in 1983. They are buried at Otterbein Cemetery, Evans.

Dad and Mom always stressed education. Of their descendants, at this time, there are six college graduates. *Submitted by Mildred Casto Fisher*

ICIE MYRTLE (PARSONS) CASTO

ICIE CASTO is responsible for a large amount of the population of this county. Mother of nine, dozens of grand-children, greats into the threes' numbering in the hundreds; these are the family by blood. But, Icie was also a midwife delivering hundreds of our current population.

Born December 13, 1891, the eldest of fifteen children born to William Henderson "Billo" and Mary (Shumaker) Parsons, Icie and her youngest sister, Sylvia (Parsons) Young are the lone survivors.



Icie Myrtle Casto

In May 1986 Icie was honored for her many years (50 plus) of service as midwife and nursing the sick by receiving the 35th Star Award of West Virginia; also an excellent article in the Ravenswood News. Her mother, Mary, born ca. 1870, was the daughter of Hezekiah King Shumaker, a doctor in the Civil War and Susanna (Hively) Meadows who married May 2, 1867 in Roane County.

Her father, William Henderson "Billo" Parsons, Icie remembers as being a 6 foot 7 inch redhead, was raised on a houseboat. His father Fielding "Felix" Parsons was a river man. Felix married October 16, 1851 to Virginia Louise Westfall. Her grandfather, Zachariah Westfall came from Hacker's Creek to Mill Creek in 1827 and settled on Buffalo Lick Run of Tug Fork. Virginia's father was Andrew Westfall; her mother Mary Hyre. The Westfall family has been traced back to the 16th century Holland.

Icie, in her retirement years is known to be an avid fisherman and for the colorful quilts she pieces. A warm cheerful woman. We are all so proud of "Grandma Icie", and are proud to be numbered as her great-grandchildren. *Submitted by Katharin Casto Angus and David J. Casto II*

I. A. AND ROSEANNA (BARNETT) CASTO

Isaac Alexander Casto was born January 29, 1848, the youngest child of Benjamin and Sarah Shinn Casto of Parchment Creek.

His grandparents were William and Patsy Parsons Casto who came from Lewis or Upshur County and first settled near Mill Creek about 1810.

William's parents were two of the earliest families to make a settlement in the present Jackson County when they moved to Little Spruce, a tributary of Thirteen Mile Creek where they erected a small log house.

Alexander, affectionately known as "Uncle Zan," had four sisters: Martha married Elisha Stewart, Elcy died in childhood, Lucretia married Enos Barnett, and Phoebe married Alexis F. Parsons, Sr. His brothers were Solomon, Moses, Mason, Enoch, Joseph and Edmond.

While a youth, he united with the Baptist Church and with others later established and erected the Long Hollow Baptist Church.

Hearing about the Civil War from two of his older brothers who had enlisted as Union soldiers, the fifteen-year old West Virginian felt the urge to join the Army. In December 1863, the name of Isaac A. Casto was added to Company G, 13th Regiment, W. Va. Infantry under Captain Mason. Experiences during his Army service included walking to Lynchburg, Va., and back to Charleston, living in tents on frozen ground, getting a slight bullet wound in the leg, spending time under General Sheridan, and getting measles shortly after the War ended. Most of the battles and skirmishes in which he took part were around Lynchburg, Cedar Creek, Winchester, and Lexington.

During the National Election, he and other soldiers were permitted to vote. The soldiers were lined up and given slips of paper with Lincoln's name on them. A hat was passed to collect the votes. After his arrival at the end of the Civil War, he was not allowed to vote again until he was twenty-one years old, but because he was a soldier, he was privileged to vote at age 16.

When General Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, April 1865, soldier Casto returned to his W. Va. home where, on March 8, 1866, he married Roseanna Barnett, daughter of William and Mary Harrison Barnett, a girl barely fifteen years of age. They first lived in a home along the Kanawha River in Mason County but later moved to Little Spruce near Rockcastle.



Isaac and Roseanna Casto

Three sons and four daughters were born to them: Vinton Casto (1867-1949), Allen Asbury Casto (1869-1955), Elisha Lawson Casto (1872-1949), Mary Lona (1875-1880), Lucretia Jane Woodard (1876-1893), Elizabeth Florence Lathcy (1879-1896), and Bertha Mae Woodard (1882-1902).

The name Barnett is spelled with and without the final "e". One of the early Barnetts, a William

came directly from France to Jamestown, Va., where he married a daughter of Pocahontas.

Roseanna's brothers and sisters were: William, Elyna, Nancy, Elizabeth, Permelia, Evalina, Francis Lincoln, Beverly, Addie, John, and Emma. She had two half-brothers: McKinley and Henry Barnett.

At the age of 33, Roseanna's father enlisted in the 13th W. Va. Infantry on October 8, 1862. He had seven children at the time and had seven more after the War. He resumed farming his 600 acres farm after his Army discharge. He died in 1904.

In 1915, "Zan" and Roseanna left their farm and moved to Evans, W. Va. They lived to celebrate their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary.

My great-grandmother Roseanna died January 19, 1932, and my great-grandfather Isaac Alexander Casto died March 6, 1938. They were buried in the Barnett cemetery at Rockcastle.

I will always remember his visits to the home of my parents in Ripley — his black coat and trousers, high black shoes, and that beautiful white short beard. A TRUE GENTLEMAN IN EVERY WAY. *Submitted by Grace Casto Boggess*

DR. JAMES C. CASTO

Dr. James C. Casto (1829-1919) lived and practiced medicine at Staats Mill. He was self-taught but was licensed to practice medicine under the laws of West Virginia in 1867. He was also a minister and was licensed by the Methodist Protestant conference of West Virginia. He grew his own herbs from which he made some of his medicines. The Bible was always placed in his medical bag before he went to a patient's bedside. Thus, he ministered to their spiritual needs as well as their physical needs. He practiced for many years in Jackson, Roane, and Kanawha Counties while making his home at Staats Mill. His parents, George and Sarah Ours, were early Jackson County residents. Dr. Jim married Sarah Bradley (1832-1907). They raised six children that follow: Sophronia married Robert Rankin; Maggie married Benjamin Windle; Elina married C. M. Booth; Virgil married Mollie Skidmore; Holly married Virginia Johns; and Dennis married Alice Keenan.

All three of Dr. Jim's sons graduated from medical schools and became doctors. Dr. Holly W. Casto (1872-1933) graduated from Ohio State University in 1896. He lived and practiced medicine in Ravenswood. Dr. Dennis D. Casto (1867-1933) graduated from the Sterling Medical college in 1891 and was re-issued a diploma when the college re-named Ohio State University. He lived and practiced medicine in Ripley. Dr. Virgil L. Casto (1865-1936) was graduated from the University at Louisville, Kentucky in 1887 with honors.



Dr. Virgil and Mollie Casto

He began to practice in Staats Mill and moved to Ripley after the birth of his son. He practiced there until his death. In 1907 he took postgraduate courses in the large medical schools in Chicago. He was quite advanced for his day and had the first microscope and x-ray in Ripley. He mixed his own prescriptions like his father before him. "Doc



Former home on Main street (Ripley)

Virge" married Mollie Alice Skidmore in 1888. Their two children, Madaline Casto Parsons and Wendell E. Casto, lived, worked, and raised their families in Ripley.

Madaline married W. King Parsons in 1927. This was the first wedding in the now Calvary United Methodist church. Madaline graduated from the University of Charleston and taught school in Ripley. King graduated from Marshall University, taught, was with the State Department of Education, and became a successful business man in Ripley. Their three children, Robert K. Parsons, Mollie A. Casto, and Nancy S. Wilson graduated from college, married, and raised families.

Wendell married Clara Jordan and had two children, James and Jacqueline. After her death he married Addie Staats and they had one son, Phillip Casto. Wendell graduated from the University of Cincinnati and became a dentist in Ripley. All three children graduated from college, married, and raised families. Phillip also became a dentist and practices today where his father and grandfather practiced before him.

All of these generations were active in their communities, churches and professions. *Submitted by Madaline C. Parsons & Nancy S. Wilson*

J. M. CASTO

J. M. (Doc) Casto was born in a log house near Rockcastle, Jackson County, West Virginia October 28, 1865, to Joseph and Mariah Morrison Casto. There has been much discussion as to what the initials J. M. stood for. Some said it was James Madison others said it was John Madison. We could find no record of a birth certificate. His death certificate only listed J. M. Casto, as do all other written material that we could find about him except a marriage certificate on file in the Jackson County Court House which listed his name as John Madison.

On December 23, 1886 he was united in marriage to Rebecca Belle Barnett, born January 7, 1871, daughter of Preston Barnett and Chlora Casto Barnett of Rockcastle, West Virginia. To this union twelve children were born: Opha, October 18, 1887, married Mary Hill, two children, Mable and Pearl. Mary died, Opha then married Ellie Knapp, one son, Carl. Lloyd Preston, November 25, 1889, married Minnie Ethel Baker, three children, Basil Leonard, Hazel Irene, Denver Lloyd. Clara Ann (Doll) October 18, 1891, married Erkie Warner, three children, Golda, Gladys, Earkey Jr. Lilly, October 13, 1893, married Charlie McKinny, seven children, Lucy, Willie, Burdell, Leonard, Hazel, Ernest, Jean. Dorothy, October 10, 1896, married Clark Harris, six children, Ivy, Marie, Walter, Lillian, Myrtle, Jane. Emma, January 8, 1898, married Earl Rollins, two children, Edna Mae, Elva. Foy, January 1, 1902, and wife Lillian, four children, Marilyn, Darrell, Jimmy, Roger. Oshel and Osa twins, January 17, 1904. Oshel and his wife Helen had one son, Oshel Jr. Osa married Julius Beil, three children, Paul, Betty, Julius Jr. Lola, January 31, 1909, married Albert Kunkle, daughter, Donna June. Orville, July 31, 1906,

married Nancy Herdman, eight children, Maxine, Dottie, Donald, Delmer, Paula, Raymond, Mary, Mertie. Ethel, November 22, 1913, married Roy Swick, two daughters, Sonjaetta, Rebecca.

In April 1911, Uncle Doc as he was commonly called, moved from Rockcastle area to the old Byrd Stone farm, formerly Sullivan farm on Rocky Fork and Waterloo, in Cologne District, Mason County, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. Electricity was brought into this area in the mid 1940s but he never accepted the new conveniences and stayed with the old oil lamps and open fire. Also cooked on the old wood stove and used outdoor facilities.

Uncle Doc was one of the first in this area to purchase a new automobile, a 1913 Model T Ford. He later purchased a 1921 Overland. Charlie (Bear) King said his first ride in an automobile was in Uncle Doc's Model T.

On August 16, 1936 his wife Rebecca departed this life and was buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery at Rockcastle.

In November 1939 he was again united in marriage to Mrs. Nina Stewart Sayre.

Uncle Doc was converted at the Mt. Olive E. U. B. Church in the year 1909 and expressed his trust in his Savior. He departed this life September 4, 1958 at the home of his son, Lloyd and was laid to rest beside his first wife in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. *Submitted by Denver L. Casto*

JOEL AND POLLY (STAATS) CASTO

Joel Casto, son of David L. and Louisa Casto, and Polly Staats, daughter of Isaac and Eliza Staats, were married October 17, 1878 and went to live on a farm Joel had bought and was located far back on the hill from the home of his parents. The house set on a large flat piece of land and the children were raised in the ways of the farmer.

Joel lost his eyesight at about the age of forty-six years due to cataracts. They were removed once, but they reformed, never to be removed again.

The children helped as much as they could. Theodore worked away from home and sent money to help out. Ernest as a very small boy would ride the farm horse through rows of vegetables and field corn with his father holding the plow handles trying to plow. Ernest would watch for objects his father might stumble on and warn him of the obstacles. In pictures of Joel as a young man, he appears with black hair and a black beard. He was very short for a man while Polly was a tall, slim woman with brown hair. Joel kept his long beard, that had turned white, until his death. Polly suffered a stroke around the age of sixty and never fully recovered.

Joel and Polly moved with Mary and Kenna to a new home on the creek close to the homes of Lizzie and Theodore. After the deaths of Polly, Mary and Kenna, the other children took turns taking care of Joel until his death. I have had different family members relate how good Joel's daughter, Anna, and family were to their father and grandfather.

Joel and Polly were the parents of: Lizzy Casto (1881-1965) married E. C. Tolley; Theodore Casto (1883-1966) married Maude Fields; Cordelia Casto (1886-1890); Ezra Casto (1888-1890); Beulah Casto (1891-1953) married Leonard Cummings; Anna Casto (1893-1981) married Robert Hopkins; Ernest Casto (1896-1966) married Ada Criehtfield; Kenna Casto (1899-1931) married Mary Westfall; Ava Casto (1901-1987) married Brady Mundy; Vernie Casto (1903-1904); Dolly Casto (1906-1906). *Submitted by William P. Fowler III*

JOHN CASTO, SR.

John Casto, Sr. born c. 1761 South Jersey, died c. 1831 Jackson County, Virginia. John and his

wife Sarah migrated by way of Harrison County to Big Mill Creek, Mason County.

John J. Casto, his son, 1787-1878 married Gracey McDade, 1794-1862, daughter of James and Rachel McDade; James McDade, Scout and pioneer settler of our county. John J. and Gracey resided at one time at mouth of Tug Fork, later moving to the Staats Mill area.

Jacob H. Casto 1835/40-1912, one of four sons of John J. and Gracey Casto, married March 17, 1864 to Ruth E. Siders, daughter of David Siders 1807-1874, and Jane (Terry) Siders. Their five children are as follows: 1. Roseanna Casto, born 1867 married April 2, 1899 to William H. "Jake" Dailey. 2. David Newman, born 1869 married November 2, 1890 to Eliza Rhodes. 3. Jonathan Casto, born 1874. 4. Henry Alonzo Casto born 1875 and died 1957 married May 11, 1907 to Icie Myrtle Parsons. 5. Martha Ann Casto 1880-1967, married March 12, 1898 to Daniel Comer. Alonzo and Icie's son Kenna, married Nina Comer. *Submitted by David J. Casto*

JOHN J. AND GRACEY (McDADE) CASTO

John J. Casto was born in 1787 to John Casto, Sr. He married Gracey McDade, born 1794. She was the daughter of James and Rebecca McDade. Their children were John M. D., born 1818; David L., born 1820; James M., born 1822; Elijah; Sarah Jane; William; Charles, born 1827; Edward, born 1830, Jesse, born 1831; Jacob, born 1834; Johnathan, born 1838; Henry, born 1841; Grace born 1844 and died on 3/1/1862.

Their son Johnathan H. married Dorcas White on 8/24/1861. She was born 1843 or 1845 to Isaac and Sarah White.

J.J. Perry Casto was born in 1870 to Johnathan H. and Dorcas White Casto of Belgrove. He married Margaret Chancey, daughter of Hiram and Maria C. Bush Chancey of Staats Mill on 11/26/1892. Some of their children are: Herman, Oral, Lena, Lucy and Irene. Perry enjoyed music very much and taught his children to play. Especially Lucy who could play the organ very well. He also taught music to his neighbors.

Margaret's grandparents were James and Mary Staats Chancey, Sr. and Peter H. and Sarah Norman Bush. Her great-grandparents were Hiram and Elvira Chancey, Cornelius and Anna Carney Staats and maternal great-grandparents, Paulser and Elizabeth Heckert Bush.

Perry's second wife was Martha Harpold and they had two children, Darrel and Goldie. Darrel married Myrtle Whited and they adopted one daughter. They live at Fairplain. Goldie married Brady Carpenter and lives at Tyler Mt. They have no children.

Perry, Margaret, his first wife, and Martha, his second wife, are buried side by side at Falling Water Church at Belgrove.

Perry's daughter Lucy was born 1/7/1894 and married Virgil Carney, son of Charlie C. and Lenora J. Staats Carney. Their marriage was blessed with four children: Madeline Harpold, Edith Waybright Lyons, Herman Carney and Ira Albert Carney.

Lucy and Virgil lived on a beautiful farm on Tug Fork that is now partially covered with water from the Perry E. O'Brien water shed dam on Tug Fork. They raised chickens and cattle and sold eggs and butter in Charleston. Lucy played the organ very well and Virgil purchased an organ for her. This beautiful organ is presently in the home of her granddaughter Diane Carney Knopp. Lucy died 10/28/1966 at 72 years and Virgil died 2/2/1963 at 74 years. They rest side by side at the family cemetery at Fairplain. *Submitted by Edith Waybright Lyons*

JOSEPH MARION AND MARIAH (MORRISON) CASTO

William Casto II married Patsy Parsons. They were born and raised in Lewis County, Virginia. About 1812 they established a home on Millcreek near the present Mt. Calvary Church. To this union were born thirteen children: Jonathan married Magdalene Weatherholt, William (Devil Bill) married Martha Parsons, James married Sidney Kessel, Levi married first Sarah (Woodruff) Wright, second married Hannah Carney, Isaac married Margaret Green, Benjamin married Sarah Shinn, Lucretia married Rev. Elijah Rollins, David lived at Buckhannon, Upshur County, Delila married John Harpold October 27, 1836, Rhoda married Johnny Pringle, Nancy married Nicholas Ours, John married Nancy Parsons.

Benjamin Casto was born on the Buckhannon River, Randolph County, Virginia, in 1799. Died May 1, 1882. Buried in Shinn Cemetery near Rockcastle, West Virginia in 1820. He was married to Sarah (Sallie) Shinn, born February 25, 1806, died June 2, 1852. Their eleven children were: Joseph Marion born March 2, 1826, Edmond, Phoebe born 1830, Solomon L. born 1832, Martha born 1835, Lucretia born 1837, Moses born 1838, Elsie born 1840, Mason born 1843, Enoch born 1844, Isaac Alexander born 1848. Benjamin's second wife was Mary Catherine J. Jeffers who was 29 years old.



Joseph Casto (in casket), wife Mariah (sitting), children: Caroline, Nancy, Frank M., Wm. Richard, Jonathon Granville, John Madison, Benjamin

Joseph Marion Casto, born March 2, 1926, died September 9, 1912, buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery near Rockcastle, West Virginia, married Mariah A. Morrison July 27, 1848. They lived in a log cabin, on right, at the foot of Mt. Olive Hill. To this union was born Francis Marion Casto, May 5, 1849, married Luverna Dillon, Nancy E. born June 27, 1854, married Asbury Parsons, William born June 9, 1856, married Hannah Margaret Little, John Madison, born October 28, 1865, married Rebecca Belle Barnette on December 23, 1886, Caroline J., born June 13, 1859, married Enoch Little, Jonathan Granville, born January 22, 1862, married Ernestine Barnette on November 20, 1884, Benjamin G. Casto, born 1868, married Sarah Beller June 21, 1887, Lucrecia C. Casto, born April 11, 1852, died September 20, 1859, Ida M., born September 27, 1872, died July 11, 1876, Oliver H., born August 31, 1875, died June 25, 1879. (Last three buried in Shinn Cemetery, Rockcastle, West Virginia.) Submitted by Lura Belle Casto

LUTHER AND OMA CASTO

Beginning with the last year of the 19th century, Luther Floyd Casto was born April 17, 1899 son of James Preston Casto and Martha Pringle Casto. He died August 24, 1983. He was united in marriage to Oma Myrtle Bowles September 23, 1923, daughter of Theodore Mason Bowles and Ella Elmira Casto Bowles. Oma was born June 22, 1905, died May 23, 1986. Luther and Oma natives of Jackson County, and are at rest Given



Luther and Oma Casto

Cemetery, Given, West Virginia.

Marriage of fifty-nine years and eleven months were born five children: *Alfred Lee*, PFC in the U. S. Army during World War II, awarded a Bronze Star Medal for his achievement in connection with military operations against the Germans from June 6, 1944 to April 15, 1945. Having been with the forces landing in Normandy on D-Day. Stationed in Italy 1946-1947. Married Gay Hall and unto this union were born five children: *Katherine Rosalee*, married Howard Austin French, unto this union were born six children: *Hilda Eileen*, married James Ray Pringle, moved to Kanawha County, later returned to Given, West Virginia to build their home, unto this union were born two children; Hilda died at age 43, October 11, 1975, buried at Given Cemetery, Given, West Virginia; *Everett Floyd*, married Edith Wolfe and also built a home in Given, West Virginia, unto this union three children were born; *Paul Edwin* married Ruth Ann Skeen, they too, built a home in Given, West Virginia, unto this union one child was born.

Branches of the family tree consist of twenty-eight great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Luther in his prime years was a farmer, and carpenter, he worked on the WPA program to provide for his family, he was a laborer at Kaiser Aluminum Plant in Ravenswood, West Virginia during construction, after retirement age mowed cemeteries. Oma a housewife, jobs consisted of cooking, sewing for family and others, gardening, canning huge amounts, midwife, 4-H leader several years at Given, West Virginia, member of the Parchment Valley Extension Homemakers Club and also baby sitter for different families.

For several years both were members of the Parchment Chapel Church in Given, West Virginia, left that church and joined a nondenominational church, holding services in their home.

For them both Saturday was shopping in Ripley, West Virginia, visiting, stopping at all grocery stores for best buys. Sunday was a big day for family, friends, cooking, eating, talking, sitting around, stories, new and old, weather.

Walking, many stories told about when they had to walk to visit people, church, work, school, outhouse (until the late sixties). Luther and Oma in the year 1980 purchased their first car. They sure felt proud.

We all love to go back in memories, sometimes; but we move on to become history.

Bible, Joel 1:2-3. "Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children and their children another generation."

In Memory of Pop-Paw and Mom-Maw. Submitted by Jeanette K. Prili

MELVIN LEO CASTO

Melvin Leo Casto born April 19, 1897 died January 19, 1985; married Orpha Pearl Shamblen born March 23, 1895.



Melvin and Orpha P. Casto

A. Arnold Alvin Casto born December 16, 1923; married Mary Don Boswell born March 16, 1926.

1. Judith Ann Casto born June 4, 1949 married Frank William Schullek born October 15, 1946.

a. Matthew Alan Schullek born November 29, 1972.

b. Jennifer Dawn Schullek born June 25, 1977.

c. Jessica Anne Schullek born August 5, 1979.

d. Amanda Beth Schullek born September 25, 1985.

2. Mary Ellen Casto born October 4, 1952; married August 18, 1979 Edward Littler. Mary Ellen Littler married September 7, 1984 David Allen Ray born January 19, 1945.

a. Jeanette Ann Ray born June 14, 1969 (from D. Ray's previous marriage).

b. Jacob Allen Ray born May 15, 1972.

c. Katie Ellen Ray born June 29, 1987.

3. David Arnold Casto born December 26, 1960.

B. Loren Leo Casto born November 5, 1925; married Helen Lorena "Jack" Painter born August 11, 1927.

1. Loren Lee Casto born September 16, 1948; married Lorene Lee Price born January 18, 1949.

a. Tammy Lee Casto born June 8, 1968 married Ray Casto.

b. Kelly Ann Casto born April 21, 1971.

2. Robert Leo Casto born August 31, 1954; married Jeannette Baker born February 22, — .

a. Robert Estel Casto born July 25, 1976.

b. Michael David Casto born April 9, 1978.

C. Keith Jennings Casto born August 21, 1927; married Betty Zane Simmons born March 8, 1930.

1. Keitha Lynn Casto born June 20, 1953; married Paul Lee Graham born July 20, 1953.

a. Steven Paul Graham born August 15, 1978.

b. Derek Lee Graham born June 1, 1980.

c. Bryan Keith Graham born May 26, 1982.

2. Steven Keith Casto born March 10, 1955 died July 26, 1975.

Lionel Casto married Willard Sayer, and their children were Armor, Eugene and Doris Roberta.

Armor Eugene Casto married Dorothy Kinser, and their children were Eugene, Randell, and Brent.

Eugene Casto married Sanya Allen, and their son Allen married Traci Parsons.

Randall Casto married Carolyn Rhodes, and their children were Beth Lynn, Amber Joy, and Alicia Ann.

Brent Casto married Teresa Casto.

Doris Roberta Casto married Charles Parsons, and their children were Debra Lynn and Doris Charlene. Debra married Gary Abernathy. Doris Charlene is a teacher in Charleston, West Virginia.

Dolan Casto married Hazel Harpold, and their children were Delores Ann, Dolan Genc and Daniel.

Delores married Howard Chancey and their children were Steven, Michael, Jay, Phyllis and David.

Steven Chancey married Claudia Lewis, and their children were John Wesley and Mary Susan Chancey.

Michael Chancey married Lynn Wiford and their children were Sara, Benjamin, Anna, and Andrew.

Jay Chancey single living in Texas 1988.

Phyllis Chancey married Chris Fluharty.

David Chancey married Robin Comer.

Gene Casto married Helen Hall and their children were Lynn and Lea.

Daniel Casto married Nancy Lightner and their children were Melody and Meegan.

Melody Casto married John Stavrakis.

Cleo Casto married Frances Hanning and their children were Opal Sue and Connie Cleo.

Opal Sue married Edward Burkholder and their children were Heather Sue, Tammy Lynn, Cynthia Lea, Edward Cleo, and Sarah Frances.

Connie Cleo married Wayne Crawford and their children were Tina Renee, Cathy Jo, Cheryl Lynn, and David Wayne.

Tina Renee married Charles Stalnaker III. *Submitted by Arnold Casto*

NATHAN B. CASTO

NATHAN B. CASTO, born January 24, 1822 and died October 16, 1885. Son of William Casto, born March 10, 1717, and his wife Sarah. Their other children were: William C. Casto 1765-1884, married Patsy Parsons. James Casto born about 1786 married Sidney Kessel. Nathan Casto was born in Parchment Valley. He later lived at Fairplain near the hill going down to Cedar Lakes, then moved to Upper Eighteen Mile Creek, where he and Margaret, his wife, are buried in the Casto Cemetery on the 200 Acre Casto Farm. Nathan B. Casto married Margaret Parsons November 19, 1846, by Rev. D. G. Moore. She was born May 7, 1829 and died April 29, 1892.



Nathan and Margaret (Parsons) Casto

William Parsons came to Maryland from England in 1725. A son, Charles was born in Maryland in 1729. Charles married Miss Chestnut and later Miss Sleith. His son William Parsons was born in Maryland July 24, 1769 and died at Frozen Camp, Virginia, October 10, 1839. He was a Captain in the War of 1812. Captain William Parsons was the father of William Parsons, Jr., born August 20, 1806 and died January 27, 1892, who was the father of Margaret Parsons who married Nathan B. Casto.

The children of Nathan B. Casto and Margaret Parsons Casto, are as follows: (1) Lucetta M. Casto, born 10-23-1847 and died 4-19-1926. (2) William Mack Casto, born 7-4-1854, died 9-22-1943. (3) Louis, born 10-12-1858. (4) Lorenzo Dow Casto, born 7-11-1860 and died at age 18. (5) Huston Sherman, born 3-16-1835 and died 10-27-1919. (6) Lorraine, born 11-21-1850. (7) Rosa, born 7-12-1870. (8) George Whitefield, died 4-21-1913. (9) Martha. (10) Charles O. (11) Robert Scott. (12) George Perry. (13) James Buchannon. *Submitted by Gaynell Folden*

O. H. CASTO

Benjamin Casto was one of the early settlers of Jackson County and Rock Castle. In the Shinn Cemetery in the vicinity of Rock Castle, Casto is buried. The Cemetery tombstone reads: "Benjamin Casto Born 1799 Died May 1, 1882, age 83 years"

The wife and mother is believed to be Sarah Shinn. One son was Joseph Casto, born 1826. He married Mariah Morrison born June 13, 1830 in Nicholas County. They were married on July 27, 1848. Her family came to Jackson County in 1847. She and Joseph Casto lived and reared their family on a farm near Rock Castle in a log cabin where they had many friends and no enemies. She departed this life February 5, 1916. Her husband Joseph preceded her in 1912. She was a sister of Granville Morrison, the father of O. J. Morrison.

Joseph and Mariah Casto reared ten children. One of them being Jonathan G. Casto, born January 22, 1862. He married Ernestine Barnett, November 20, 1884. Eleven children were born to them. The oldest son being Oke H. Casto, born October 2, 1887, who married Elva Battrell, born September 15, 1887 and died May 18, 1966, daughter of J. A. Battrell and Rosa Morgan Battrell of Foster Chapel. They were married in Deland, Florida, January 19, 1911. They returned to Jackson County and bought the family farm at Rock Castle April 14, 1914. To this union seven children were born: Mildred, Marie, Milford, Ardella, Dale, Arthur and Bernard L. Casto.



*Sitting O.H. and Elva B. Casto,
standing Dale, Marie, Bernard, Ardella,
Arthur B., Mildred C. Parsons and Milford*

Oke H. Casto was a farmer and a schoolteacher in Mason and Jackson County for twelve years. A member and trustee of the Mt. Olive Church. Member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Rock Castle and served on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ripley for more than 40 years. He was a retired Rural Mail Carrier on the Rock Castle Route of 24 miles in Jackson and Mason County for 25 years. Leaving home at 6 o'clock in the morning, arriving back at the office at 5 o'clock in the evening. He had a schedule and followed it strictly. Many patrons were waiting at the boxes to buy stamps and talk for a few minutes. Many used pennies to mail their letters. He had many, many friends on the route, all ready to help in any way they could. During the cold winter days he would often find a warm sandwich in the mail box or a piece of warm mincemeat pie from an elderly lady on Long Hollow. He appreciated it all. Every one on the route was his friend.

He passed away November 23, 1973 after a long illness. All are buried in the family plot at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Rock Castle, Jackson County. *Submitted by E. Marie Casto*

OTIS DOYLE CASTO

Otis Doyle Casto was born September 8, 1938, at Cottageville, West Virginia. He is the second of three children. His older sister, Marilyn Miller (Casto) Ludwig, was born January 26, 1934. His younger sister, Sara Lynn Casto, was born April 14, 1952.

Charles Otis Casto (1905-58), Otis' father, was

the son of George Whitfield Casto and Emma (Jividen) Casto, both of Given, West Virginia. Nine children of George Whitfield and Emma survived to adulthood; sons, Went, Nathan, Charles Otis and Opha; and daughters, Edna, Eliza, Ersel, Pearl and Cora.

C. Otis graduated from New River State Teachers College (now West Virginia Tech) in 1932 and received a Masters Degree from West Virginia University in 1938. He was a teacher and school administrator. He served as Superintendent of Schools for Jackson County from 1951-57.

Loshia Dell (Miller) Casto (1911-1982), Otis' mother, was the only daughter of Rome Flemmings Miller and Cora (Elswick) Miller. She had three brothers: Herman Hoyt, Shirley (Red) and Bernard.

Marilyn Casto graduated from Winfield High School in Winfield, West Virginia. She graduated from Marshall College (now University) in 1955 with a teaching degree. After working briefly for Appalachian Power Company, she became a teacher in Jackson County and taught there for 28 years; she took early retirement in 1988. Marilyn married Delbert C. Ludwig, Jr., of Ripley in 1957. They have two sons, Steven Charles, born in 1958; Paul Alan, born in 1960. Marilyn and her husband reside in Ripley.

Sara Lynn Casto graduated from Ripley High School in 1970. She received a B. A. degree from West Virginia University in 1974. After working for the Division of Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources of the State of West Virginia for several years, she decided to go to medical school. She was accepted at Marshall University School of Medicine and graduated with an M.D. degree in 1985. After completing a four-year residency in psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina, in Charleston, South Carolina, she moved to Houston, Texas in the summer of 1989 to practice her profession.

Otis Doyle Casto attended public school in Putnam and Jackson Counties and graduated from Ripley High School in 1956. After attending Marietta College in Ohio for one year, he was employed at Kaiser Aluminum Chemical Corporation, in Ravenswood, West Virginia and worked there for 20 years, until August 1977. Otis served in the U. S. Army in 1961-62. By attending night classes, Otis graduated from West Virginia State College with a B. A. degree in 1972.

In September 1977, Governor Rockefeller appointed Otis to the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, a regulatory agency of the State. Mr. Casto was reappointed to the position by Governor Rockefeller for another six year term in 1983, and reappointed again in 1989 by Governor Caperton.

Otis Casto was married to Gweneth Wilson in 1963. They had two children: Thomas Deron Casto, born in 1967, and Deidre Sue (Casto) Manns, born in 1969. They were divorced in 1983. Otis married Margaret Cameron Landfried in 1988. They reside in Ripley. *Submitted by Otis Doyle Casto*

THEODORE AND MAUDE (FIELDS) CASTO

Theodore Casto (1883-1966), son of Joel and Polly Staats Casto married Maude Ann Fields, daughter of Frank and Samantha Catherine Hatcher Fields.

All of the children of Joel and Polly were of small stature. The three boys were all about the same size and the same black hair.

Before Theodore was married he loafed around the coal mines and logging camps playing cards and "buying time." If a man went to work at a coal mine or logging camp and worked several days then decided to move on or got homesick, and would be several days yet to payday, he would sell his time for about half of what his pay would be.



Theodore and Maude (Fields) Casto

Then the person "buying time" would finish the work period and collect full pay on payday.

Theodore met Maude Fields when he was carrying the U. S. Mail for one of his friends who was sick. He was walking to the Red Knob post office carrying the mail sacks when he met Maude in the road. They both spoke as they passed and each was proceeding on down the road when Maude turned around for a second glance. He had turned also and they must have been some magic at that moment for they were married on January 8, 1911.

Theodore had purchased a sixteen acre farm a few years before his marriage. There was an old four room house that they repaired and they lived in it until the fall of 1919.

Before the birth of their sixth child Theodore built a large six room house close to the old one. The front part of the house had drop siding on it and he had enough siding for the kitchen and dining room, but it was never installed. It was a good planed lumber and Theodore was a good carpenter. He was called on to make caskets when anyone in the neighborhood died and the lumber was used for the needs of his friends and neighbors.

Theodore and Maude were married over fifty years until her death. Two of their daughters, Helen Casto and Sybil Casto Harper, still live in the family home which is located on the White Pine Road between Belgrove and Kentuck.

Theodore and Maude are buried in the Casto family cemetery over-looking the old home of David and Louisa Casto.

The first descendant of Theodore Casto is Rosa Penelope Rhodes, who was the daughter of Theodore Casto and Esta Tenney. After Esta married Edward Rhodes, Rosa used Rhodes as her surname.

1. Rosa Penelope Rhodes (1911-1965) James B. Crihfield. The correct way to spell James' last name is Crihfield but at the birth of his son William, the name was incorrectly recorded as Critchfield, and at the birth of his daughter, Anna Jane, the name was mistakenly recorded as Scritchfield. Their children: James Clifton (1927) married Reva Lou Casto; William T. Critchfield (1929) married Iva Mae Rhodes; Anna Jane Scritchfield (1931) married 1) Kenneth W. Kiser 2) Harry Saccucci; Jesse B. Crihfield (1933) married Karen E. Casto; Esta Mae Crihfield (1935) married Kenneth O. Casto; Jean Rosalee Crihfield (1937) married Okey Lee Ray; Cheri Ann Crihfield (1950) married Robert E. Casto.

2. Whitmer Casto (1911) married 1) Bernice Lupardus 2) Juanita Bailey 3) Louise Backus Hill. Their children: Imogene Casto (1932-1932); Orma June Casto (1933) married Edwin Parsons; Ruth Dianne Casto (1946) married 1) Dencil Hoff II 2) Kenny Stauffer; Patsy Edith Casto (1948-1952); Betty Francis Casto (1953) 1) Terry Taylor 2) Bobby Jeans 3) Charles Stiles.

3. Donald Casto (1912-1962) married Cuma Hamon. Their children: Roberta Marie Casto (1937) married 1) William Garrett 2) Cherrt Patterson 3) Richard Burdette; Shirley Dwayne Casto (1938-1949); Neal Ross Casto (1940)

married Judy Parsons; Donna Maye Casto (1942) married Larry Chase; Nola Fae Casto (1943) married Marion (Ronnie) Hart; Sharon Virginia Casto (1947) married Wayne Sigmon; Barbara Karen Casto (1951) 1) Dale Legg 2) Robert Taylor; Denvil Eric Casto (1954) married Freda Buzzard.

4. Mable Casto (1913) married 1) Clifford Stalnaker 2) Floyd Simmons. Their children: Glenva Alice Stalnaker (1935) married Burl Kuhn; Thelma Mae Stalnaker (1936-1936); Otho Carl Stalnaker (1936) married Juanita May; Mable Annie Stalnaker (1940) married Ralph Thompson; John Clifford Stalnaker (1942) 1) Bonnie Merkle 2) Annalise — ; Mollie Lenora Stalnaker (1944) married Robert T. Dennis.

5. Ray Casto (1915) married Dicie Alice Skeen. Their children: Dorothy Jean Casto (1937) married William P. Fowler, Jr.; Robert Ray Casto (1941) married Helen Carol Evans; Kathern Jane Casto (1945) married Kunio Narasaki.

6. Helen Casto (1916) not married.

7. Alla Casto (1917) married Oscar Fields. Their children: Larry Oscar Fields (1942) married Glora Farmer; Garry F. Fields (1947) married Linda K. Sears.

8. Sybil Casto (1919) married Ray Harper. Their daughter: Sandra E. Harper (1946) married Paul Kellam.

9. Freda Casto (1921-1982) married Oda Anderson. Their children: Arlene B. Anderson (1940) married Roy Studhoff; Jerry Andrew Anderson (1943) married Dottie Hatcher.

10. Glenver Casto (1923) married Juanita Legg. Their children: Glinda Kathryn Casto (1951) married 1) John Fore 2) George Friend; Ricky Glen Casto (1953) married 1) Terry Marvin 2) Kimberly Cassety; Pamela Renee Casto (1954) married 1) Phillip Higgins 2) Michael Labbe. Submitted by Michael Casto and Craig Narasaki

WILBUR CASTO

Wilbur Sattis Casto born April 15, 1915 died March 14, 1969, buried Plainview Cemetery.

Married 1st Lorraine Skeens, divorced.

Married 2nd Gertrude Olivia Tolley, daughter of James Roy Tolley, and his 1st wife Lucy Margaret Rhodes Tolley.

Gertrude O. was born October 21, 1920.

Gertrude and Wilbur had 15 children, only five of which lived beyond infancy. These children were: Juanita Marie Casto born August 24, 1944, married Edward Herbert Winters, two children; Robert Eldon Casto, born April 20, 1948 married Cheri Ann Crihfield, four children.

Wanda Lee Casto, born May 23, 1950, married Jerry Dewite Crihfield, four children.

Connie Jean Casto, born November 28, 1958 married Okey James Ray, one child prior adopted by O.J. Ray and one child of that marriage.

James Royal Casto born March 8, 1964 married Veronica Lynn Jefferies, two children to date 1/18/90.

Wilbur was a farmer, mail carrier, and construction worker. Gertrude was a housewife, farmer, and very busy having and raising children. Of the ten children that did not survive infancy, there were two multiple births, one set of twins was dead at birth. A set of triplets lived briefly. The other five were single births.

Wilbur died of cancer of the lungs and spine. To date two of Wilbur's brothers and a sister have also died of cancer.

Wilbur and Gertrude raised cattle, sheep, chickens (for their own use), vegetables, and hay, and corn for their animals.

They first owned a farm at Belgrove in Washington District in Jackson County until after Robert was born and some of the infants, then traded that farm to his parents and moved to the farm at Straight Run in Washington District, Jackson County, West Virginia, where they lived

until after Wilbur's death. Said farm has been sold and is no longer in the family.

Robert Eldon Casto, born April 20, 1948, married May 4, 1968 to Cheri Ann Crihfield Casto, daughter of James Benjamin Crihfield and Rosa Penelope Rhodes (Casto) Crihfield. Cheri was born December 3, 1950. Born to Robert and Cheri were four children, Christopher Eldon Casto, born May 5, 1969. Jason Mitchel Casto, born June 30, 1972. Kitty Dawn-Rosa Casto, born January 30, 1974. Joshua Ronald Casto, born September 15, 1976. Robert and Cheri own the farm adjoining Robert's family farm, at the head of Bear Fork just off of Straight Run, Washington District, Jackson County, West Virginia. Robert is a farmer, concrete worker, and construction worker. Cheri is a housewife, farmer, artisan, and janitor. Cheri sews quilts, and hand carved wooden dolls, Robert helps with the dolls. In the past Robert and Cheri raised a few head of cattle, turkeys, and ducks, and chickens, also a few head of noisy guineas. Canning produce grown on the farm is a very important activity. Robert attended Straight Run Elementary School, then Belgrove Elementary, then Sandhill Elementary. All of these schools are now closed, and one has since been torn down. Cheri attended Ripley Elementary, White Pine Elementary, Forest Home Elementary, and Belgrove Elementary, Ripley Jr. High and Ripley High School, until the last few weeks of 11th grade. She has since gotten her GED, and works as a substitute custodian for the school board. The children all attended Kenna Elementary, Ripley Middle, and Jason and Kitty presently attend Ripley High. Christopher quit school after the eleventh grade, but is planning to try for a GED.

Robert has worked on many road and bridge construction sites through the state and in Ohio and Virginia. He also worked at various mining sites on buildings, conveyor belts, piers, etc. He likes to hunt and fish, occasionally traps in the winter time. Submitted by Gertrude Casto and Kitty Casto

WILLIAM G. CASTO

On May 6, 1888, William Granville Casto was born to Benjamin Grant and Sarah Naomi (Beller) Casto. He was born in the home of his grandparents Joseph and Mariah (Morrison) Casto and was the first of ten children (John S., born November 3, 1889; Marie, born January 3, 1892; Charles Victor, born March 11, 1894; Clarence A., born October 19, 1896; Grace, born December 13, 1897; Ethel L., born September 15, 1900; Edward Reynold, born March 15, 1903; Virginia Dare, born October 5, 1907; and Mornia Irene, born July 13, 1912). Only a portion of the foundation of the house remains today along the road leading from Rock Castle to the Mt. Olive Church.

Just before his 22nd birthday, on April 25, 1910, Granville married Cora Alice Smith (John Wyatt and Eliza Jane (Garret) Smith) at Point Pleasant, Mason, West Virginia. He farmed and hauled freight between Kenna and Ripley. Granville and Alice first lived in his parents' home on Shamblen Run from 1910 to 1913 while his parents and brothers and sisters had moved to Cleveland, Ohio. It was in this home that the first two of eleven children were born to Granville and Alice: William Victor, born July 12, 1911, and Jonathan Grant, born June 3, 1913 (died October 1, 1980).

In the fall of 1913, Granville and Alice moved to Kenna. Here, Granville continued to haul freight to and from Ripley while Alice ran the boarding house at Kenna. Granville Leon was born here on December 23, 1915 (died November 10, 1978). In 1916, Granville and his family moved to Teed Hill (Given Route). Raymond Smith was born here on May 14, 1917.

In December 1917, Granville and his family traveled by train to Vinton, Gallia County, Ohio, to the home of his parents, who had moved there

in 1915 after returning to Shamblen Run in 1913. Alice and the children stayed while Granville returned by train to Teed Hill. He sold most of their possessions at a farm sale and loaded the few remaining items on his freight wagon and started a three day journey to Vinton. He traveled through snow and mud to Letart where he crossed the Ohio River by ferry. He would spend the night at people's homes along the route.

Granville had purchased about 120 acres of land on Abney Road in Ewington and started a produce and dairy farm. The produce was trucked to market in Charleston by way of the old Route 17 that followed along the north side of the Kanawha River. By 1945 he no longer raised produce and switched entirely to dairy farming. It was here on the farm that the remaining seven children were born: Naomi Jane, born March 10, 1919; Edward Clayton, born February 16, 1924 (died August 9, 1924); Stanley Eugene, born June 28, 1922 (died April 13, 1945); Elizabeth Marie, born February 20, 1924; James Allen, born August 5, 1926; William Harold, born February 28, 1928; and Annalu, born August 17, 1929.

In August 1948, Granville and Alice began building a home in Vinton which was completed about a year later. They lived there until their deaths: Granville, July 9, 1975, and Alice, April 16, 1981. Alice and Granville were affectionately known as "Mom and Pop" by family and friends. Although Pop never officially retired from farming, in about 1965, Jim assumed management of the farm. Pop was always there to lend a hand and later in his spare time served as mayor of Vinton.

Submitted by Kevin D. Casto

WILLIAM MACK CASTO

WILLIAM MACK CASTO, son of Nathan B. and Margaret Parsons Casto. Born July 4, 1854 and died September 22, 1943. He married on August 12, 1880 to Louisa Jane Parkins, born in Ohio, October 18, 1859 and died July 22, 1914.



Louisa (Parkins) and Wm. Mack Casto

She was the daughter of Nathan and Isabel Kennedy Parkins. Their children are as follows:

- (1) Effie Bernice Casto, born June 11, 1882 and died August 13, 1882.
- (2) Letcher Blain Casto, born August 2, 1883 and died August 9, 1963.
- (3) Averill Bond Casto, born October 9, 1886, died September 26, 1882.
- (4) Homer McKinley Casto, born September 12, 1889, died February 4, 1958.
- (5) Stuart Howard Casto, born December 9, 1891, died March 5, 1962.
- (6) Ruby Alice Casto, born December 6, 1894, died March 26, 1983.
- (7) Louie Isabel Casto, born April 28, 1897.
- (8) Marion Chester Casto, born October 29, 1899, died March 11, 1928.

William Mack and Louisa Casto are buried in Parkens Cemetery at Paradise, Putnam County.

Effie Bernice is buried in Old Casto family cemetery on upper Eighteen Mile Creek, near grandparents, Nathan B. and Margaret Parsons Casto. All other children are buried in the Parkins

Cemetery except Louie Isabel who is still living, but will be buried there. *Submitted by Mrs. Louie Casto Gibson*

WILLIAM RICHARD AND HANNAH M. CASTO

The many grandchildren wish to contribute this article as a tribute to our grandparents, William Richard and Hannah Margaret Casto who were married at Rockcastle on February 1, 1877.

William Richard was born in 1856, second son of Joseph and Mariah (Morrison) Casto. Joseph was born in 1826, the first born to Benjamin and Sarah (Shinn) Casto. Benjamin was born in 1799 on the Buckhannon River at French Creek, Randolph County, Virginia. He was a son of William C. Casto, Sr. and supposedly Hannah (Bonnett) Casto who died before 1810. Sarah was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Hyde) Shinn, and the descendant of Quaker John Shinn who arrived in New Jersey in 1676. William C. Casto Sr. and his second wife Margaret, came to Jackson County around 1815 and settled in the neighborhood of what is now Cedar Lakes.

Hanna Margaret was born in 1859, the ninth child of Elijah and Mary (Sayre) Little, who married in Mason County in 1844. They were the parents of thirteen children.



front row: Dice, "Daddy" W. R. and Hannah (holding Bill). Dice, Rose, Doll; back row: Ann, Ceph, Lucy, Orph, Mary

William Richard and Hannah Margaret were converted in the Mt. Olive United Brethren Church at Rockcastle and remained faithful Christians until their deaths. He lived all his life on Thirteen Mile Creek within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of where he was born. He served as County Commissioner for four years, as well as many other minor offices. To this union were born fifteen children, four of which preceded them in death: Perry Clayton, Viona, Orville Estel and another died at birth. The eleven raised to maturity were:

Lucy Belle (1878-1960) married 1) Samuel Simmons, children Doshia, Drotha, Debbie and Denford; married 2) Ellsworth Barnette of Cottageville.

Clyde Orpha (1882-1958) married Bonnie Maddox, children Wilma, Harold, William F. and Milton.

Mary Elizabeth (1884-1962) married 1) Early Brotherton, one child Vera; married 2) Charley Sayre, children Lolita, Juanita, Dicie, Almeda, Fayetta.

Twins: **Josephus** (1886-1965) married Minnie Hill, children Clyde, Recie, Nellie, Marshall.

Joanna (1886-1973) married William Bowyer of Oak Hill, children Agnes, Delmar, Kermit.

Minerva Caroline (1890-1969) married 1) Otho Sayre, children Velma, Clarence, Romeo, Ronald, Lorraine, Emerson, Johnny, Evalce, Omega; married 2) Jay Large of Columbus.

Dayton Celia (1892-1976) married Lucretia Barnett. Lived at Huntington, children Dayton Jr., Mavis, Annabelle, Margaret Ella, Alvan Dale, Keith, Betty.

Rosa Myrtle (1894-1980) married Clarence Ward, one child, Lura.

Ella Dicie (1896-1979) married Charles Cramer, children Hansel Kay, Macel Lee, Charles Jr. and Winford.

Romeo Freer (1897-1968) married 1) Erma Simmons, children Anna Dale, Roma Lee, Margaret Katherine; married 2) Louella Arbogast Lanham, one child, Bobby Lee.

William Oshel (1901-1944) married Tressie Barnett, children Virginia Dare, William Jr., Maxine, Harlan, Oshel, Edison.



W. R. Casto home at Rockcastle

William Richard operated a store and mill at Rockcastle where he made many warm friends. Hannah Margaret was known as a mother to the community and much loved by all children, especially her grandchildren, who now fondly remember the happy days spent at her house on weekends and summer vacations. This was clearly evident in the poem written by Aubrey Hancel Kay, a grandson who spent his childhood days at Rockcastle. His grandfather was the miller mentioned in this poem, as well as owner of the general store.

OUT AT OLD ROCKCASTLE

Up the dusty road I wander,
Collecting mem'ries long asunder;
A turn by the brook where once was a mill,
There's nothing there now, but a memory still;
Where I watched once as a boy, the millers skill;
Out at old Rockcastle.

The blacksmith shop beside the road
Has carried unwell the heavy load;
Of relentless storms and time that wore;
The old clapboard walls, and askew door,
And caved in roof and rusty blower —
Out at old Rockcastle.

The grandest building of them all,
General store and Odd Fellow's Hall,
Stands proud yet with majestic power,
On its grand wide porch I played by the hour,
Or run to its cover from a summer shower —
Out at old Rockcastle.

The swinging foot bridge still is there,
In spite of years of ceaseless wear,
Its cables bound to huge oak trees,
Swaying still in a light summer breeze,
Or bearing footsteps in a winters freeze —
Out at old Rockcastle.

The one room school is there yet, too
Blanketed under a sky of blue —
With rolling hills or undotted green,
Giving it background of beauty serene,
Stands the Bethel School proud as a queen,
Out at old Rockcastle.

William Richard departed this life on January 30, 1923. Hannah Margaret on January 3, 1939. Both are buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery along with his parents, Joseph and Mariah Casto. *Submitted by Margaret C. Sharp and Katherine L. Stout*

CAVENDER/NAYLOR

Donald Ray Cavender (born 7/29/1937), son of Andrew Cavender (born 2/14/1902) and Vina Sampson Cavender (born 1/8/1915) of Roane County, and grandson of Elias Sampson (born 8/3/1881 died 2/20/1980) and Florence Kiser Sampson (born 3/1/1892 died 3/5/1919) and John W. Cavender (born 3/30/1872 died 10/29/1964) and Eliza Jane Monk Cavender (born 6/1877 died 8/25/1942) married Charlotte Ann Naylor (born 4/8/1940) daughter of Leonard Owen Naylor (born 4/26/1921) and Chessie Jane Dodd Naylor (born 4/28/1921) of Kanawha County, and granddaughter of Ezra Clarence Dodd (born 7/27/1898) died 1/24/1949) and Cluster Elmore Dodd (born 10/28/1866 died 12/27/1950) and Romie S. Naylor (born 10/9/1892 died 3/30/1982) and Eliza E. Westfall Naylor (born 1/22/1902 died 11/27/1986) on December 13, 1957.

Donald's great grandparents were: Charles A. Sampson (born 7/28/1850 died 10/10/1949) and Eliza Jane Blackwell Sampson (born 4/8/1853 died 10/8/1926), and Rachel Levina Kiser (born 1869). His great, great grandparents were: Joseph (Jake) Kiser and Martha Jane Hammon Kiser.

Charlotte's great grandparents were: Thomas A. Dodd and Melissa J. Mahan Dodd, Samuel C. Elmore and M. Louise Hubbard Elmore, Henry H. Naylor and Nancy A. Rucker Naylor, Irvin Westfall and Elizabeth Jones Westfall. Her great, great grandparents were: Andrew J. Westfall and Rachel Amanda Rains Westfall.

Donald and Charlotte have three children: Deborah Ann (born 4/10/1959) married David Brunty; Allen Ray (born 3/10/1963) married Tammy Cutright; and Gary Owen (born 3/11/1971). They have five grandchildren: Misty Dawn Brunty (born 7/30/1975), Jeffery Ronald Brunty (born 5/5/1979), Melinda Ann Brunty (born 10/14/1980), Daniel Ray Cavender (b. 5/16/1983) and Lacie Danielle Cavender (born 4/14/1989). They also had seven foster children: Lessie, Mazie, Jean, Gail, Richard, Gary and Kenny.



Grandchildren of Donald R. and Charlotte A. Cavender

Donald comes from a family of six children: Hershel (deceased), married Phillis Schoolcraft; Hilda married James Cooper; Gene married Betty Parsons; Ruby married Hearold Newhouse, deceased; James married Hollace Gibson. Charlotte has only one sister, Janet E. married Kenneth Amos.

The Cavenders moved to Jackson County in the Spring of 1975. They purchased ten acres of land seven miles east of Ripley on Gay Road on which they built their home. The house was designed and constructed entirely by Donald with the help of family members. Prior to moving to Jackson County he had owned and operated his own business known as Mountaineer Builders. She owned and operated the Big Sandy Grocery.

Since moving to Jackson County, he has been at Cedar Lakes FFA-FHA Camp. She has worked at Cedar Lakes Greenhouses, Cabin Creek Quilts, and as a nursing assistant. She has worked as an aide to Miss Genevieve Starcher since 1983.

The family has enjoyed many pets, which included: ponies, cats, ducks, dogs, gerbels, doves, birds, fish, hermit crabs, rabbits, pigs, ant farms, and turtles.

Their hobbies are: gardening, hunting, fishing, reading, quilting, sewing, and relaxing on their back porch. They plan to do some traveling in the future. *Submitted by Charlotte Naylor Cavender*

LAWRENCE S. CAVENDISH

Lawrence Cavendish and Larna Bartlett were married in 1942 while living in Summers County, West Virginia. Ancestors of both families arrived in the thirteen original colonies and settled in Virginia about 1780. The Bartletts migrated to Harrison County and the Cavendishes to Fayette County in what is now West Virginia.

Shortly after marriage, Lawrence was to spend more than three years in India with the U. S. Army during WWII. Larna moved to Charleston, West Virginia to attend business college and later worked for the Du Pont Company.

Following WWII and graduate school at WVU, the Cavendishes moved to Ripley in 1946. Lawrence was employed as Vocational Agriculture teacher and advisor for the Ripley Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

It was here that the Cavendish children were born and spent their early years. Bonnie was born in November 1946, Stanley in December 1947 and Michael in June 1955.

Some of the highlights of Cavendish's tenure in Jackson County include the awards received by the Ripley FFA chapter. In addition to several individual awards by chapter FFA members, the chapter was awarded the State and American Gold Emblem award, which is the highest award given to FFA Chapters. This continued for several years.

Also during this period the Ripley FFA chapter, as a part of the Jackson County Agricultural Council, cooperated with other local and state agencies in a "Land Use Day" on September 15, 1949. This was a total "Face Lifting" of the Jackson County Farm located near Cottageville where a conservation program was put in place in one day instead of several years it would have required for an individual. Several thousand spectators from a wide area came to watch the "Face Lifting" operation. This farm is now the site of the Jackson County Fair.

Another special event that took place in 1949 was the establishment of the State FFA-FHA Camp by the West Virginia Legislature. A team of persons and organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, the Jackson Herald, Ripley FFA Chapter, local politicians and many interested citizens went to work to have the FFA-FHA Camp located in Jackson County. With the help of the Jackson County Commission, the Easter Farms near Salt Hill were purchased and offered as the site for the camp. This was accepted by the West Virginia Board of Education and the camp became a reality for Jackson County.

In 1952 Cavendish was transferred from Ripley High School to develop the new camping facility which was to become known as Cedar Lakes. Cavendish remained at Cedar Lakes until 1964 when he moved on to work for the WVU Cooperative Extension Service. *Submitted by L. S. Cavendish*

CHANCEY

The pioneer ancestors of the Chancey families of Jackson County and surrounding areas were Hiram and Isabel (Meadows) Chancey, who settled in the area early in 1825. Hiram (ca 1794-1865), the son of Roswell and Content Chancey, was born in New York — possibly in the Steuben County area where his father had land as early as 1796. Roswell (1770-ca 1845) was the son of Israel and Elizabeth Chauncey of Amherst, Massachusetts and (later) Columbia County, New York. Israel

(1744-1785) was a great-great-grandson of Charles Chauncy (1592-1672), the second president of Harvard College, who immigrated to New England from Hertfordshire, England in 1638.

Hiram and Isabel farmed 200 acres which stretched along the Middle Fork of Reedy Creek. Their log cabin stood at the mouth of Fore Run near the present-day Stony Point Church. Hiram is said to have been a Wesleyan Methodist preacher in the early days of the area's settlement and he undoubtedly was educated above the common standard of the time. In politics he was at first a Whig and then a staunch Republican, especially during the Civil War. Hiram and Isabel had nine children: James, Calvary, Martha, Roswell, Andrew, Hiram, Elvira, John Jackson, Elizabeth, Nehemiah, Irene, and William Alexander.

James (1817-1875) married Polly, a daughter of Cornelius and Anna Staats, and they made their home and farmed in eastern Jackson County at Grasslick. From 1843 to 1845, James served as a Constable for Jackson County. The children of Jim and Polly were William Riley, Caroline, Ann Elizabeth, John, Roswell, Isaac, Hiram, Letha, and James.

Calvary (1821-1894) married 1) Hetty Westfall and 2) Rebecca Hall (a widow of a Mr. Wolf). He farmed along the Middle Fork and was described by contemporaries as "picturesque" and "eccentric." His children by Hetty were William and Andrew. He and Rebecca had Martha, David Horner, Alexander, Irene Alice, Permilie Catharine, Ernest Clifton, Calvary Mead, and Isaac.



David Chancey and daughters, Stella and Dolly, 1910

Martha (born ca 1823) married Noah, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth Westfall. Noah and Martha farmed in the 27th District of Jackson (ca 1850); however, she had died by 1860. Their children: Hiram, William, and Isabel.

Roswell (1824-1876) married Violetta, a daughter of Jacob and Eda Coon. He was active in Roane County affairs, being both a Justice of the Peace and a member of the County Court. Roswell was a strong Unionist in the Civil War Administration of Roane. They famed along the Middle Fork and had the following children: Jacob Tichnell, Roseanne, Isabel, Hiram Irven, and William Hannibal.

Andrew (1825-1905) married Mary, a daughter of William and Mary Stewart, and farmed along the Middle Fork. During the Civil War he was a Roane County deputy sheriff and afterwards was on the county's Board of Supervisors. Andrew's and Mary's children were Minerva Jane, George Harvey, William, Cornelius, and Susan.

Hiram (born ca 1827) and Elizabeth (born ca 1830) both died before reaching maturity. Elvira (born ca 1828) married James Hartman and moved west sometime during the 1850s. Nehemiah (born ca 1833) was living with his parents in 1850 but his whereabouts thereafter are unknown.

Irene (born 1835) married George W. Fore (1834-1909), a son of Martin and Ann Fore of Prince Edward County, Virginia. George, a cripple in one leg, kept a small farm along the Middle Fork and also taught school and acted as an auctioneer.

Their children were James, William, Elvira, Ida, Martha Tabitha, George, Bailey, Thomas Hoyt, and Susan.

William Alexander (1838-1872) married Sarah Ann, a daughter of Samuel and Parthenia Rhodes, and farmed along the Middle Fork. He served as a Union Soldier in the Civil War and was seriously wounded during the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain. The children of William and Sarah were Lelia Cora, Cordelia Jane, Martha Elizabeth, Hiram McClellan (Max), Mary Eliza, and William Emery. *Submitted by Clifton Chancey and Harold Chancey*

CHANCEY

Hiram and Isabel Chancey of the Middle Fork of Reedy Creek in Roane County had thirteen children. This history is about their oldest son, James.

JAMES CHANCEY was born August 5, 1817 in Roane County. He moved to the Upper Tug Fork area of Jackson County and married Mary "Polly" Staats in April 1837. Mary was the daughter of Cornelius and Anna Carney Staats. To this union was born nine children: William Riley, Caroline, Ann, John, Roswell, Issac, Hiram, Letha, and James Jr. Our story continues with the descendants of John Chancey.

JOHN CHANCEY was born on Upper Tug May 11, 1844 at a place then known as Skidmore. He married on September 18, 1874 to Emily Winter. Emily was the daughter of James and Sarah Bennet Winter. Emily was born December 4, 1852 and died March 18, 1941. She and John are both buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery along with John's mother and father.

John enlisted with the Union Army on November 21, 1861 at Ripley and served as a Corporal in Co. F, 9th Regiment of the (W) Virginia Volunteers Infantry. He re-enlisted at Fayetteville, West Virginia on February 28, 1864, and immediately transferred to Co. F, 1st Regiment of the West Virginia Veteran Volunteers, Infantry. He served as a sergeant until July 21, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Cumberland, Maryland. As a soldier, he fought in the battles of Cloyd's Mountain and Cedar Creek. He was taken prisoner when the union camp at Somersville was raided on July 25, 1862. John was paroled at Aikens Landing on September 13, 1862. After the war John and Emily lived at Grasslick and Plum Orchard, Jackson County. He farmed and after 1914 operated a general store at Plum Orchard.

John and Emily's children were Leanza, William Thomas, Amanda Gertrude, Charles Murton, Verta May, Mary, Gregory Brent, Dorothy and Lucy.

Our story continues with the WILLIAM THOMAS CHANCEY FAMILY. He was born August 21, 1877 at Grasslick and died July 3, 1960. He married Mary Tibble on August 1, 1908. Mary was born December 5, 1889 and died August 28, 1960. Both are buried in the Fairplain Cemetery. Bill was a stone mason and timberman during his active life. He was elected to the office of Assessor of Jackson County in 1927 and held office for two terms before returning to the farm outside of Ripley on old Route 21 at Harpold Crossing. Bill and Mary had six children: John, Gertrude, Wilbert, W. T. Jr., Brisco Elliot and Howard Gore.

HOWARD GORE CHANCEY was born February 16, 1927. He worked with his father in the timber business as a young man. In November of 1950 he joined Boilermakers Local #667 in Charleston and has recently retired after nearly 40 years in the business. On December 24, 1948 he married Dolores Ann Casto. Dolores is the daughter of D. M. and Hazel Harpold Casto. She was born March 12, 1932 at Given, West Virginia. To this union was born five children: Steven, Michael, Jay, Phyllis, and David. Steven was born November 29, 1949 and married Claudia Ann Lewis on

December 12, 1981. Claudia was born January 13, 1955. They have two children: John Wesley born May 15, 1983 and Mary Susan born June 26, 1986. Steven works as an ironworker out of Parkersburg. Michael was born July 19, 1953 and married Lynn Wisard on June 25, 1983. Lynn had a daughter Darah, by a previous marriage. She was born July 19, 1978. Their other children are Benjamin born June 14, 1984, Hannah born November 5, 1986 and Andrew born August 8, 1989. Michael works as a medical doctor in Charleston. Jay was born September 30, 1954 and currently resides in Houston, Texas and works as a banker. Phyllis was born January 5, 1963 and married Chris Fluharty on July 2, 1988. Phyllis works as a school teacher. David was born March 9, 1966 and married Robin Comer on May 27, 1989. *Submitted by Steve Chancey and Michael Chancey*

CHANCEY — STAATS

Hiram and Isabell Chancey settled on the Middle Fork of Reedy Creek, now Roane County, West Virginia, about 1820. They came from New England or New York. In 1850 Wirt County, West Virginia census, Hiram is age 56, Isabell age 57. There are no death dates on their stone in Stoney Point Cemetery, Roane County. Bishop's History of Roane County says Hiram died ca 1858, Isabell 1854.

They acquired several hundred acres of land on the Middle Fork and reared a large family. Their children married into local families and most of the Chanceys in Jackson County are their descendants. Hiram was a local preacher of the Methodist faith.

Calvary 1821-1894, son of Hiram, married 1st Hetty Westfall and had two sons. After her death Calvary married September 20, 1849, Rebecca Hall 1830-1892, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Hall. They lived on the Middle Fork and reared a family of five sons and three daughters. Calvary and Rebecca buried Stoney Point Cemetery.

Calvary M. 1863-1930, son of Calvary, Sr., married April 24, 1883, Rosa Mae Staats 1866-1923, born Roane County to William Tilgman and Cinderella Straley Staats. William was a son of John and Margaret Carney Staats and grandson of Abraham, and 2nd wife, Sarah Tilgman Staats. Abraham was son of Abraham, Sr. and Margaret DuBois Staats of Bound Brook, New Jersey. Abraham, Jr. came to now Jackson County ca 1800 and settled at Evans, West Virginia. His brother, Elijah, settled at Muses Bottom a short time later.



Calvary and Rosa Mae Chancey

William was also a grandson of Thomas and Mary (Polly) Parsons Carney and great grandson of Charles Parsons, Sr. and Elizabeth Chestnut.

Cinderella Straley Staats was a daughter of George, Jr. and Ruth Chapman Straley, granddaughter of George, Sr. and Elizabeth Bonnet Straley and great granddaughter of Christian and Christina Lantz Straley. The Bonnets are descendants of Jean-Jacques Bonnet of France. The Straleys are natives of Germany.

The Parsons, Staats, Straleys, Carneys and Bonnets came to now Jackson County from the

Buckhannon and Hacker's Creek settlements in then Harrison County, Virginia. They built their homes in the wilderness, then soon established churches and schools. Members of these families became leading citizens of Jackson County.

Calvary and Rosa Mae Chancey lived on Noble Ridge, Roane County, later at Ravenswood, West Virginia. They are buried Ravenswood, West Virginia. Children: Otie Blain 1884-1970, married Eva Patterson, 2nd Nellie Bass. Effie Alice 1887-1957, married Cyrus Davis. William Harrison 1890-1967, married Tennessee Davis. Emma Estel 1893-1940, married Everett Davis. Merideth Mead 1894-1959, married Mabel Warfield. Flossie Mae 1897-1926, married Lafe Pursley. Harry E. 1900-1902. Eupha 1902-1904. Myrtle Violet 1905-1960, married Cecil Higgins. Reva Gula 1908-1976, married Clair Kettle. *Submitted by Sibyl Chancey Rowan*

JOHN L. CHANEY PART I

Genealogy of the Chaney, Cheney family Census of 1785 — Pittsylvania County, Virginia listed Jacob and Ezekial Chaney.

First Documented Generation

Abraham Chaney, born 1760, died 1848 (Records DAR). He served in the American Revolutionary War, Virginia Militia Section 209. He married Mary Cheatum (no dates).

Second Generation

Abraham Cheatum Chaney, born about 1838, died about 1908, he married Hester Ann "Pinky" Wilkerson (no dates). Their children were: John Lewis, Alec, Thomas, Samuel, Robert, Fannie, Elizabeth and George. Two children of Abraham Cheatum and "Pinky" Chaney, Samuel and Elizabeth Chaney, married another brother and sister, "Sissy" and Henry Kinder.

The two families gathered to celebrate Christmas dinner. While the women cooked the meal, the men gathered to go rabbit hunting. A neighbor, Cheat Campbell, joined the hunting party. As they were leaving to go into the woods, Cheat's gun accidentally discharged, killing Henry and Elizabeth's 16-year-old son, Harrison.

Henry and Elizabeth (Aunt Lizzie) Kinder had thirteen children: Floyd, Howard, Roy, Cassidy, Albert, Lillian, Suzy, Elsie, Annie, Wilcie, Harrison, Mary and 1 stillborn.

Their son, Olson Cassidy Kinder, born December 21, 1898, died October 10, 1979. On January 3, 1921, he married Berdie Rice, born December 16, 1906. Berdie's father was Noah Rice from Germany. Berdie and Cassidy moved to New Era, Jackson County, in the fall of 1941. They had 5 children: Ronald Harrison, Forest, Sonya Faye (Davis), Loretta Adorce (Laughlin) and Willadana (Talman).

Third Generation

John Lewis Chaney, born March 15, 1857, died December 5, 1937. He was born in Franklin County, Virginia and married Octavia Dalton on May 16, 1885. She was born on January 11, 1868 and died February 3, 1952. John and Octavia had nine children: *Silas Linzy*, born October 17, 1889, died February 28, 1966. On December 25, 1915, in Huntington, Cabell County, he married 1) Gertrude Agnes Hager, born February 1, 1899, died August 6, 1973. They had three children: Forrest, born April 21, 1918, died September 22, 1984; Claude, born August 14, 1920 and Eunice, born November 5, 1917, died October 18, 1960. 2) He married Carrie Adkins in 1945. No birthdate for Carrie; died August 5, 1966; *Thomas Eli*, born July 22, 1892, died May 12, 1963. On April 27, 1911, he married Grace Arbaugh, born October 27, 1892, died November 1960. They had six children: Vada, born 1913; Basil, born May 5, 1912; Hassel, born August 2, 1915; Opal, born



John L. (holding Roscoe), Octavia (holding Louvina), Edith, Jack "Robert", Leonard, Tom and Linzy

1918; Randall, born January 17, 1919 and Sylvia Ann, born October 30, 1921.

Thanks to C.J. Nutter, son of Sylvia Chaney Nutter and grandson of Thomas Eli and Grace Arbaugh Chaney, who gave information on Eanes, Dalton and Chaney. For further reference, see *Genealogies: Eanes, Dalton and Turley*.

Elmer Leonard, born December 18, 1893, died December 3, 1972. On March 21, 1953, he married Ruby Straup Holdman, born June 1, 1906, Catlettsburg, Boyd County, Kentucky. No children. Oklahoma Homer, born May 3, 1896, died February 8, 1914; Maggie Edith (Madgie), born May 11, 1898. In May 1920, she married John Frazier Turley, born February 18, 1900. They had two



Edith Chaney Turley

children: Edna Julene, born June 3, 1921 and Artist Evilee, born March 17, 1923; James Robert, born May 23, 1901. 1) On January 18, 1922, he married Hattie Tracey, born August 28, 1895, died August 19, 1984. They had two children: Ruth, born February 18, 1923 and Marshall Lewis, born July 9, 1933, died February 5, 1972. 2) On November 23, 1950, he married Lana Walker, born October 31, 1914. They had one child: James Robert, born March 22, 1954. Alven Dewey, born August 23, 1903, died December 3, 1905; Henry Roscoe, born October 10, 1905, died December 12, 1974. On June 28, 1930, he married Beulah Ann Wade, born September 5, 1906. They had four children: Tressa, born April 6, 1931; Kenneth, born May 8, 1932; Nina, born June 19, 1935, and Mary, born April 12, 1940; Louvina (Luvenia), born December 10, 1908, died March 6, 1928. Submitted by C. J. Nutter and Berdie Kinder

JOHN L. CHANEY PART II

Madgie Edith Chaney (Turley) was born May 11, 1898 to John Lewis and Octavia Dalton Chaney on Charlies Creek. This is in the Trace Fork area in Lincoln County, West Virginia. Linzy, Tom, Leonard, Oklahoma, and Edith were born before the family moved to Clymer Creek, Putnam County. On this 100 acre farm Robert (Jack), Dewey, Roscoe and Luvenia were born.

Life was hard for this family. The food had to come from the ground by their hands. The boys worked long hours in the fields and barns. Tobacco was raised for their cash income. Edith, being the older girl, worked the fields as well as the house.

She milked before breakfast and went to the fields after washing the breakfast dishes. She returned to the house ahead of the boys to help serve the next meal. Of course, she was excused from the fields on wash day and ironing day. Sunday was church day and social day. The boys could all play a musical instrument and sing, so the Chaney home was a gathering place on Sunday afternoon. Since Octavia preferred her children to be home, she always prepared extra food for their friends. She tolerated bean stringings and apple peelings knowing she had to go back and redo part of them. The young folks had other things on their minds besides apples and beans.

Gas was discovered on Clymer Creek and the Chaney farm was no exception. This gave John and Octavia a more comfortable and better life for their later years.



Octavia and John Chaney

John's and Octavia's families had both come to West Virginia from Danville, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. We do not know when Octavia's family came, but John told many tales about his trip over the Appalachian Mountains in the covered wagon. In 1870, John was 12 years old when his parents, with their eight children, made the long journey. The food and supplies that were packed for the trip was supplemented with birds and small animals killed daily for fresh meat. The milk cow also made the trip providing fresh milk and butter.

When gas was discovered on the farm, a young man from Tango, Lincoln County, was one of the workers. He was John Frazier Turley and he won Edith's heart and took her hand in marriage. Their marriage lasted twenty years and sadly ended in divorce. Fray, as he was called, was a good provider and loved his family. He assumed the responsibility to teach them the Christian faith from the Bible. Two daughters, Edna Julene and Artist Evilee, were born to them.



M. Edith (Chaney) Turley and Pearl Pullen

After the children were grown, Edith pursued a career in practical nursing. Again, she worked extremely hard for long hours, but she was financially independent and purchased her own home. At the age of 62, she sold her home that was in St. Albans and purchased a mobile home. At this time, she retired and moved back to Putnam County in the town of Hurricane to be near her remaining family and friends.

At the age of 80, it was apparent that she should be near one of her daughters. Edith moved to Ripley, Jackson County in 1978. Her mobile home was placed on the American Legion Trailer Park, east of the Mill Creek bridge on U. S. Route 33. She remained there five years, enjoying the easy access to the shopping area before moving ten miles west to Cottageville. Her daughter, Artist, lived in Evergreen Hills, where her husband, Howard Taylor, built a studio apartment in their home for Edith. Edith is now past ninety-one years old and still in good health for her age. She is sweet and childishly humble. She has brought happiness with her.

She has one surviving brother, Jack, living in Madison, Boone County. He is now eighty-eight years old and enjoying reasonably good health, too. For further reference, see *Genealogies: Chaney, Dalton and Turley*. Submitted by Madgie E. Turley and Jack Chaney

CHAPMAN

Carl Roger Chapman and Geraldine Mae Bail were married in Charleston on December 26, 1953. Retiring after serving twenty years in the United States Air Force, they moved their family to Ripley in August of 1973. Carl's parents were Fred Madison and Mattie Mae Howery Chapman from Fayette County. Carl attended Morris Harvey College and graduated from Charleston Barber College. He has barbered in Ripley since 1975. His main hobby is radio controlled model airplanes.

Geraldine's (Gerry) parents were Raymond Lewis and Myrtle Martin Bail of Braxton County. She attended Parkersburg Community College, and is very active with the Jackson County Literacy Council.

The Chapman children are as follows:

Roger Glenn, born September 17, 1954 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He attended Morris Harvey College and is a glass sculptor.

Linda Sue, born April 21, 1958 in Wareham, Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Charleston, and is a certified respiratory therapist.

Sarah Lee, born February 19, 1960 at Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee. She graduated from Parkersburg Community College and is a registered nurse. Sarah married Ricky Eugene Gandee, whose parents are Betty June Weekley Gandee, and the late Everett Foley Gandee from Jackson County. They have two children both born in Ripley. Stephanie Jean, born January 26, 1979, and Matthew David, born March 19, 1983.

David Wayne, born October 10, 1962 at Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee. He attended Parkersburg Community College and is a carpenter.

Betsy Elaine, born January 24, 1964 in Hampton, Virginia. She attended Parkersburg Community College and is a receptionist in the Governor's Office. Submitted by Gerry Chapman

CHAPMAN/STARCHER

Mabel Louise Starcher Chapman, born May 6, 1920, is the daughter of Floyd L. and Ocie Mae Rhodes Starcher, and the great-great-granddaughter of Samuel Lewis Hays, the United States Congressman who appointed "Stonewall" Jackson to West Point, and of Jacob and Ann Staats Starcher, early settlers of Ripley and Jackson County. She was graduated from Ripley High School in 1938. In 1974, at 54 years of age, she received a BS degree in Business Administration from Morris Harvey College, now the University of Charleston, and a Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia University in 1985.

Married to William Ervin Chapman on June 4, 1938, and later divorced in 1960, she has one child, Ronald L. Chapman, who resides in Ripley with his wife, the former E. Joyce Earl Golden of



Mabel Louise Chapman

Parkersburg. A 1957 graduate of Ripley High School, Ronald graduated with a BA degree from Morris Harvey College in May 1965, and from the West Virginia University College of Law in May 1970. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1970, and was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County from 1970 to 1973. He served as a Captain with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps as Chief Defense Counsel, Chief Prosecutor, and Chief of Legal Assistance and Claims with the office of the SJA, 8th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Europe, was a Senior Counsel with the West Virginia Worker's Compensation Fund, and was a West Virginia Assistant Attorney General. He is presently an Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at Charleston, West Virginia.

Mabel Starcher Chapman has one granddaughter, Jennifer Karin Chapman, born September 1, 1966, the daughter of Ronald Chapman and Anna Carol Casdorff Chapman Cunningham, formerly of Charleston, West Virginia. Jennifer was graduated from Ripley High School in 1984, where she was active in the Viking Band. Pursuing her interest in theater and stage production, she was graduated from WVU with a BA degree in Theater Arts in 1989. While at WVU she was a participant in many productions of the Theater Department in various capacities, and played trumpet with the Mountaineer Marching Band, the concert band, and the jazz band. She presently resides in Winter Park, Florida.

Mabel Chapman was a Jackson County Deputy Sheriff from 1943 through 1956. In 1957, she became the first Executive Secretary in the newly created West Virginia Department of Finance and Administration, and later was Assistant Comptroller of that department until June 1961. In her off duty hours she was the riding instructor at Coonskin Park Stables at Charleston. From 1961 to 1963 she operated Mountain State Riding School in Dickinson, where 500 students from Charleston and outlying areas came to learn horsemanship skills and the art of horse showmanship. In the latter part of 1963 she moved the school to her family farm, known as Willow Haven, in Ripley. This acreage is the only farm listed in the city limits of Ripley. It is part of the original lands of Jacob Starcher, her great-great-grandfather. In addition to horses, Hereford cattle are raised on the farm.

In 1966 Mabel Chapman was employed as a social worker by the West Virginia Department of Welfare. She worked mainly out of the Jackson County office in adult services until August 31, 1987, occasionally riding horseback to visit families in rural areas where vehicles could not be driven. She is a West Virginia Licensed Certified Social Worker, and from September 7, 1987, to

present has been with Social Services at Jackson General Hospital.

Mabel Chapman has been a member of several organizations, associations, and clubs, some of which are the National Horseman's Association; state and local horseman's association; past chairperson and past secretary of the Jackson County Committee on Aging; a member of the National Association of Social Workers; a member, director, and the present president of the Jackson County Historical Society; a member of the West Virginia and Regional History Association; a member of the WVU Alumni Association; member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, which is the point or origin of the Starcher family in West Virginia after migrating from Pennsylvania; and is a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church in Ripley, where she serves on the Altar Guild.

Sharing her father's love of horses, she has pursued such as a life-long hobby and profession. She has bred, raised, trained, sold, and shown quality horses for over 40 years. Her efforts earned her numerous trophies, ribbons, and awards, including state and tri-state championships. Her knowledge of horses resulted in her selection as a horse show judge on many occasions. Few of the ribbons and trophies remain, however. This is due to her practice of conducting a horse show as a graduation exercise for her many classes of students over the years. The prizes she gave out to each of her students in the shows were her own trophies and ribbons, won at countless horse shows in Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

Mabel Chapman is a very highly respected and greatly loved member of the community, and I am proud to say, "She is my mother." Submitted by Ronald L. Chapman

CHASE/PARK

Greek Alice Chase Park (born January 29, 1860, died May 20, 1950), was the daughter of Benjamin Chase (born October 7, 1834, died May 22, 1862) and Elizabeth Wetzel Chase (born July 3, 1837, died April 8, 1924). Her father served in the Civil War and was killed at the Battle of Lewisburg. Although he is buried in Greenbrier County, a monument in the Early Settlers Cemetery at Ripley bears his name.



Greek A. (Chase) Park

On November 27, 1897, Greek Alice Chase married Everett Theodore Park (born January 18, 1855, died December 25, 1911), son of James Andrew and Sarah Starcher Park, and great grandson of Jacob Starcher, early settler of Ripley. A child was born October 16, 1900, but did not survive. They had no other children.

Mrs. Park was born at Ripley and spent her entire life in the town in which she was born. In her early life she engaged in school teaching. Later she had a milliner's shop in Ripley. She was charter member of the Order of Eastern Star in Ripley and was the Chapter's first Worthy Matron. She rose

to the rank of Grand Matron of the State and was one of the best known figures in the West Virginia organization. A descendant of Colonel William Lowther, who assisted in the establishment of American Independence during the American Revolution, she became a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Everett T. Park

Mr. Park operated a saddlery business in the same building as his wife's milliner shop. He died at the age of 56. They are both buried in the same grave in the Early Settlers Cemetery at Ripley.

(Taken from an article written by Mabel Chapman.) Submitted by Sally Chase

CHEUVRONT

In 1838 or 1839, four children of Rev. Joseph Cheuvront left their homes in Harrison and Lewis Counties, West Virginia (then Virginia), and settled on the Left Fork of Sandy Creek in Jackson County. They came by flatboat down the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers to Ravenswood, then travelled up Sandy Creek to their new homes between Lockhart and Drift Run. Some of the younger men drove a herd of livestock overland. The brothers were Aaron, Amos and James L. Cheuvront and the sister was Priscilla (Cheuvront) Powers, wife of John Powers.

The parents of these children were Joseph Cheuvront (1752-1832) and Elizabeth Elsworth (1759-1800). Joseph was born February 2, 1757 in Strasbourg, France, the son of Francis Cheuvront and Nicole Febvre. He died March 25, 1832 near Good Hope, Harrison County, West Virginia. His first wife, Elizabeth Elsworth, was born March 20, 1759 in Rowan County, North Carolina, the daughter of Moses Elsworth (1732-1801) and Anna Maria Elizabeth Henckel (1731-1824). She died August 18, 1800 near Good Hope. Joseph came to America in 1774 and although raised a Catholic, he soon joined the Methodist Church and became one of the early circuit-riding Methodist ministers in northern Virginia and north-eastern Ohio. He served as a Private in the Virginia Militia during the Revolution. Joseph's second wife was Sarah Bollen, born June 22, 1780 in Pennsylvania. She died about 1864 in Harrison County. Joseph and his wives are buried in the Cheuvront Family Cemetery near Good Hope, Harrison County.

Aaron Cheuvront

Aaron Cheuvront was born March 14, 1780 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He died February 9, 1863 in Jackson County and is buried in the Maddox Cemetery, north of Odaville. He was married three times: first to Matilda Grant, who died in 1802 or 1803, in Harrison County; second to Sarah Richards (1782-1841) who died in Jackson County and is buried in the Maddox

Cemetery. His third wife was Matilda Bolin, born June 2, 1813 and died March 6, 1887 in Jackson County and also buried in the Maddox Cemetery. Aaron's children were: 1) Isaac (1802-1896), buried in Fairview Church Cemetery in Roane County. He married first, Catherine Childers (1808-1874), second Mrs. Fanny G. Way (1836-). 2) Elizabeth (1804-1866), married William O. Maddox (1805-1841). They are buried in the Maddox Cemetery. 3) Lemuel (1808-?), moved to Nebraska. 4) Joseph (1809-), married Hannah McGinnis (1811-), moved to Nebraska. 5) Amos (-1847), married Deborah Morehead (1825-). Possibly buried in Maddox Cemetery.

Amos Cheuvront

Amos Cheuvront was born April 23, 1794 at Good Hope, Harrison County. He died January 12, 1873 in Lebanon Township, Meigs County, Ohio and is buried at Portland, Ohio. Amos served as a Private in Captain John Bozarth's Co. of the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812. His wife was Sarah Joseph, born in 1799 in Ohio and died January 29, 1892 at Portland, Meigs County, Ohio. Their children were: 1) Mary Jane (1820-1905), married John Lockhart (1815-1882), buried in Sheppard's Chapel Cemetery at Wiseburg, Jackson County. 2) Joseph B. (1822-1897), married Elizabeth Lockhart (1826-1891), buried in the Maddox Cemetery. 3) Perry (1823-1871-2), burial place unknown, married Nancy Lockhart (1830-1912). 4) Francis A. (1830-1851). 5) John W. (1832-1851). Both buried in Ravenswood Cemetery. 6) Cassandra (1835-1894), married Francis Blain (1814-1896), buried at Portland, Meigs County, Ohio. 7) Benjamin (1837-), burial place unknown, married Flora Flescher (1840-1903). 8) Sarah M. (1841-1851), buried in Ravenswood Cemetery.

James Lightford Cheuvront

James L. Cheuvront was born February 25, 1798 at Good Hope, Harrison County. He died September 6, 1840 in Jackson County and is buried in the Maddox Cemetery. His wife was Eliza England, born in 1805, died January 23, 1885, buried in the Maddox Cemetery. Their children were: 1) Mary E. (1828-), married Thomas R. Jackson (1813-). 2) Joseph Marshall (1830-), married Virginia Humphries (1835-). 3) Elizabeth E. (1833-1894), married Alexander H. Hall (1819-1891). 4) Edward J. (1837-1921), married (1) Rebecca Maddox (1836-), (2) Martha Currey (1837-), (3) Britanna Saunders (1858-). 5) Gideon (1840-).

Elizabeth E. and Alexander Hall are buried in the Maddox Cemetery. Edward J. and his third wife are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery at Mineral Wells, Wood County. The dates of death and burial places of the other children are unknown to us.

Priscilla Cheuvront

Priscilla Cheuvront was born October 22, 1785 in Harrison County. She died December 8, 1850 near Lockhart, Jackson County and is buried in the Maddox Cemetery. Her husband was John Powers (1789-), who may or may not be buried in the Maddox Cemetery. John and Priscilla are said to have had several children but the only ones we know of who came to Jackson County were Sarah A. B. Powers (-died between 1851 and 1857), married Joseph Chapman Cheuvront (1832-), and Nancy Powers (1824-). Joseph Chapman Cheuvront was the son of Thomas and Belinda (Grant) Cheuvront. Thomas was the son of Rev. Joseph Cheuvront and his second wife, Sarah Bollen, and was a half-brother of Aaron, Amos, James L. and Priscilla.

Another half-brother who at least passed through Jackson County was Enoch Cheuvront, who married his third wife, Matilda Gites (or Gates), in Jackson County.

Aaron Cheuvront lived near what is now Lock-

hart. Amos first settled on Nesselroad Run near its junction with Sandy Creek, but by 1850 had moved to the town of Ravenswood. He became a merchant in Ravenswood, but was ruined by the Civil War. James L. lived about a mile above Odaville near the Maddox Cemetery. John and Priscilla Powers lived near Lockhart. *Submitted by Darrell Conger and Lillian Moore*

CLEVENGER

George Clevenger and family came to Jackson County in 1986. Moved from Vermilion, Lorain Co., Ohio and bought a farm from the Rhodes family, better known as "The Ol' Suzie Parsons Place".

George's father was born and raised in Arnoldsburg, West Virginia. His mother was born in Weiden, Germany, where she met and married George's father during the War. George Clevenger was born in Indiana, but moved with his parents to Ohio after his father retired from service.

While in Ohio, George met and married Patricia (Trish) S. Wilson, whose parents were born and raised in Braxton Co. Her father was from Gas-saway, but born in Strange Creek. Her mother's maiden name was FRAME and she was from Frametown, West Virginia. Her family had moved to Ohio when "Trish" was a child. There she met and married George Clevenger. They have two children: Jason Clevenger and Misty Clevenger.

Submitted by Trish Clevenger

CLICK

CHRISTIAN CLICK is believed to be the first Click ancestor to arrive in the United States from Batchdorf, Germany in 1837 or 1838; becoming a naturalized citizen in 1848 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. The family name somehow got changed from Gluck to Click during the process of immigration to the United States. CHRISTIAN and BARBARA (Rabald) CLICK HAD SEVEN CHILDREN: Christopher, 1836; Phillip, 1837; Henry, 1843; Andrew, 1845; George, 1847; Sarah, 1850; JACOB, 1854.

JACOB CLICK, born April 24, 1854; died October 23, 1930; buried in Jackson County. He and first wife, Amanda (Canter), had five children: EDWARD ELANDER, Sarah (Sallie), Orville, Thomas, Harvey. Jacob and second wife, Lillie (Miller) had six or seven children: Barbara, Ray, Blanche, Corbett, Nellie, Margaret.

EDWARD LEANDER CLICK, born June 7, 1887, Jackson County, died January 3, 1947. He and first wife, Mary Jane (Baker) had five children: Jacob Jasper born December 12, 1909, CECIL McCLELLAN born March 31, 1911, Harry Woodrow born November 3, 1912, Arville Edward born April 13, 1915, Stella May born November 22, 1918. Mary Jane (Mamie) died 1927; Edward married Anna (Corfee) 1929; no children.



Cecil (with parents), Edward and Mary Jane (Baker) Click, Stella, and Arville, in front

CECIL McCLELLAN CLICK, born March 31, 1911; married Dora Sayre; they had four children:

1. Nellie Marie: born April 24, 1930; married John Canterbury: both retired: have two children:
 - A. Kathy Jo: born September 18, 1950; married Steve Gilbert: own resort on Drummond Island: two children: Gail Marie: born April 3, 1970, Jodi Carolyn: born March 5, 1973.
 - B. Ronnie Lee: born October 23, 1953; factory employee, married and has two children: John Jay born April 17, 1977; Angela Rose: born January 3, 1981.
 2. Rosalee May: born October 6, 1931; died February 30, 1933.
 3. Roma Eleen: born October 19, 1933 on Charlie Wedge place, Jackson County; moved to Michigan 1947; married Weldon Brown; lived entire married life on family farm where Weldon born; Danby Township, Ionia County, Michigan; three children:
 - A. Melody Ann: born March 8, 1954; school-teacher; married Dan Schrauben, IBM marketing representative; two children: Emily Ann: born December 16, 1980 and Julia Danelle; born July 29, 1987.
 - B. David Allen: born December 3, 1964, Insurance marketing analyst; married Jean-nie (Bullen), special education teacher; one child: Katelyn Mary-Eileen born Sep-tember 28, 1989.
 - C. Melissa Rose: born March 25, 1968; Music/Education major at Western Mich-igan University; married Tony Shapow, school band and choir director.
 4. Kenneth Monroe: born February 26, 1936; school psychologist; married Virginia (Christensen), schoolteacher; two children:
 - A. Troy Andrew: born January 9, 1962; Degree in Business;
 - B. Kendra Marie: born June 28, 1966; Degree in Chemistry.
- Cecil and Dora (Sayre) Click were divorced about 1945, at which time he moved to Ohio, remarried and had five children:
1. Barbara Joanne: born July 1, 1947; married Roger Dimit; four children:
 - A. Bonnie born September 6, 1966
 - B. Gary born February 2, 1969
 - C. Terry born April 22, 1970
 - D. Kevin born December 22, 1972
 2. Linda Jane: born February 12, 1949; married Craig Berry (deceased) one child: Tracy born April 11, 1973
 3. Theodore Edward: born January 23, 1954; married JoAnn (Pritchard); three children:
 - A. Jenna born May 17, 1984
 - B. Kevin born December 13, 1988
 - C. Keith born December 14, 1988 (Twins)
 4. Kathryn Ellen: born June 13, 1956; married Les McBride; two children:
 - A. Sarah born August 2, 1977
 - B. Jacob born November 14, 1980
 5. Christine Virginia: born June 13, 1959; married Mike DeLane; two daughters:
 - A. Megan born September 3, 1985
 - B. Malorie born April 11, 1988
- Submitted by Roma (Click) Brown*

CHRISTIAN AND BARBARA (RABALD) CLICK

Christian Click was born November 15, 1811, in Unterbatchdorf, Elsass (Alsace-Lorraine) Ger-many, according to the emigration papers signed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His name was listed as Klick. Some records indicate that in German it could have been Gluck. He died March 5, 1868, and is buried at Jackson Chapel (Mt. Hebron) Cemetery, Jackson County, West Virginia.

His wife, Barbara Rabald, was born April 20, 1815, in Batchdorf, Canton Sulz, Alsace. She died October 9, 1897 and is buried also in the Jackson County cemetery. It has been said that 75 percent of the people buried in this cemetery were either

relatives of the Click or Gerlach family of which I am a descendant of both families.

Christian Click and Barbara Rabald were married May 15, 1835, in Batchdorf by Rev. Kaiser Grsterly. Children:

Christopher, born June 15, 1836, Batchdorf Alsace. Buried Jackson County. Christopher never married.

Phillip was born December 30, 1837 in Pennsylvania and died May 18, 1917. Married Sarah Rebecca and had six children and then to Louise and had eight children.

Henry was born January 12, 1843 in Pennsylvania. He married Jemina Carney.

Andrew was born in 1845 in Pennsylvania. He married Melissa Gray.

George who was the direct ancestor of Homer Gerlach and the source of our information was born December 10, 1847 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and died September 27, 1919, married Christina Durst. They had six children.

Sarah was born September 4, 1850 in Pennsylvania and died February 25, 1911. She married Peter Durst and had five children.

Jacob Click, the father of Edward Click, grandfather of Harry Click, and great-grandfather of Karl Click and great-great-grandfather of Karla and Jason. Jacob Click was born April 24, 1854 and died October 23, 1930 and was first married to *Amanda Canter* and then to Lillie Miller. *The five children of Amanda Canter and Jacob Click are also the ancestors of Harry, Arville, and Cecil Click and Stella Click Sayre. (Jasper Jacob is deceased.)*

Heinrich Gluck was the father of Christian Click. He was born in Untcrbatchdorf, Alsace. His wife's name was unknown in the family records. Lorenz Rabald and Barbara Mutz were born in Batchdorf, Alsace. They were the parents of Barbara Rabald who was married to Christian Click. *Submitted by Karl B. Click and Cecil Click*

CHRISTIAN CLICK

Our family goes back to Germany. Christian Click was born November 15, 1811 in Untcrbatchdorf, Elsass (Alsace-Lorraine), Germany. He died March 5, 1868, and is buried at Jackson Chapel Cemetery, Jackson County. On May 15, 1835, Christian Click married Barbara Rabald, the daughter of Lorenz and Barbara Mutz Rabald. They had five children: Christopher (June 15, 1836), Phillip (December 30, 1837), Henry (January 12, 1843), George (December 10, 1847), and Jacob (April 24, 1854). Jacob was my great-grandfather. Edward Click, son of Jacob Click, was my grandfather. Edward Click and Mary Jane Baker Click had five children: Cecil (March 31, 1911), Harry Woodrow (November 3, 1912), Arville (April 13, 1915), Stella (November 22, 1918), Jasper Jacob died in infancy.

Harry Click and Agnes Arrietta Knapp were married June 23, 1938. Arrietta was the daughter of Carl Herbert and Beulah Vesta Gerlach Knapp; she was born June 11, 1919. Harry Click bought land on Chestnut Ridge and farmed there all his life. Their children were: Nelson Lee Click (April 1, 1939), Karl Blaine (July 31, 1943), and Keith Dwayne (July 17, 1947). Keith died on February 28, 1965 after a brief illness. He was a senior at Point Pleasant High School.

After graduating from Point Pleasant High School in 1957, Nelson Click enlisted in the Marine Corps. He married Dixie Lee Dotson on December 23, 1957. After his discharge from the Marines in 1959, Nelson worked one year for Pleasant Valley Hospital. He then worked for Appalachian Power Company three years before starting to work at Kaiser Aluminum in Ravenswood on January 21, 1964. During the years from 1959 to 1987, Nelson also farmed and raised beef cattle. Nelson and Dixie had four children: Bruce Wayne (September 13, 1958), Dale Lee (January

5, 1960), Steve Brian (May 10, 1962), and John Lee (June 22, 1964). Two sons are deceased. Dale died August 5, 1960, and Bruce died December 28, 1976. Nelson and Dixie were divorced in 1977.

On May 1, 1988, Nelson married Judith Ann Canady of Moundsville, West Virginia. She is the daughter of Lela Selma McGaughy Canady and the late Nile Clinton Canady, of Bellaire, Ohio. She has four sons: Daniel Wayne (April 24, 1960), Randall Brian (December 31, 1961), Matthew Vernon (February 9, 1965), and Benjamin (July 8, 1970). Another son, Vernon Calvert (September 29, 1963-October 2, 1963) is deceased. Between them Nelson and Judy have five grandchildren: Coda Lee and Jerad Wayne Click and Deanna Jean, Kyla Ann and Brian Jacob Means.



Nelson and Judy Click

Nelson and Judy live on his farm located on Chestnut Ridge near Mount Alto. *Submitted by Nelson L. Click*

ETHEL CLICK

Ethel Dornon Cook Click was born September 25, 1893 at Flatwoods in Jackson County. She died August 18, 1986, age 93 years. Her father was Bruzilla Hoyt Dornon and her mother was Laura Mae Coe Dornon. She married Preston Cook in 1912 at Flatwoods. Ethel had one daughter, Wilda Mae Cook, who married Henry Durst, Jr. in 1932. Wilda's and Henry's children are: Paul, Keith, and Glen.

In 1927 Ethel married Robert "Bob" Click. Bob had the following children by a previous marriage: Andy, Hobert, William, Ray, and daughter, Florida.

Ethel went to summer school at New River College in Montgomery for training to work with the poor and handicapped, teaching them to cook, sew, and can.



Ethel Click

She was the head cook at Cottageville Grade School for 35 years. She was a charter member of the Rebekah Lodge in Cottageville. She was a member of the Cottageville United Methodist

Church and taught a Sunday School Class for 50 years; it still has the distinction of being called the "Ethel Click" class.

A few years after her retirement the Church had an "Ethel Click Day" in which all who had her for a teacher were asked to return to honor her. She saw many she hadn't seen for years. She was presented with a plaque and one dozen red roses. Many tears of joy were shed that day.

Ethel was a member of the Homemakers Club, Ladies Auxiliary, and Ladies Aid. During years past she had a restaurant and kept boarders.

She will always be remembered as a wonderful friend, neighbor, wife, mother, and grandmother.

Submitted by Ardella Click and Georgia Grady

CLICK

The Click family came from Balchdorf Alsace, Germany. Henrick Cluck, as it was pronounced in Germany, was my great-great-great-grandfather, wife unknown. He had one son Christian Click born November 15, 1811. On May 15, 1935, Rev. Kaiser Grsterly united Christian and Barbara Rabald (born April 20, 1815) in marriage. Barbara was the daughter of Lorenz and Barbara Mutz Rabald of Balchdorf Alsace.

Their first child, Christopher was born June 15, 1836 in Balchdorf. Then they decided to come to America. Their second son was registered as being born December 30, 1837 in Pennsylvania, but my grandfather (his son) said his father, Phillip, was born "crossing the water". Their port of arrival or name of the ship is not known. In June of 1848 Christian was naturalized in Beaver County, Pennsylvania and at that time stated that he arrived in the United States in 1837. The following children were born to Christian Click: Christopher born June 15, 1836, unmarried; Phillip born December 30, 1837, married Sarah Lesley and had six children and then married Louise and had eight children; Henry born January 12, 1843, married Jemina Carney; Andrew born in 1845, married Melissa Gray; George born December 10, 1847, married Christina Durst and had six children; Sarah born June 4, 1850, married Peter Mark Durst and had five children; Jacob born April 24, 1854, married Amanda Canter and had five children and then married Lillie Miller and had seven children.

When Christopher became a young man he came down the Ohio River settled near Millwood and built a store near the railroad and river. He then sent for his parents and family to come join him. They sold their farm for \$700.00 and moved to Jackson County. Later Henry and his son Kenna Click worked in the store with Christopher. Christian bought a large farm about two miles south of what is now Mt. Alto and his sons settled all around in Mason County.

Phillip Click sent back to Pennsylvania for his childhood sweetheart, Sarah Rebecca Lesley, to come down on the train to become his wife. When she arrived everyone thought she was a very beautiful woman. They were married and lived with his parents and helped with the farming. Sarah and Phillip had four children: Ella Click Durst; Louise Click married Calvin Roush; Jennie Click Roush; Robert Christopher married Francis Mae Durst.

Sarah died on November 19, 1871 at the age of 38 of pneumonia. Phillip then married Louise and they had the following children: George Henry Click married Dollie Euler; Phillip Frederick Click married Emma Lute; Perry Click married Nancy Durst; Amelia Click married Edward Devalt; Elizabeth Click married Donahue; Lottie Click married Blackburn; Lilly Click married Creary.

Robert Christopher (born June 24, 1864) and Francis Mae Durst were my grandparents. She was the daughter of William Michael Durst (born April 13, 1839) the blacksmith and cabinet maker of Mt. Alto. Her mother was Nancy Ann Cavet (born October 21, 1842).

Robert and Francis were married on December 29, 1886 at the home of her parents in Mt. Alto by B. R. Ridenour. They moved to Jackson County to the Dutch Ridge, Clarksburg Road. Robert did farm work for John Summer. Later Robert bought the farm. They had five children: William Phillip born October 15, 1888 married Amelia Caroline Hussell; Henry Andrew Click born February 29, 1890 married Mila Euler; Floria Belle Click born August 27, 1892 married Alva William Patterson; Robert Raymon Click born December 13, 1893 married Lula Patterson; Daniel Hobart Click born October 22, 1896 married Chloe Click.



"Hobe", "Bob", (father) Ray, and "Bill" Click

Francis Click became ill in 1924 and they sold the farm to the youngest son Hobart and moved to Cottageville. Francis died in 1925. Robert later married Ethel Dornon Cook. He died on May 18, 1954 at the age of 90. Ethel lived to be 92.

My parents William Phillip Click and Amelia Caroline Hussell (born February 24, 1892) were married on September 7, 1910 at Pomeroy, Ohio. They lived on his father's farm with his parents the first year they were married. It was there that their first child was born, Violet Leona Click (July 4, 1911). Before the next child was born they moved to another house on the farm where Dellas Luther Click was born and then Audra Lee Click. All the children were delivered by Dr. B. E. Harrison of Cottageville.



Wm., Ethel, Robert, Mila, and Andrew Click

Violet married Harold Rowan of Flatwoods Road and they had four children: Ramon E., Glen, Donna Coleen and Jerry.

Dellas married Geraldine Rosetta Ritenour of Sylvania, Ohio and they have three children: Rodney, Darlene Davis, and Joanne Myers.

Audra Lee Click married Raymond Joseph McIntyre on May 30, 1942 at Ravenswood. Rev. Hutchinson performed the ceremony with Velma Kerwood and Gerald Sayre as witnesses. Raymond joined the Army Air Force in August of 1942. He had overseas duty in Italy and returned home March 17, 1946. Raymond died September 21, 1984. They had three children: Gary William born August 5, 1944 died January 12, 1945; Linda Lee; Randy Joe.

Linda Lee McIntyre and John Webster Dunn of Greenbrier County were married on November 25, 1967 at the United Methodist Church of Cottageville by the Rev. John Cumberledge. They

live in Millwood and have one daughter Kim Lee Dunn. Submitted by Audra Lee Click McIntyre and Linda Lee McIntyre Dunn

HENRY CLICK

Henry Click son of Philip Click and Louise Kapp. Henry's grandparents were Christian Gestorbin Click and Barbara Rabald Click. Christian was born November 18, 1811 in Underbatchdorf Elsas Germany. He died March 5, 1868 at age 35 years 3 months and 20 days. Barbara, wife of Christian Click was born April 20, 1815 at Batchdorf Canton Suez Elsas, Germany. Died October 9, 1897 at age 81 years 5 months and 19 days. They were married May 15, 1835 in Batchdorf, Germany by Reverend Kaiser Gresterby. The couple emigrated here in 1837 from Germany. They came to Pennsylvania first, then to Meigs County, Ohio, then later to Jackson County near Mt. Alto, West Virginia.

Henry's father Philip was born May 18, 1837 while on the ocean coming over to America from Germany. Philip died at the old home place on Mill Creek on May 16, 1917. Henry's father's first wife was Sarah Rebecca Cabot. They had five children: Robert, Sarah Elizabeth, Louise, Jenny and Margaret. These were Henry's half brothers and sisters. Rebecca died November 19, 1871 at the age of 38 years 1 month and 28 days. Later he married Louise Kapp and eight children were born: Amelia, Henry, Elizabeth, Fred, Lotta, John Andrew, Lillie, and Perry. Louise was born November 2, 1853 and died December 5, 1936.

Henry married Dollie Euler July 19, 1896. She was the daughter of John and Magolena Wolfe Euler. Dollie was born November 21, 1870. She died April 14, 1954. Henry was born December 7, 1874 and died March 11, 1963.

Henry and Dollie were members of the Fairview Advent Christian Church, where he sang in the choir and attended church regularly. They were the parents of Elsie Click Durst who was born January 11, 1897 and died in 1986. She married P. M. Durst (deceased). Children Chester and Agnes Durst Parsons. Chloc Click was born February 19, 1899 and married Hobert Click who is now deceased. They had twin sons, Elmer and Delmar Click. Verner Click was born March 27, 1901, was never married and died in 1987. Alma Click was born March 15, 1903 and died May 6, 1911. Philip Click was born December 15, 1906 and died December 19, 1974. He married Marie Durst Click. Their children are Ralph, Catherine Click Rollins and Philip Jr. Edna Click Quickle was born November 26, 1908. She married Dave Quickle and had one adopted son, Jerry Quickle. Iva Click McKinney was born August 7, 1911. She married Robert McKinney. Their children are Larry, Virginia and Bill. Dan Click was born June 27, 1914. Was never married.



Henry and Dolly Click

After the death of Henry's mother, Louise, a son, Perry, lived in the home place and died there. He died January 20, 1966. Perry's sons Donald and Johnny Click now own the home place. It has been in the Click family over one hundred and fifty

years.

Philip's three sons, Fred, Henry and Perry owned six hundred acres on little Mill Creek, living beside of each other. They were farmers. Most of the Clicks are musically inclined. Fred, Perry and Henry all played the fiddle. Perry also played the banjo. All their families loved to hear music, dance and sing. They spent many enjoyable evenings together. Most of the Click men and their families are buried in the Chapel Cemetery. It is located one mile from their beloved home where they worked, laughed, played and prayed together. Submitted by Ralph Click and Mila Click Norris

KARL AND ALICE CLICK

Karl Blaine Click was born July 31, 1943 at Parkersburg. He is the son of Harry Woodrow Click and Agnes Arrietta Knapp Click of Mount Alto. Harry is the son of Edward and Mary Jane Baker Click and the grandson of Jacob and Amanda Canter Click. Jacob Click was a native of Jackson County and is buried in the Mt. Hebron Cemetery (Jackson Chapel).

Karl is the grandson of the late Carl Herbert Knapp and Beulah Vesta Gerlach Knapp, a native of Cottageville. Carl Herbert Knapp was the son of Albert Wellington and Lelia Viola Oliver Knapp. Carl Knapp was born April 22, 1900 and died January 21, 1967. He is buried in the Suncrest Cemetery, Point Pleasant. Beulah Gerlach Knapp is the daughter of Frederick Herman and Czarena Elberta Parsons Gerlach. Beulah was born October 24, 1900. After the death of Carl, Beulah never remarried and continues to live in her home in Point Pleasant. Beulah was the granddaughter of James Tanner Parsons and Mary Belle Williamson Parsons. Her great-grandparents were John Musser Williamson and Isabella Ankrum Williamson.

Karl is an employee of Appalachian Power Company in Ripley. He was first employed in the Point Pleasant APCO office, but when the new office was opened in Jackson County, Karl transferred to the Ripley office. Prior to working for APCO, Karl was employed with the E. I. DuPont plant in Washington, West Virginia, near Parkersburg. Karl is a graduate of Point Pleasant High School.

Karl owns and operates a beef farm on Chestnut Ridge. He purchased 130 acres of land from his father, Harry Click, in the late 1960s. He built a house and barn on the property in 1973.

Karl married Alice Click on February 14, 1966 at Beech Hill Methodist Church. They are the parents of two children, Karla Renee, born December 12, 1967, and Jason Keith Click, born November 9, 1970, at Gallipolis, Ohio.



Karl and Alice Click

Karl's wife, the former Zara Alice Williamson of the Kanawha River Valley at Southside, is the daughter of N. R. Williamson, Sr. and Sylvia Eckard. Sylvia Williamson was the daughter of Clarence Orville Eckard and Naomi Alice Halbleib Eckard.

Karl has one older brother, Nelson Lee Click, who lives in the adjoining property on Chestnut

Ridge. Nelson was born April 1, 1939. He was the father of Bruce Wayne Click, who died at age 19; and Dale Lee Click, who died at 8 months. Both are buried at Suncrest Cemetery in Point Pleasant. Two sons who are living and live on Chestnut Ridge are Steve Bryan who is married to the former Janice Hunt of Gallipolis. (They are the parents of two children.) Nelson's youngest son, John Lee Click lives on the family farm on Chestnut Ridge.

The youngest brother, Keith Dwayne, was born July 17, 1947, and died at the age of 17 after a short illness. He is buried at Suncrest Cemetery in Point Pleasant.

Jason Keith is a student at Glenville State College. He has won several honors in high school track and 10Ks. He was percussion captain in the Point Pleasant High School Band. He has won several academic honors in FFA.

Karla Renee has won several academic honors in school and was the Mason County Fair Queen in 1986. She attended West Virginia University and Rio Grande University. Submitted by Karl and Alice Click and Janice Click

RAY CLICK

The Click family came to America from Germany and records show the family name also known as Gluck and other spellings. This writing begins with Heinrich Gluck and wife unknown as parents of Christian Click; Lorenz Rabold and Barbara Mutz as parents of Barbara Rabold.

Christian Click and Barbara Christina Rabold were born in Batchdorf Alsace, Germany, and married there May 15, 1835. They immigrated to America in 1837, arriving at Castle Garden, New York, September 24, 1837, with their infant son, Christopher, born June 15th on the ocean voyage. Later, they moved to Beaver County, Pennsylvania, where seven more children were born: Phillip, George, Andy, Henry, Jacob, Sallie, and one daughter died in infancy.

On November 19, 1859, they arrived in West Virginia and settled on a tributary of Little Millcreek, one and one-half miles from Mt. Alto. A two-story log house was erected, and it is still standing and occupied today, however, many years ago, it was covered with white lap siding. Christian died in 1868 and Barbara in 1897.

All of the children remained in the surrounding community, and Jacob stayed on the home farm of ninety-six acres. He married Amanda Canter (1858-1894) and they had five children: Orville, Edward, Sarah, Harvey and Thomas (the latter two died in infancy). Orville and Edward settled about six miles away in the Baden community and Sarah moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she married Jacob Pfefferle and they had one daughter, Lois. Sarah died in 1982 at the age of ninety-seven.

After Amanda's death, Jacob married Lillie Miller (1869-1916). To this union, eight children were born: Barbara (Muhlfelder), Ray and twin sister who died at birth, Blanche (Struiff), Corbett, Nellie, Margaret (Wilt), and Bessie (died at birth). Ray went to Pittsburgh for a short time, but returned to the home farm. Both Corbett and Nellie succumbed to pneumonia. Jacob died in 1930.



Ray Click family

Ray married Ruby Stone of Flatwoods and they had seven children: Lester, Lewis, Helen, Paul (1933-1977), Dennis, Alton, and Harold. Lester lives at Cottageville and has two children: Carol (Burch) and Joseph. Carol has one son, Christopher. Lewis lives at Huntington and has one son, David, who has two children, Ryan and Amy. Helen married Carl Nease and lives at Westerville, Ohio, and has two sons, Phillip and John. Paul had no children. Dennis lives at Columbus, Ohio, and has three children: Gregory, Denise, and Jennifer. Alton lives at Columbus and has one daughter, Kimberly, who has one son, Joshua. Harold lives at Columbus and has four children: Bradford, Angela, Melissa, and Jason. Lester served in the Navy, Dennis, Alton, and Harold served in the Air Force; Alton's unit was activated for the Pueblo incident in Korea.

In 1973, Ray and Ruby sold the farm, retiring to Ravenswood. Ray died in 1981 and Ruby still lives in Ravenswood. Submitted by Helen Nease

CLINE-WILLIAMS

Our grandparents, Sarah "Sadie" Samantha Cline (1873-1953) and Henry "Cy" Franklin Williams (1873-1955), both were born in Ohio, she in New Matamoras, Washington County and he in Athens County. They were married February 10, 1897 in Ravenswood, West Virginia. Sadie taught school in Jackson County at the age of sixteen and Frank was a railroad conductor for the B&O Railroad.

Frank's parents lived in Ohio. Sister Kate married a Swain, lived in Jackson County. They had four children: Philip, Charles, Ray and Cathryn.

Frank's father died early of pneumonia. His mother married a Safreed and there were four children from this marriage: Leslie, Robert, Frank and Walter.

Sadie's parents Theodore P. Cline (1847-1921) son of David and DeMande Cline and Nancy Jane Knowlton Cline (1851-1932).

Nancy and T.P. Cline sold the Cline farm in New Matamoras and in 1882 purchased 83 acres on the Ohio River, Grant District, Sherman, West Virginia. In 1895 Nancy Jane bought 1/8 acre on Little Sand Creek, Grant District, Jackson County. Right-of-Way was given the Ohio River Rail Road in 1886, 1887, and 1909. One fourth acre, Ravenswood District donated to the Church Methodist South Episcopal in 1897.

Children of Theodore and Nancy were:

- A. Mary Belle, died young.
- B. Okey Lee married Mable Cox.
- C. Theodore Perry Jr., married — Rutter.
- D. Jessie married M. Alexander.
- E. Onedia married — Van Horn.
- F. Amanda married — Derrinberger.
- G. David married Anna White.
- H. John William married Ella Debuscy.
- I. Addie married Lew Williams.
- J. Sarah Samantha married Henry Franklin Williams.

Children are:

1. Zylfa Allison married Benjamin Chase Wetzel. Children are: (See The Adam Wetzel Line).
2. Paul Henry (1900-1983) born Sherman, West Virginia, married Freda Lillian Lindamood, of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Both were graduates of West Virginia University. After living in several western states, they moved to California where Freda taught music in the Orange County School District. They moved from Compton, California to Torrence, California where Paul owned and operated a Garden Supply Center. A letter to Lucy Goodman, from Paul, dated October 9, 1982, thanking her for the pictures of the Grace Episcopal Church, stated: "... I was jan-



Mary Catherine (Williams) Waldron, Sarah (Cline) Williams, Zylfa Allison (Wetzel) Williams

itor there for several years, rang the bell on Sunday, was usher, took up the collection, and played a violin in the choir for \$1.00 per month." Children:

- a. Barbara. Lives in California.
- b. James. Lives in California.

3. Mary Catherine (1904-1980) born Sherman, West Virginia, attended West Virginia University, graduated from Marshall University with a BA and a Masters in Education. Married Bert Waldron. He was a Sergeant in the Army, WW I. They lived in Lundale, West Virginia and later moved to Charleston, West Virginia where Bert worked for the State and Mary taught school.

- a. Bert Edward, born 1931 in Lundale, West Virginia, Logan County. Attended West Virginia University, graduated from University of Charleston. He married Elizabeth Anne "Libby" Saloom 1955. They moved to St. Simons Island, Georgia 1979 where Bert is in real estate. They have three children born in the Charleston, West Virginia area.

1. Jennifer Kay Gurney, (twin) born 1959, children: a. Rachel born 1983.
- b. Josh born 1985. c. Ryan born 1988.

2. Joy Kathleen Dan, (twin) born 1959, one child: a. Nicole born 1982.

3. Bert Edward Jr. born 1961. Married Kelly Shamblyn. No children. Lives in Dallas, Texas where he operates a Bob Evans Restaurant. Submitted by

Sarah Wetzel Lesure, Lucy E. Wetzel Goodman, Paul Henry Williams and Bert E. Waldron Sr.

COAST-FLOYD

John Coast, the first of the Coast family to live in Jackson County had immigrated from England with his father and one brother. He came to Jackson County and married Ellanor Ferguson, daughter of Jas Ferguson, of Jackson County, originally from Ireland.

He had two sons, George W. and John F. Coast and daughters Frances and Leota. Both sons had farms near Mud Run. In 1872, John F. (1852-1931) married Malinda Boyce Parsons (1844-1892) widow of Armstrong Parsons. Children of this marriage were Charley McKeever Coast, Addie Coast Cook, Erma Coast, and Mattie Coast Conley. After Malinda's death, John married Florence Morgan of Sandyville. Children of this marriage were Otis, Foster, Edith, and John.

Charley Coast (1875-1944) was a cattle dealer of Meigs County, Ohio and Jackson County, West Virginia. He married Hattie McKay of Meigs County and built his cattle business in both Portland, Ohio, and Ravenswood, West Virginia. One daughter was born of this marriage, Helen Coast Hayes, who resides on what was McKay family land in Portland, Ohio. This marriage ended in divorce in 1921. Charley Coast resided for some time in Ravenswood. The Ravenswood News of May 2, 1918, published a front page story about

Mr. Coast which stated that he started dealing in cattle at age 15 and began shipping to markets "25 years ago." It reports a shipment of 85 full cattle cars to Pittsburg "his favorite market," his selling of war bonds and stamps, and urging beef production for the war effort.

In the January 8, 1925, edition, *The News* published a front page account entitled "Coast-Floyd" of "a very pretty wedding" of Charley M. Coast and Georgia Floyd of Crow Summit with the following description "the eldest son of John F. Coast has, for a number of years, been engaged in the farming-cattle shipping industry. Charley is kind, affable, big-hearted, and numbers his friends among young and old by the score."

The bride, Georgia Floyd, is described as "a lady in all that the word implies, a competent home-keeper and a public school teacher of marked success and ability." They resided on the farm at Comet (now called Crooked Run). Mr. Coast would purchase cattle in the late summer and fall, and winter them on corn grown on the farm. His daughter remembers the spring cattle drives, when the drivers would start rounding up the cattle before dawn and drive them to the B & O Depot at Ravenswood where they were loaded on train and shipped to markets at Pittsburg and Cincinnati. He was one of those instrumental in establishing the Jackson County Livestock Market behind the B & O train station in Ripley. *The Jackson Herald* of March 11, 1943, ran a front page story and picture of Mr. Coast addressing a sale at the Ripley Livestock Company, with the text of his speech urging cattle growers to produce more beef for the "brave boys who are risking all for their country." He died in 1944. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Comet M. E. Church, the Board of Directors of the Jackson County Bank, the Cattleman's Association, and the Ravenswood Lion's Club. Survivors included his wife, Georgia, and two daughters, Helen Coast Hayes and Willa May Coast.



Charley and Georgia F. Coast

Georgia Floyd Coast (1885-1964) was the daughter of David L. Floyd (1857-1924) and Sarah Elizabeth Cole Floyd (1860-1935). The families of David L. Floyd and Joseph E. Cole moved from Marion County to Jackson County in 1891 to remove their families from what they called the "dangerous and lawless" conditions that accompanied the opening of oil fields near Mannington, Marion County. David Floyd purchased a farm at Crow Summit, now Crooked Run. The large old farmhouse had a tradition as a safe harbor for fleeing Confederates during the Civil War where a capture and shooting had allegedly taken place. The house burned in the 1940s; the farm is now the home of veterinarian Dr. Paul Shockey, great-grandson of George W. Coast, mentioned earlier in this account. The Joseph Cole family lived on the adjoining farm. Joseph Cole's daughter, Sara Elizabeth, married David L. Floyd, March 27, 1879. Children were Ira, Georgia, William, and Leslie. Mr. Floyd's obituary states that he was one of those who helped establish the Comet M. E. Church in that community. Comet



Sarah and David Floyd

school was built on the southwest edge of his farm on a half acre he deeded to the Jackson County Board of Education.

Georgia Floyd, following a family tradition, prepared for a teaching career. She attended Lee Normal School in Ripley and traveled by train to take classes at Marshall College. Her great-uncle, Grant Floyd, school-master in Marion County, was credited in the press for first introducing daily prayer into the public schools of West Virginia. She taught from 1901 to 1925 in the public elementary schools of Jackson and Ohio counties beginning and ending her teaching career at Comet School.

Willa May, daughter of Charley and Georgia Coast, taught at Ripley High School from 1949 to 1986. She married Charles "Skip" McGinley in 1949. Both have been active in community affairs and upon his death in 1984, Willa was appointed to Ripley City Council. She served 1 1/2 terms as council member, 1 1/2 terms as recorder, and is now serving as Mayor. They reared four children. Submitted by Willa McGinley and John McGinley

JOHN COAST

John Coast was born in Kintyre, Ireland about 1815. His wife, Eleanor Ferguson, was also born in Ireland about 1822.

John was in debtors prison. He owed the amount of two pounds and couldn't pay. So they cut two pounds of flesh from his hip and put his family on ship for the new world. Naturally, he carried this scar to his grave. They eventually settled on Sycamore Creek, after settling on Wheeling Island first. They and their family floated down the Ohio River on a raft.

They raised seven children: Mary, James, Charles T., John, Jane, Louisa, and George W.

George W. (1857) married Kate Ashley, June 24, 1883 in Jackson County. Their children were Blanche, Roy W., Leota, Helen, Sara, and Artie.

Blanche married Tom Casto. Roy married A. Board and they had one son, Raymond. She died and he remarried a lady by the name of Stella. I do not know her last name. Leota married Glen King — their children were Clifford, Margueret, Katie, Helen, Iva, Lucy, Betty, Robert, and Rosalie.

Helen married Roscoe C. Smith — their children were George H., Paul C., Dale, Althea, and Alwilda.

Sarah married William Chapman — their children were Warren, Ervin, Catherine, and Madeline.

Artie married Frank Walters and their children were George A., Joseph, Clyde, Blanche, Robert, and Betty. Artie died when Robert and Betty (twins) were born. Submitted by H. Althea Smith Shockey

AUDITH AND VELMA COBB

William Audith Cobb was born December 21, 1911, at Winifred, Kanawha County, son of William A. and Ica Tuttle Cobb. His father taught school and the family's home was at Gay, Jackson County, West Virginia. Audith married Velma Blanche Hart on August 29, 1931, on Velma's twentieth birthday. She was the daughter of Mar-

cellus and Minnie Mae Lovegrove Hart, whose history is published in this book. Audith and Velma spent almost 57 years of happily married life together, celebrating several anniversaries with friends and relatives. Audith died April 9, 1988, after a long illness, and is interred in Sunset Memorial Mausoleum, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Audith taught four terms in Jackson County rural schools. He was appointed Postmaster at Gay, West Virginia in 1934. Later, he was transferred to Rural Route 1, and in 1949 transferred to Rural Route 2, Ripley, from which he retired in 1973, having served 39 years and 8 months in Postal Service. He was a beloved rural mail carrier. Many times on Christmas Eve he would go to the Post Office and deliver mail after his daily route, so that patrons could have gifts for Christmas. He cared for the elderly by delivering their mail at the door when they were too far from their mailboxes. He was a member of the Methodist church since age 18, singing bass in several quartets all over Jackson, Roane and adjoining counties.

They had one daughter, Ardeth Lee, born and died June 19, 1932. They adopted Mary Margo



Audith and Velma Cobb

Board when three years old, who married William Hatcher. Margo has one daughter, Jodi Michele, who married Douglas Kibodeaux; Jodie and Douglas have one son, Nathan Douglas Kibodeaux.

Audith and Velma joined Epworth United Methodist Church in Ripley in 1958. Velma served as Church Treasurer for 27 1/2 years. She worked at the First National Bank as Teller for 19 years, then as part-time employee for an additional 10 years. She is Treasurer for Jackson County American Red Cross and has been for the last 34 years. She also served as Red Cross Home Service Chairman. Quoting from Epworth Church Newsletter: "Her winning smile and pleasing personality have made her a popular Red Cross Volunteer at Jackson General Hospital for 15 years." She has been a faithful and active member of Epworth United Methodist Women, Woman's Club of Ripley, and the Rebekah Lodge for many years. Velma lives at her lovely home on corner of Third Avenue and Walters Street. Submitted by Margo Hatcher

COE (COO)

Records of the "Coo" family surfaced in the 1200's in Essex and Suffolk counties, England.

The first to gain recognition was Sir John Coo (1340-1415) who was the Captain in Sir Conan Doyle's historical novel, *The White Company*.

The present spelling, "Coe", was not adopted until around 1800.

Thomas Coe, Gentleman, accompanied Captain John Smith on his historic voyage up the Chesapeake in 1608. His nephew, William Coe, Gentleman (1600-1645) is the ancestor of the family that migrated into Jackson County.

His son, Richard Coe, Sr. (ca 1630-1724) came to Charles County, Maryland from Groton, England in about 1651. Richard Coe, Jr. (ca

1670-1757) and his son William Coe, Sr. (born 1718 and died 1793) were born in Charles County, Maryland. William's sixth child was Presley (born 1760) in Fairfax County, Virginia, married Delilah Perry (born 1781). After the death of Presley's mother, Jane Ford Coe, the family moved to Wood County, Virginia. Two of Presley's sons: Alexander Charles (born 1803 and died 1886) father of Lysander and John Adams (born 1805 and died 1883) came to Jackson County looking for Ohio River farm land. John A. married Susan Bibbee (born 1813 and died 1905) February 28, 1833. Susan was the daughter of Joseph and Peggy Parsons Bibbee (cf. Bibbee Article, this volume).

John A. amassed a small fortune in real estate; the present County Farm, Cottageville was their first home. He served as constable of Jackson County from 1835-50, and also served as a delegate to the Democratic Convention of 1857.

John and Susan had seven children, all born in Jackson County except Margaret, the eldest, born in Wood: Margaret Jane (1834-1910), Alfred Lewis (1838-1920), Orphaney Alice (1841-1924), Fuel Perry (1844-1923), John Adams, Jr. (1847-?), Charlotte (Lottie) (1848-1909), and George Washington (1857-1928).

Orphaney married William Blake (cf. Blake Article, this volume) and moved to San Jose, California.

Perry moved to Nicholas County to supervise a large tract of timber. He and his wife, Mariah Goff, had ten children.

The remaining five children stayed in Jackson County. Alfred joined the Confederate Army in April, 1863 and served as the flag bearer in the 17th Virginia Cavalry. He fought in several famous battles including Gettysburg and was wounded at Urbana, Maryland. Alfred married Mary Piercy in 1867. Their four children were: Lewis P., Lulu Williams, Lola (Johnnie) Stewart, and A.A. (Ottie).

The great-grandchildren of John A. Coe living in Jackson County in the year of 1989 are: Gwendolyn Hughes Robinson and Aloise Hughes Bosworth, daughters of Edith Coe Hughes and Granddaughters of George Washington Coe. Bobbie Coe Fisher, daughter of A.A. Coe and granddaughter of Alfred and Mary Piercy Coe. Submitted by Clark Blake and Bobbie C. Fisher

COLEMAN

The Colemans were a prominent family in the early days of the Belleville Colony and are still prominent through their descendants in Jackson and Wood Counties. One of the tragedies of Fort Belleville in the Indian Wars was the killing of Micheal Coleman. He was shot by an Indian while eating breakfast while on a hunting trip at Falls Mills Creek, February 1793.

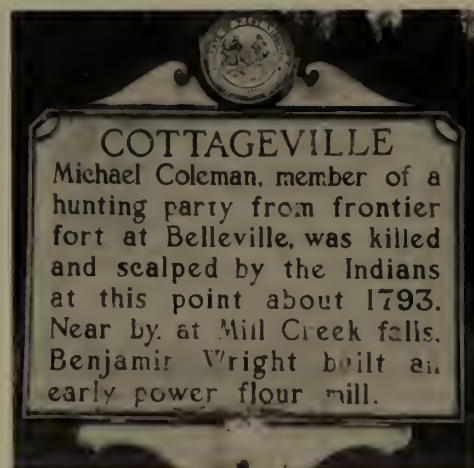
In Ravenswood in 1876 Thomas Coleman said, "I was born in the wilderness of Kanawha County in 1801". He related the killing of his grandfather. The Indians, as tradition goes, got two scalps from his head as he was double crowned, resulting in a bonus cash prize of four hundred dollars per scalp. Thomas Coleman said there was inability in the Coleman family to agree on the name Micheal or Malcolm Coleman. His Aunt Nancy Roberts claimed his name to be John but Thomas said he believed it was Malcolm. He had come with his family from near Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1787 to Fort Belleville. Their children: (1) Samuel, (2) John married Phebe, Decoy called her "Polly", (3) James married Nancy Anderson, (4) Margaret married James Boso, (5) Mary "Polly" married James White (my ancestor), (6) Micheal Coleman married Angeline Turner in 1815, (7) Eberly Coleman married Joseph Dewey in 1815. It is thought Peter Anderson's wife was their tenth child or a younger sister of Micheal Coleman. John Coleman was a member of the hunting party at the time of his father's death. After that he became

an Indian fighter and hunter in the Belleville area. In 1812 he sold land owned on both sides of Pond Creek and was thought to have gone West. John Coleman and wife Mary ("Polly") both signed their names with an "X" in the Rardon deed. There is something in the above that does not seem possible, if they were children of Micheal Coleman, they were all very young when he died but there is no account of any other family.

James Coleman was the founder of the Jackson County family. He married Nancy Anderson sister of Peter Anderson during the time that Belleville was in Kanawha County. He died in 1803, leaving two small children; (1) Thomas born at Letart Falls, Ohio on June 2, 1801 and was two years old when his father died. The mother died the next year in 1804, after which he was taken by his mothers brother, presumably Peter Anderson. He bound out to learn the blacksmith trade, but ran away when fifteen years old and hired on a keelboat as a cook. He continued with various jobs on the river and finally became a prospector. He married Sarah Roush, daughter of Henry Roush of Letart Falls, Ohio on December 23, 1831. After the organization of Jackson County he became the first Justice of the Peace in Muses Bottom. Either he or his uncle Thomas bought the old Stanley place above the mouth of little Pond Creek. They raised ten children. (2) Thomas Coleman married Mary Ann White of Belleville and they were the parents of Thomas Coleman, the Parkersburg, West Virginia lawyer, son Henry was a southern Methodist minister. He visited the Holy Land and spent years lecturing; he was the author of a book *Light In The East*. A sister, Mary, was the first wife of Isaac Adams the Jackson County politician. Submitted by David Allen Brewer

MICHAEL COLEMAN

The saga of Michael Coleman ended in the area indicated by this historical road marker in Cottageville, where he was scalped by the Indians. Much has been written about the incident in which different spellings have been used for Michael. He has been referred to as Malcom, Mecum, etc. Our best information has come to us as related by our grandfather, Thomas Benton Coleman, who was told the stories by his father, Thomas Coleman, who was a grandson of Michael Coleman. Michael was a scout, an Indian fighter, and a Revolutionary soldier, who had served in the Bedford County, Pennsylvania County Militia in 1778. He served at Fort Pitt, Fort Henry in Wheeling, and the Marietta Fort. In 1787 he came to Fort Belleville from Carlisle, Pennsylvania with his family and several other Scotch families, including the families of Peter and Andrew Anderson.



Michael Coleman marker

In February, 1793, he went with his son John, Elijah Pixley and James Ryan on a hunting expedition over the Mill Creek hills, to replenish food supplies for the Fort. They paddled down the river

in their boats, known as pirogues, and up the creek to a good hunting ground. The weather turned cold and the water had fallen too low for the full boat of fresh meat to pass over the falls. Therefore, John Coleman and Elijah Pixley returned to the Fort for a supply of salt and other necessities. During their absence, the Indians attacked and shot Michael. Ryan escaped and went back to the Fort. When help returned, they found Michael scalped and stripped of his clothing, the camp plundered and all of the supplies gone. They buried Michael on that spot, which is now commemorated by the marker.

Michael Coleman was born about 1735 probably in Carlisle, Pennsylvania although it is possible that he was born in Scotland. He died in February 1793. He married Margaret unknown last name and dates of birth and marriage, seven children:

1. John, Sr. born ca. 1760 date of death unknown, married Margaret Roush (in the Wood County census 1850).
 - a. John, Jr. born ca. 1786, date of death unknown, married Phebe Decoy, born 1788, date of death unknown.
 - b. Margaret born ca. 1790, married William Harris March 28, 1811.
 - c. Michael born 1794, married Angela Turner August 18, 1815, Wood Co.
 - d. Jency born 1796, married Tom Boso October 2, 1814.
2. Margaret born ca. 1763, married Peter Anderson.
3. Thomas born ca. 1777, date of death unknown, married Jane Raredon born 1783, died 1877 on August 18, 1800 in Washington County, Ohio.
 - a. Margaret born July 30, 1801, died March 12, 1834, married Adam Alkire February 1, 1825.
4. Samuel born ca. 1779, married Susan last name and date unknown.
5. James born ca. 1780, died 1803, married Nancy Anderson, birthdate unknown, died 1804.
 - a. Thomas born June 22, 1801, died February 24, 1890 Jackson County, married Sarah Roush, born December 15, 1805, died April 6, 1882 on December 25, 1823 (see Thomas Coleman).
6. Michael, Jr. born 1781.
7. Jane birthdate unknown, married Joel Dewey. Submitted by Frances Coleman Popp

THOMAS COLEMAN

Thomas Coleman was born June 22, 1801, died February 24, 1890. He married Sarah Rousch December 25, 1823. She was born December 15, 1805, died April 6, 1882. The following are their children:

1. David S., born April 21, 1827, died July 23, 1854, married Maria McPike in 1849 in Illinois.
2. Nancy, born April 11, 1829, died August 28, 1919, married William Roberts, born May 27, 1823, died June 26, 1899.
3. Mary Ann, born June 26, 1831, died July 8, 1876, married Dr. D. Witcomb Staats, born July 1830, died April 7, 1864. She later married I.M. Adams.
4. Henry Rousch, born December 3, 1833, died December 1927, married Sarah Regina Gardner.
5. Eliza Jane, born July 3, 1836, died July 20, 1930, married Philip Dodridge Williams, born August 1824, died May 18, 1899.
6. Thomas Hart Benton, born September 5, 1838, died March 17, 1921, married Mary Ann White, born January 29, 1841, died December 29, 1928, married on October 11, 1863. (See Coleman History).
7. Samuel H., born March 1, 1843, died July 10, 1849.
8. Virginia C., born July 26, 1845, died November 8, 1896, married Ralph S. Morgan, born May 30, 1843, died May 16, 1911.

ember 8, 1896, married Ralph S. Morgan, born May 30, 1843, died May 16, 1911.

9. Mariah Melissa, born December 25, 1847, died March 4, 1931, married James B. Morgan, born 1841, died 1911.

10. Sarah Ellen, born April 18, 1852, death date unknown.

Thomas Coleman, born at Letart Falls, West Virginia, son of James and Nancy Anderson Coleman. (See Michael Coleman History.) His father died when he was two years old, his mother died when he was three. Following his parent's deaths, Thomas was cared for by a maternal uncle, Peter Anderson, and his wife Margaret Anderson. When he was about fourteen, he started working at many of the pioneer jobs: blacksmith, making sugar and molasses and finally on a keel boat, where he rose from cook to "steersman" and soon became the owner of his own boat. He plied between Belleville and the Salt Licks on the Kanawha River and traded in articles of trade in early days. At a young age, he had his first farm on Pond Creek, as a result of his careful saving of his earnings. He purchased land continuously; the land where he lived, raised his family and died, was purchased in about 1820, three years before his marriage. He continued to acquire land until he owned 3,000 acres. Henrietta Fitzhugh's diary indicates also that he purchased a lot in Ravenswood. The land he acquired in Muses Bottom was part of the land originally granted to General George Muse by King George III of England for his service in the French and Indian War of 1754-1762. General Muse did not come to the area, but sold the land to Charles Smith, Sr., a revolutionary soldier, in Richmond, Virginia who did not come to the area of (W) Virginia, but willed the land to Charles Smith Jr. who did come to Muses Bottom and sold land, which continued to be called Muses Bottom.

Thomas was a Justice of the Peace, by appointment of the Governor of Virginia, and later elected by the people. He was the first Postmaster of Muses Bottom in 1836. He served fifteen years on the County Court during 1840-1856. He was always a promoter of schools, a builder of roads and churches. When the B & O Railroad came through Jackson County, instead of selling the right of way, Thomas made an agreement with the railroad, that all the trains would stop at his farm or at the Murraysville Station. Thus, down through the years, there was always easy access for the many visitors and businessmen who came to Muses Bottom.

On July 4, 1876, there was a large annual centennial celebration at Ravenswood. The two speakers were Judge R.S. Brown and Thomas Coleman, who was then over 75 years old. Judge Brown wrote a detailed obituary for the *Jackson Herald*, February 28, 1890, in which he wrote not only of Thomas' death, but of the man himself, as an intimate friend.

Upon his death, Thomas' land was divided among his ten children. Thomas Benton, Elijah, Jane Williams and Nancy Roberts, remained in the Muses Bottom area for the remainder of their lives. The others moved to other parts of the country. The brick house Nancy and Mr. Roberts built still stands occupied by the fourth generation of Nancy's family.

His son Henry was a Methodist Episcopal Church South Minister who made a number of trips to the Holy Land and traveled as a lecturer. He was also active in the Masonic Order and wrote extensively of that experience. He made his home in Louisville, Kentucky and had several children, some of whom are still in that area. Submitted by Elenore Coleman Marien

THOMAS HART BENTON COLEMAN

Our grandfather, Thomas Hart Benton Coleman, born September 5, 1838 in Grant District,

Jackson County, died March 17, 1921. He married Mary Ann White on October 11, 1863 in Wood County. She was born January 29, 1841, died



Wedding picture of Thomas and Mary Ann Coleman, 1863

December 29, 1928. Both are buried in Coleman Cemetery.

Benton, as he was called, was the son of Thomas Coleman (See Early Settlers) inherited the section of Muses Bottom land on which his father had lived. He continued the various farm business enterprises which had been established by his father and of which he had been a part. There were eight children born to this union, all born in Jackson County except William Henry, born in Scioto County, Ohio.

1. John Roush, born June 16, 1866, died February 12, 1950 buried Parkersburg, married Bird Braden, date of birth unknown, died in 1941, on January 3, 1901, no children.

2. Emmett Lee born February 26, 1868, died September 8, 1945, married Susie Ames on March 25, 1898, no children. Both buried in Corpus Christi, Texas.

3. William Henry born May 6, 1870, died May 17, 1923, buried Louisville, Kentucky, married Grace Witten born October 16, 1878 and died June 1, 1969, on November 14, 1901, four children.

A. William Henry, Jr. born September 20, 1902 died January 14, 1907.

B. Thomas Benton born November 5, 1907 died February 13, 1970 (Physician) married Cecil Sullivan born January 16, 1910 on October 3, 1930, three children.

C. Kenneth Henry born March 28, 1910 died December 23, 1978, married Edna Devers born October 23, 1912, on June 22, 1934, two children.

D. Marie DelMar born June 26, 1920, married Lewis Edwin Griffith born December 20, 1920 on June 26, 1943, four children.

4. Thomas born March 28, 1872 died May 20, 1936. Buried in Coleman Cemetery, no children.

5. Charles born February 21, 1874, died April 1874.

6. Sophia Orlena born July 26, 1877, died July 29, 1958. Buried Wheeling, West Virginia. Married Robert Silliman born February 26, 1875, died March 5, 1945, on October 11, 1899.

A. Robert Benton born May 23, 1902, married Metta Jacobs born 1892, died June 24, 1988 Duarte, California, on March 12, 1927, no children.

B. John Roush born April 13, 1905, died February 1984 Kansas City, Missouri. Married Olive Nelson on May 17, 1935, one child.

C. Frank P. born December 26, 1906, died January 18, 1989, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Married Evelyn Edelen born July 5, 1907, on December 23, 1926, two children.

7. Sarah Frances born March 27, 1875, died May 1950 Huntington Park, California. Married William O. Parsons on April 3, 1902.

A. William Asbury born April 12, 1903.

B. Coleman Oscar born April 16, 1905. Married June Cohen died March 11, 1984 New York City, on August 20, 1928. One child.

8. Wade Hampton born November 3, 1879, died February 10, 1943 Charleston, West Virginia. Married Myrtle Talbott born September 29, 1882 Barbour County, died April 1, 1973, on June 9, 1902, four daughters. Both buried Coleman Cemetery.

A. Katheryne born 1903, died January 18, 1905.

B. Mary Virginia born August 9, 1904 Barbour County, died October 6, 1983 Miami, Florida, married John Scott Sherman born September 25, 1898 died November 26, 1976 Miami, Florida on July 18, 1925, two children.

1. Mary Jane born June 28, 1926 West Palm Beach, Florida, married Francis Thomas Kain born May 17, 1923, on October 1, 1949 Miami, Florida.

a. Adrienne Virginia born April 28, 1950, married Michael Malinskowski on February 14, 1970.

(1) Michelle born May 20, 1973.

(2) Jane Coleman born November 13, 1974.

b. Julia Moore born June 11, 1952, married Jon Rutherford on March 23, 1975.

(1) Carrie Lynn born April 18, 1977.

c. Rosemary Scott born June 8, 1956, married Norman Hanor on October 19, 1975.

d. Nancy Talbott born March 25, 1960, married Sander Robert Gold on October 1, 1979.

(1) Amanda born July 22, 1980.

(2) Brian Thomas born February 10, 1983.

2. John Scott, Jr. born August 13, 1928 Charleston, West Virginia.

First marriage to Shirley Brewer July 1955 Miami, Florida.

a. Roger born March 20, 1956.

b. Elizabeth born December 27, 1957, married Bradford H. O'Keefe June 23, 1989.

c. Andrew Tremaine born May 27, 1962.

Second marriage to Nan D. Mucher on September 12, 1977.

C. Frances Lee born December 1, 1906 Randolph County, married Daniel Joseph Popp born May 18, 1889, died October 2, 1973, on June 3, 1932.

1. Daniel Francis born February 3, 1948 Charleston, West Virginia.

a. First marriage to Jennifer Matheny born October 24, 1950, on May 30, 1972. No children.

b. Second marriage to Terri Forrester born December 26, 1947, on January 14, 1984. Two children.

(1) Emily Forrester Popp born September 2, 1985.

(2) Alexander Coleman Popp born April 3, 1987.

D. Elenore Louise born July 21, 1911 Randolph County, married Harry Rodman Marien, Jr. born April 9, 1911, died February 9, 1961, on August 25, 1951 in Atlanta, Georgia.

1. Ann Wise born April 25, 1952 Atlanta, Georgia, married Mark Alan Novotny born August 24, 1951, on January 5, 1985 in Sudbury, Massachusetts.

a. Amanda Marien Novotny born September 6, 1987 in Bergen, Norway.

Mary Ann Coleman moved to Marietta with her seven children during the school months so they could attend Marietta Academy. The letters

written to her husband during those years described the activities and achievements of the children in school. Three of the sons received their bachelor's degrees from Marietta College and went on with other education from there.

Emmett received his law degree from Western Reserve University. Thomas received his law degree from West Virginia University. William Henry received his medical degree at Louisville College of Medicine, and remained to practice medicine in Louisville until his death. Emmett and Thomas both practiced law in Parkersburg for a period of time, until Emmett moved, in 1911, to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he practiced law until his death. Thomas later moved from Parkersburg to Charleston, West Virginia and practiced law there until his death. John and Wade were both businessmen, John in Parkersburg and Wade in Charleston.

Mary Ann's diaries reveal frequent visits from her sons and close family relationships. There are also letters written frequently to our father, Wade. In the summers, there were many family gatherings at the Muses Bottom farm, and Mary Ann continued to live there until the last few years of her life when she moved to Wheeling with her daughter



Benton Coleman home

Sophia, and died there.

The last home on the Coleman farm burned in January, 1950. On the foundation of that house stands a little white house which had been on another section of the farm, and had been lived in continuously since about 1903. The house that burned in 1950 was the last of three houses on the land where the first had been built by Thomas (1801-1890). The barn and corncrib still stand.

Submitted by Frances Coleman Popp and Elenore Coleman Marien

COMBS-FLOWEREE

The following sketch is of the Jackson County Combs family. My great-grandmother was Mary B. Combs Williamson, the daughter of Henry Clay Combs. My parents are Karl and Alice Click of Mount Alto. I have a brother, Jason Keith Click. Also, I am the granddaughter of Ney R. and Sylvia



Karla Renee Click

Williamson and Harry and Arrietta Knapp Click.

(Sallie) Sarah Susan Flowerree, born February 7, 1812, in Rectortown, Fauquier County, Virginia, died in Mason County, West Virginia, December 26, 1896. She married William Henry Combs at Romney, Virginia, (now West Virginia). He was born April 27, 1811 in Fauquier County, Virginia, near Hopewell Gap, in the Bull Run Mountains. He was a Confederate soldier when he was fifty years old. He served in company "B" 22 Va. Inf. Their two oldest sons were also Confederate soldiers.

To Sallie and William Combs were born twelve children as follows: (1) Arianna Hanson Combs born 1833 in Fauquier County, Virginia, married Joseph Bibbee in Jackson County, June 16, 1853; (2) William Edgar Combs born 1834 in Jackson County, Virginia, Civil War veteran 1861-1865, married Nancy Roach; (3) Contee F. Combs, Confederate soldier, died in service, unmarried; (4) Mary Helen Combs born 1836, married January 23, 1856 to Kinsey Pruden of Jackson County, Virginia (now West Virginia); (5) Lacy Ann Combs, married Martin L. Crum, January 20, 1861; (6) Pometia C. Combs, married John Pickens, both died in Iowa, two children; (7) Sallie Flowerree Combs married Jacob Knight; (8) Daniel F. Combs drowned in Ohio at age 9; (9) John H. Combs unmarried age 22; (10) Isabell Combs married John Price, one daughter living; (11) Henry Clay Combs born April 18, 1856, married 1883, to Lenora Anise Sayre, born February 9, 1860; (12) Ida May Combs born 1858. Submitted by Karen Click Phillips

HENRY CLAY COMBS

William Combs, a printer, came to America about 1731. His son William Henry Harrison Combs, also a printer, was once the employee of Benjamin Franklin, married Mary Helen Murphy whose ancestors came from Belfast, Ireland, the County of Down. The name Murphy means "Sons of Sea Warrior". Their son William Henry Combs born April 27, 1811 in Loudoun County, Virginia (died December 6, 1896) married about 1832 in Fauquier County, Virginia, a Sarah Susan Flowerree also known as Sallie Flowerree is pronounced *flow ray*. She was born February 7, 1812 and died February 29, 1896. She was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. They settled in Jackson County about 1836. Some of their children and grandchildren settled in Jackson County and are buried in Mason and in Jackson County. Children: Ariana Hanson Combs born April 17, 1834 in Fauquier County, Virginia, married Joseph Bibbee. Their children were Helen, Daniel, John, Anna, and Mrs. Maggie Bibbee Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan resided at Folsome, West Virginia and the remainder of the children are scattered over different states. William Edgar Combs died in his 87th year (January 9, 1930). He married Nancy Roach. Five children Lily, Frances, William, John, Daniel. Several grandchildren are scattered throughout the state. Daniel Combs drowned in his 9th year during the Civil War while on a raft with a Negro slave in the Ohio River. Permisha C. Combs married John Pickens. Two children William Flowerree Pickens, all died in Iowa. One granddaughter, Mrs. Hazel Sloan Hagerty, Stanwood, Iowa, was in touch with Mrs. Mary Combs Williamson until her death. Contee Fairfax Combs was a Confederate soldier. He enlisted when he was 16 years of age. He died in the war and we never knew where he was buried. Sarah Susan Frances Combs, married Jacob Knight, both died at Hartford City, West Virginia. Five children: William, Nellie and Daisy. Mrs. Susie Knight Turley lived at Hartford and Lydia at Pittsburgh. Lacey Ann Combs married Martin Crum. They had five children. Sallie Crum married William King of Cottageville and she had two children. He later married a Miss Sayre. William, Frank and Emma died unmarried. O.J. Crum mar-

ried Annie Sayre, Cottageville. They had a large family. Mary Helen Combs married Kinsey Prudens and they had several children. John Combs died at the age of 25 years, unmarried. Henry Clay Combs the subject of the sketch was born April 18, 1856 and died January 2, 1930. He is buried in Combs Cemetery in Union District, Mason County, West Virginia. Born in Jackson County, he has many descendants born and raised in Mason County. Married to Lanora Anise Sayre, daughter of M.G. Sayre, and Mary Charlotte Parsons Sayre, granddaughter of Herbert Ezekiel Sayre. H.C. Combs and Lanora Combs had the following children: Mary Blanche, Edgar Contee, William Henry, Sarah Susan, Ulyssis Grant, Rhoda Agness, Henry Clay Jr., Hoit Steve, and Roy Lesley Combs.

Mary Blanche Combs Williamson is the mother of Eugene Victor, Zara Alicia, Lannes Wilkinson Clay, Lydia Maxine, Ney Rene, Jerome Davidson (deceased at age three weeks) and Torres Aulaire. Mary Blanche was a D.A.R. member and she spent her life doing work on her family history. It is because of her devotion to family history that we have so many records in our family.

Ida May Combs married James Armstrong. She is the last child of the ancestor William Combs who immigrated to this country. Submitted by NR. Williamson, Jr and T.A. Williamson

COMER

DANIEL COMER came from Germany to the Kanawha Valley. His son George Comer married Francis Carney in 1812. Their son William Comer was raised on Poca and married (1) Delilah Dawson, daughter of Noah and Ruth (Fisher) Dawson. (2) Martha Dooley, daughter of Henry and Susan (Good) Dooley on December 25, 1864. William and Delilah had at least seven children and he and Martha had at least seven more.

DANIEL C. COMER, youngest child of William and Delilah Comer was born July 9, 1863 and died June 28, 1928. He was married to Lillie Nichols and they had William Seymour and Lorenza Dahl Comer 1892-July 1921. After the death of his first wife, Daniel married Martha Ann Casto, born June 16, 1880 died February 15, 1967, daughter of Jacob and Ruthie (Siders) Casto on March 15, 1898. Daniel and Martha had the following children:

A. LUSTER COMER July 9, 1900-December 14, 1950, married Belva Harmon July 4, 1909-February 2, 1931.

B. OTIS COMER married Louise Stephens.

C. DELBERT COMER February 27, 1903-March 17, 1970, married Mattie (Wheeler) Stephens, November 3, 1896-March 19, 1969.

D. CARL COMER married Lottie Tolley.

E. BRADY COMER married Gladys.

F. JONATHAN JAY COMER born July 3, 1918 married Lillian Kiser, born May 30, 1922.

G. DENVER COMER married May Bradley.

LORENZA DAHL "RENZA" COMER, son of Daniel and Lillie Comer, married Leatha Jane Rhodes, April 13, 1896-1922, daughter of Warnick "Bud" and Martha (Pickens) Rhodes. They had two daughter, Nina Adeline, born June 14, 1916 and Irene born May 14, 1918. Nina married on December 6, 1934 to Kenna David Casto, October 7, 1907-March 27, 1986, son of Alonzo and Icie (Parsons) Casto, they had nine children. Irene married Gilbert Conant and had Gilbert Ray and Marzetta Conant.

Martha (Casto) Comer, raised seven sons, two stepsons, and four granddaughters; Nina (Comer) Casto, Irene (Comer) Conant, Ruby (Comer) Raines, Dorothy (Comer) Page, the latter the daughters of Luster and Belva Comer. A beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was laid to rest at the Baptist Grove Cemetery at Frozen Camp. Submitted by Nina Comer Casto

CONANT

The first generation of Conants to set foot on American soil started with Roger (1591-1679), his wife Sarah, and son Caleb. Roger came to Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1623 from England on the ship *James*. In 1626, Roger founded Salem, Massachusetts. A statue now stands in his honor.

Second generation: Lot (1624-1674), married Elizabeth Walton.

Third generation: Nathaniel (1650-1735) married Hannah Mansfield.

Fourth generation: Nathaniel (1679-1745), married Elizabeth Haines, she was his third wife.

Fifth generation: Jeremiah (1720-ca 1755), married Martha Packard.

Sixth generation: Daniel (1744-?), married Joanna Washburn.

Seventh generation: Jeremiah (1780-?), married Abigail Muncy. He was born in New York, moved and settled in Athens County, Ohio around 1822.

Eighth generation: Jeremiah (c1810-?), married Mary Muns, bought land in Washington County, Ohio, in 1837.

Ninth generation: Sanford Benjamin (1833-1906), married Sarah Catherine Featherstone in Washington County. Sanford served nearly three years in Company G, 92 Regiment, Ohio Infantry in the Civil War. Moved to Braxton County, West Virginia 1871-1872. He was a traveling doctor, preacher, owned a store and was postmaster of Salt Lick Bridge, West Virginia. Bought land on Little Creek Road and built a home in Jackson County before 1875. Sanford died in Jackson County and is buried in the cemetery at Frozen Camp. His wife Sarah, went back to Braxton County to live with her daughter Hester who married William Frame. Sarah Featherstone Conant is buried in the Tichner Baptist Church Cemetery in Braxton County.

Sanford and Sarah's children: Mary Jane (1851), Almeda (1852), Sanford (1854), Susan (1857), Elizabeth (1859), Sarah (1862), Hester (1866), Flora (1868), John Thomas (1870), Mildred (1872), William (1874), Bertha (1876).

Tenth generation: John Thomas (November 14, 1870-October 12, 1947) born in Ohio. Came with his father to Jackson County and was married to Esther Francis Parsons (October 28, 1875-January 19, 1958). John was a farmer like his father. He also bought land that connected with his father's. He died in Roane County.

Children of John and Esther: Delbert Russell (January 1, 1906-?) married Eulah Beryl Pickens, Edna Mae (November 1, 1907-January 21, 1983) married Hampton Turner, John Thomas (October 26, 1909-February 13, 1959) married Blondina Carpenter, Gilbert Ray (April 21, 1911-June 28, 1968) married Irene Comer, Esther Francis (March 13, 1916-September 11, 1978) married Vernard Eagle.



Beryl and Delbert Conant

Eleventh generation: Delbert Russell, attended Harmony School for eight years. He helped his father John on his farm. He married Eulah Beryl Pickens in Jackson County on September 7, 1932.

For a time they lived in Pineville, West Virginia where he worked in the oil fields. Delbert built the home he and Beryl now live in on the other side of the creek from the old Conant home place.

Children of Delbert and Beryl: Robert Lee (April 23, 1933), Linda Mae (October 8, 1938), Arnold Bruce (August 26, 1940), and Larry Russell (March 26, 1946). They also have fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Robert Conant

CONLEY

My name is Foster Cline and I was born at Frozen Camp, West Virginia. I am the second child of Okey and Clara Conley Cline. My great-grandparents, James and Frances Parsons Conley immigrated from Ireland to West Virginia. My grandfather James (Jr.?) was born March 7, 1868 in Jackson County. He married Viola Hendershot, born in Marietta, Ohio, April 9, 1870, in 1889. James homesteaded 103 acres on Big Run at Frozen Camp. It was there he cleared ground to build a log cabin. I have heard him tell how he cut and slashed brush for two weeks before the first tree fell. This land is now the site of the dam on Big Run. On this 103 acres, James and Viola raised tobacco, sheep, and cattle along with ducks, chickens, turkeys, and pigs. He ran a gristmill on this farm where farmers from all around came to have their corn meal and cattle feed ground. It was on this farm that their seven children were born: five girls and two boys.



Conley family

Lillia was born November 26, 1890 and died October 16, 1983. She married Ferdinand Parrish, born March 25, 1894 and died December 6, 1933. His death was brought on by having contacted rabbit fever. Of this marriage came five girls: Viola, Velma, Edith, Geneva and Mildred all of whom are still living. They recently gathered in Florida to celebrate Viola's 80th birthday.

Cora Conley was born in 1893 and died in 1972. She married Claude Haynes. No children were born to this union.

Austin Conley was born January 10, 1896 and died July 4, 1982. He married Effie Kelly of Gay, West Virginia. To this marriage was born Emerson, Irene, Alice, Anna May, and John. Austin served in the U.S. Army during WWI.

Clara Conley, my mother, was born January 9, 1898 and died May 21, 1982. She married Okey Cline in 1916. I have one sister, Violet, and a brother Gene. My father died in 1930. After his death we, as a family, went to live with my grandparents, James and Viola Conley. In a few years Mother remarried. She and Roy Powers lived in Buffalo, West Virginia.

Pearl Conley was born October 22, 1900 and died July 27, 1895. She married Robert Tuttle September 30, 1920. To this marriage two daughters, Mable and Hazel, were born.

Inez Conley was born February 4, 1903 and is now living in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. She married Benjamin Conley. Inez and Ben had two children: Reva and Wayne. Ben was killed in an automobile accident. Later Inez married Robert Hoey. They had one son, Robert, who is deceased.

J. Gay Conley was born April 16, 1914 and died March 21, 1986. He married Edith Parrish on June 30, 1937. To this union four daughters, Nancy, Carol, Sharon, and Gayle and one son, Philip, were born.

I lived with my grandfather and grandmother Conley until I was 16 years old. I attended school at Frozen Camp and at Ripley. At 16 I went to live with my Uncle Austin in Pennsylvania and worked for farmers in that area for several years. Now retired and living with my wife in Port Charlotte, Florida, we enjoy going back to Jackson County each summer to visit friends and relations. *Submitted by Foster Cline*

CONNER-HOUCHEN

Richard Conner was born January 17, 1775 "somewhere east of the Allegheny Mountains in Old Virginia", son of Stephen Conner. He married Priscilla Davis (born April 9, 1791) and they lived on a farm on Lambert's Run five miles north of Clarksburg, (West) Virginia. In 1824, the family moved to Monroe County, Ohio. Richard died June 28, 1840. Jonathan Conner was born January 22, 1818, son of Richard and Priscilla (Davis) Conner. He married Mary Jane Matheny on March 8, 1840 and died March 8, 1891. They lived in Bethel Township, Monroe County, Ohio.

Jonathan and Mary Jane's son, John William Conner, was born in Monroe County, Ohio on May 24, 1843. He married Phebe McPeck, born March 1, 1845, in Ohio, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Meredith) McPeck. John William Conner served in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. John William and Phebe moved to Illinois and later returned to Ohio before moving to Grant District, Jackson County in the 1870s. John William died May 5, 1928 and Phebe died on January 2, 1920. They are buried in the Union Chapel Cemetery located at Windy Ridge on the Wirt-Jackson County line. Their children: Etta Jane (married William Lincicome), Arminda Elizabeth (married James Ephriam Conner), Ormand (married Corda Esther Parsons), Charles Ephraim (married first Dovie Lewellen Parsons, and second Fannie Casto), Mary Winona (died as a young child), James Elwood (married Nannie Cottrell), Otis Orville (married Estella Lucinda Springston), Winfield Franklin (married Nannie Cottrell), Evalena (died in infancy).

James Ephriam Conner was born January 23, 1863 in Marshall County, West Virginia, son of Joseph Conner. He married Arminda Elizabeth Conner on September 23, 1888 in Jackson County, West Virginia. She was born August 6, 1869 in Illinois, daughter of John W. and Phebe (McPeck) Conner. They lived near Medina in Grant District, Jackson County and later moved to the Liverpool area of Jackson County before finally moving to Uhrichsville, Ohio. James was killed June 1, 1932 in a car-train accident near Uhrichsville. Arminda died in 1949 at Uhrichsville. They had nine children, all of whom lived in the Newcomer or Uhrichsville, Ohio area except for Rose who lived at Ripley. Their children: Rose Ellen (married Vincent Houchen), Jessie Ann (married Ross Utter), Pearl Fernando (never married), Iva Jane (married first, Robert Black, and second Charles Phillips), Mary Elizabeth (married first — Tedrick, and second — Patterson, and third Ross Utter), Joseph William (married —), Ida Mae (married —), Lourana Kathryn (married first Virgil Utter, and second John Freeland), John Abner (married —).

George Willis Houchen (1861-1933) was the stepson of General Freeman and the son of Matilda Feather Freeman. He had a brother, Rev. Frank Houchen. He also had a halfbrother, John Freeman, who lived on the Ridge between Elk Fork and Mill Creek in Jackson County. George Willis Houchen married Martha Ellen Casto (1869-1954) in 1885

in Jackson County. They lived on Gay Road and are buried in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery. They had nine children.

Orena Houchen married Homer Worthington Conner and lived at Mineral Wells, West Virginia. Their children: Rollie (Connis) Conner (deceased) married first Eula Waybright and second Dora — and lived at Mineral Wells, West Virginia. Clifford Ralph married Beulah Posten and lived at Wilmington, Delaware. After retiring, they moved to Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Vincent Houchen (1892-1949) married Rose Conner (1889-1983) and lived at Ripley, West Virginia. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, West Virginia. Their children: Chester married first, Esther Boggess. He is now married to Sarah Black and they live at Akron, Ohio. Opal married Joseph Clark (deceased) and they live at Belpre, Ohio. George married Margaret Beymer and they live at Lockhart, north of Sandyville, West Virginia. Elizabeth (deceased) married Robert Ferguson (deceased) and they lived at Littleton, West Virginia. Gilford (deceased) lived at Belpre, Ohio.

Corbitt Houchen married Mary Harmon and they lived at Ripley, West Virginia. Their children: Clarice married Philip Beymer and lives at Evans, West Virginia. Clorice married Ronald Smith and lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Ray married Jeanette Sayre and lives at Cottageville, West Virginia. Ernest married Grace — and lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Ottis Houchen married Nellie Pyatt and lived at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their children: Paul is married to Mary — and lives at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mildred married — Brown and lives at Martinsburg, West Virginia. Kenneth is married and lives at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cornelius Houchen married Madelyn Grady and lived at Columbus, Ohio. Their children: Cornelius Jr. is married and lives at Columbus, Ohio. Edgar is married and lives at Chardon, Ohio.

Earl Houchen married Blanche Frashure and lived at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their children: Helen Jean married Jim Postlewait and lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Regina lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Goldie Houchen married Burton Carder and lived at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their children: Paul is married and lives at Baltimore, Maryland. Melba is married and lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Dale is married and lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Orva Houchen and Eveline Houchen died at a young age of tuberculosis and are buried in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery at Cedar Lakes with their parents. *Submitted by George Houchen and Stanley Houchen*

CONNER-JOSEPH

Patrick "Henry" Joseph, born 1850, immigrated to the United States from Wales, British Isles, with his parents in 1856. His parents lived at Shawnee, Ohio. Henry married Sarah Stanley, daughter of John and Jane (Yates) Stanley. The Stanleys were originally from the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and later moved to West Virginia. John worked in the coal mines in West Virginia and Ohio. Henry and Sarah lived on Negro Run about a mile from the Little Sandy Road in Grant District. Henry died January 7, 1914 and Sarah died August 8, 1925. They are buried in the McPherson Cemetery. They had six daughters.

1. Missouri Joseph (September 26, 1873-1916), married E.F. Conner. (See information with E.F. Conner family.)

2. Mary Ann Joseph (March 10, 1875-May 12, 1919) married L.E. Cunningham. She died of pneumonia at her home in Columbus, Ohio. They had no children. She is buried in the McPherson Cemetery.

3. Cora Bell Joseph (September 1879-1924) married Charlie Conner. (See information with



row 1: Cecil, Laura (with daughter, Mollie), Blair, E.F. (with son, Quillis), Dick, Missouri (with son, Brady), Edith and Mintie Conner; row 2: Pat, Charlie, Ersula, and Clarence Conner, Sarah and Henry Joseph

Charlie Conner family.)

4. Edna Mae Joseph (1884-1950) married Marion Nohe and lived on Little Pond Creek in Grant District. Their children: Carl, Paul, Dale, Eileen and Eveleen. Edna is buried in the Willowdale Cemetery.

5. Laura Joseph (March 10, 1879-1962) married Charlie Dotson and lived on Negro Run. Their children: Mollie, Mary and Lona. Laura is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

6. Bertha Frances Joseph (1889-?) married David Nesselroad. Their children: Johnnie and Bulah. Bertha died at Marion, Ohio and is buried there.

James Conner (1844-1930), son of Samuel and Mary (Earlewine) Conner, married Ersula Montgomery (1842-1912). They lived near the Little Sandy Road a few miles from Medina. James had a sister, Armenia (Conner) Craig, who also lived nearby. James and Ersula are buried in the McPherson Cemetery. Their children:

1. Ephriam "Frank" Franklin Conner (1869-1952) married, first, Missouri Joseph (1873-1916), daughter of Henry and Sarah (Stanley) Joseph. After Missouri died, Frank married Katie Powell, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Shutts) Powell. They had no children. After Patrick and Hindy Ellen Conner died, Katie and Frank raised their son, Charles. Elba June Conner, sister of Charles, was raised by her uncle and aunt, Dick and Hazel Conner. Missouri is buried in the McPherson Cemetery and Katie is buried at Willowdale. Frank is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery; but, at his request, has no headstone. Frank was a schoolteacher and later served on the Jackson County Board of Education. He operated a store on Little Sandy, a few miles from Medina, and also bought furs from the people in the area. Children of Frank and Missouri Conner: Clarence (1892-1916) died of tuberculosis and is buried in the McPherson Cemetery. Patrick H. (1894-1930) married first, Jenny Bunner, and second, Hindy Ellen Bunner and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Edith (1896-?) married Fred White and lived in Pennsylvania. Blair (1898-?) married Cora Woodring and lived at Marion, Ohio. Richard "Dick" (1900-1971) married Hazel Powell and lived near Little Sandy Road before moving to Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1955. Dick is buried in the Willowdale Cemetery. Quillis married Mary Gump and lived at Martins Ferry, West Virginia. Brady married Ruby Tanner and lived at Dillonvale, Ohio.

2. Charlie Conner (1875-1930) married Cora Bell Joseph (1879-1924) and lived on Little Sandy Road. They are buried in the McPherson Cemetery. Their children: Virgil, Virginia "Mintie", Cecil, Bryan, Hal, Thelma, Clyde and Berl.

3. Stella Conner (1878-1968) married first, Wilber Lemaster (1873-1901). Their children: Harold and Russell. He is buried in the Red Brush Cemetery in Grant District. She married, second, Darius Dennis. He is buried in Wirt County, West Virginia. Their children: Frank and Alma. She married, third, Ed Smith. They had two daughters

who died with the "flu" in 1918. She is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery, Wood County, West Virginia.

4. Mollie Conner married Sherm Riel and lived at Martins Ferry. They are buried there. Their children: Otho, Helen, Elizabeth, Curtis, and Charles.

Armenia Conner (1847-1930), daughter of James and Ersula (Montgomery) Conner, married Samuel Craig (1839-1916). They lived on the Little Sandy Road. He had fought in the Civil War. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children:

1. Viola "Ola" Craig (1865-1940) married John Yates and lived at her parents' farm. She is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

2. Mary Craig (1868-1954) never married and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. She lived at her parents' farm.

3. William Craig (1873-?) married-?-and lived at Hicksville, Ohio.

4. Charles Craig (1878-1953) never married and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. He lived at his parents' farm.

5. Elizabeth Craig (1880-1950) married Ebert Holleran and lived near Cavin Fork in Grant District. They are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Wood County, West Virginia.

6. Ada Craig (1886-?) married Cleve Beech and moved to Michigan.

7. Harry Craig (1889-1960) married Edna Brown and lived at Middleport, Ohio. *Submitted by Charles Conner and Elba June (Conner) Lemaster*

RONALD ROLLIE CONNER

Ronald Rollie Conner was the oldest son of Connis and Eula Conner. He was born at home in Carpenter Hollow between Zion Ridge and Gay Road. When he was five years old they moved to Parkersburg. Ronald joined the army after graduation.

He enjoyed a variety of employment in plants and construction work.

He does custom farming but his labors of love are people and traveling. He is happiest when with



Ronald Conner with grandmothers, Millie Waybright and Orena Conner

family and accommodating friends or neighbors who need a driver to a funeral or doctor, etc.

His mother died when she was 28 years old. She left five children, the youngest 3 months old.

Their paternal grandparents, Worth and Orena Houchen Conner, lived with them to help with the children until their father remarried. Ron lives at Little Pond Creek, Ravenswood, West Virginia. *Submitted by Marge Connor*

LAWRENCE E. AND NINA B. COOK

Lawrence Earl Cook, born November 9, 1934 is the fifth child of the late Burl B. and Icie Griffith Cook of Clay County. Lawrence's grandfather Cook came to West Virginia from Virginia and settled in Clay County. Nina Bell Cook, born December 16, 1935 is the youngest of four children of the late James Ervin and Ruth Defibaugh

Durham. Great-grandfather Jessie Durham came to Kanawha County from Virginia. Grandfather O. M. Durham settled in Glen, Clay County, in 1895. Great-grandfather Defibaugh came to Greenbrier County from Germany.

Lawrence and Nina were married July 9, 1955 and lived in Charleston until May 1960. Nina worked for the Dept. of Public Welfare. Lawrence worked for Thomas Field. Lawrence went to work for Kaiser Alumn, Ravenswood on March 23, 1960. They moved to Fairplain.

Lawrence was laid off from Kaiser. They moved back to Charleston to their former jobs. After nine months Lawrence was called back to Kaiser Alumn and they moved back to the same house in Fairplain. Lawrence Ervin Cook (Larry) was born in Charleston Memorial Hospital, February 13, 1961. Larry graduated from Glenville State College with a degree in Business, Forestry and is a Certified Paramedic. He worked for Gilmer County Ambulance Service until February 1988, went to work for the State of West Virginia as a forest ranger in McDowell County.

Flora Ruth Cook Oldaker was born June 11, 1962. (See History.)

Mary Ellen Quinn Grandon, born February 1, 1969. (See History.)

Lawrence and Nina purchased a 96-acre farm at Kenna and moved September 1, 1962; additional property was purchased to make 200 acres on which two Belgian horses and polled Hereford cattle graze and a home garden is grown.



Lawrence and Nina Cook

After 13 years of being a homemaker Nina returned to West Virginia State College, studied Church Music and then Parkersburg Community College and obtained a degree in Secretarial Science. In June 1982 she went to work for Mike McGrew, Agent State Farm Insurance at Fairplain.

The children attended Kenna Elementary School and graduated from Ripley High School. They were all active in 4-H. The family has attended Grass Lick Baptist Church for 26 years and are active members. Lawrence served as Deacon and Trustee. Nina was a Junior Choir Director and taught Sunday School Classes. Larry served as Junior Deacon and taught Sunday School Classes.

Ruth was pianist and Assistant Junior Choir Director.

Burl and Icie Cook moved to Jackson County in 1975 and purchased property on Kentuck Road and lived there until their deaths June 5, 1985 and March 4, 1989 respectively.

We have enjoyed the fellowship of friends and neighbors in Jackson County and feel it is a good place to live and rear a family. (See related photo on page 344.) Submitted by Nina Cook

COOPER

Artimas Cooper was born July 25, 1847 son of William and Martha Ann (Barney) Cooper. His ancestors date back as far as 1734 from Scotland and Ireland. In Kentucky he enlisted in the Army

as did his father and brother. In 1863, he was too young to join in his first attempt so he went home and wrote the number 21 on a paper and placed it in his boot. When he went back and they asked him how old he was, he said "I am standing on 21." They admitted him in the Army and assigned him as a doctor's orderly, then a drummer in the Army band and finally as a regular infantryman. He served for three years and was honorably discharged with a pension.

Sarah Susanna (Rake) Cooper was born September 5, 1853 at Duck Creek Noble County, Ohio the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Rake. When she was six years old, her parents moved to Marietta, Ohio where they resided until the year of 1865. When she was twelve years old, the Rake family moved to Greenup, Kentucky. The year she was sixteen, she met Artimas Cooper. Their courtship lasted four years during which time he fought in the Civil War. When he returned, he married her March 3, 1873. At the age of seventeen, she was baptized into the Church of Christ of Evangelist Powers. After the first two of twelve children were born, they purchased a farm at Horners Run in Jackson County, near Garfield, West Virginia. Here the rest of their 12 children were born. Their home was a solid log cabin with a puncheon floor which was a typical home of that time. Although not as fancy as some we see today, it provided all the shelter, comfort and love that tied a family into the happy unit that it was. Artemas Cooper died April 21, 1908 at Marietta, Ohio from a wound on his head caused by a rail striking him on the head a few years prior to his death. He and his father are both buried in the Meadowdale Cemetery. At one time, William Isaac Cooper owned and operated a store at Duncan about 1910-11.

My father was Charles Clifton Brotton. He was born in Noble County, Ohio November 3, 1868 and came to West Virginia about 1873. My mother was Mollie E. Cooper who was born at Greenup, Kentucky in 1874, the oldest of the family of Artemas and Sarah Cooper. They both lived in the same vicinity and went to the same school. They married May 7, 1893 and lived in Jackson County raising eleven children. I was fifth down the line, two brothers and two sisters older than myself. At this point (1989), there are four of us living. There were seven girls and four boys. Submitted by Georgia Brotton Showalter

OBEDIAH CLEMMENT COOPER

Obediah Clemment Cooper was born in Jackson County, January 4, 1895, son of Samuel David and Sarah (Buchannon) Cooper. They were married July 17, 1877, and lived in the Wiseburg community. They belonged to Sheppards Chapel Church. In 1916, Obe married Annie Francis Corns, daughter of James and Martha (Thompson) Corns. They lived on Farley Run and also on the Steve Balis farm. After his father's death, Obe moved in with his mother, who lived on Route 21 near Lockhart Fork Road. Obe was a farmer who worked oxen and mules. He raised sheep and tobacco. He also worked at the American Viscose in Parkersburg.

Annie, a housewife and wonderful neighbor, was always the first to arrive in time of sickness or for the birth of a new baby. She was a Sunday School teacher at Sheppards Chapel, as well as a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service, the Navy Mother's Club, the Senior Citizens of Ravenswood, and a volunteer at Jackson General Hospital in Ripley.

Obe and Annie had ten children, two of whom died in infancy. Evelyn, born May 17, 1917, married first, Basil Coe (divorced). She married second, Paul Wagner and moved to Seattle, Washington where she died. Margaret, born December 15, 1918, died in 1954, married K.O. Smith, who was in the SeaBees during WWI. They later di-

vorced and she married Robert Null. Stephen, born September 7, 1920, married Jean Eddy, in 1950, and moved to Canton, Ohio. He is retired from the Timken Bearing Company. They have one daughter, Cindy. Cindy's husband is with the State Department and is presently serving in Honduras. Stephen and his wife are active in church work and Meals on Wheels. Calvin, born July 9, 1923, died February 2, 1973, served in the U.S. Navy and was at Pearl Harbor. He married Marie Braniff, lived in Akron and Canton, Ohio, and later moved back to Jackson County. Charles, born November 9, 1925, served in the U. S. Navy during WWII and re-enlisted in the U.S. Army during peacetime. He married Freda Rhodes, lives at Clinton, Ohio and has his own TV repair shop. Eula Belle, born February 29, 1928, a leap year baby, married Allan Robinson, who was in the U. S. Army. After he retired, they moved back to Jackson County. Eula worked at the Jackson General Hospital as a volunteer and Allan worked for the Commission on Aging. Waldron Arnold, born February 15, 1931, married Marcella Robinson and lives on the home place. He has replaced the old home with a new brick home. He runs a beef cattle farm and owns several farms in Jackson County. James Samuel, born January 30, 1934, served in the U. S. Army IX Corps, Engineer Group, in Okinawa, in 1957. He graduated from Gilmore High School in 1952. He is married to Donza Nichols and works at Ravenswood Aluminum. He lives at Ravenswood and likes to play golf at the Greenhills Country Club. Shirley Ann, an adopted daughter, married David Steidle, lived awhile at Ravenswood and later moved to Florida. Obe died June 9, 1961, and is buried at Limestone Hill Cemetery with his parents and wife, Annie, who died August 27, 1987. His daughter, Margaret, son, Calvin, and several grandchildren are also buried there. Submitted by Waldron Cooper and Stephen Cooper

COPE

The history of the Cope family in Jackson County began in June, 1953, when Garland Cope and Norma Jean (Gorrell) Cope purchased the North End Grocery from Norma Jean's Uncle, Harry Gorrell.

Garland J. Cope, born October 7, 1927 from Matewan, West Virginia and Norma Jean Cope, born March 31, 1933 from Ravenswood, Jackson County, were married in Clifton Forge, Virginia on November 28, 1952. Garland graduated from Marshall University in January, 1953 and taught school at Lincoln Jr. High in Huntington. When school was out in June, they moved to Ravenswood, where they are still in the Supermarket business. Garland and Norma Jean have two children, Jeffrey Jay Cope, born November 18, 1955 and Carole Jean Cope, born June 28, 1958, both in Ravenswood Hospital.

Jeff graduated from Ravenswood High School and the University of Charleston with a B.S. degree in business. He is assistant manager at Cope's Supermarket. He married Cathy Moore, born October 31, 1957, daughter of Donald and Shirley Moore of Ravenswood, on May 22, 1975. They have three children, Misty Dawn Cope, born September 27, 1975, Marcus Jay Cope, born October 14, 1978, and Julie Beth Cope, born April 15, 1980, all in Charleston.

Carole graduated from Ravenswood High School and attended West Virginia University 1½ years. Carole married Ricky Lec Moore on June 25, 1978. Ricky was born July 20, 1956 in Charleston, West Virginia, son of Carroll and Lois Moore of Medina, West Virginia. Ricky works at the O Ames plant in Parkersburg. They have three children and live in Ravenswood. Todd Joseph (T.J.) Moore, born August 26, 1979, Alison Lee Moore, born October 28, 1983, and Ian Michael Moore, born May 27, 1987, all in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

In 1977, Garland's parents, Melvin and Laura Cope of Matewan, Mingo County, lost their home in a flood and moved to 317 Fitzhugh Street in Ravenswood. Melvin Cope died February 27, 1988 in Ravenswood and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Laura Cope, a retired school teacher, still lives in Ravenswood.

Garland and Norma Jean are very much involved with the community and serve on various boards. Norma Jean is presently serving her fourth term on Ravenswood City Council. She is a member of the State Republican Executive Committee, and a member of the Governor's Committee on Economic Development, a charter member and past president of the Pilot Club of Jackson County, and chairman of the Jackson County Housing Authority.

Norma Jean and Garland attended both Inaugurations of President Ronald Reagan in Washington, D.C. Norma Jean and Garland were both Charter members of President Reagan's task force.

Garland serves on the Jackson County Hospital Board and is Past President of the Associated Grocers of Dennison, Ohio.

The Cope history began in June 1953 in Jackson County. The picture below was taken in 1987 at Melvin and Laura's 60th Wedding Anniversary. *Submitted by Carole J. Moore*



row 1: Norma and Melvin Cope, Alison Moore, Laura Cope, Ian Moore; row 2: Tedd Joseph Moore, Marcus and Garland Cope; row 3: Ricky and Carole Moore, Julie Beth, Misty, Cathy and Jeffrey Cope

CORBIN

The Corbin family is unquestionably of English origin. Not much is known of the family anciently, but it has been traced back at least as far as the 13th century. The first Corbins came to America in early colonial times. A Henry Corbin is known to have arrived in Virginia in 1654. The earliest one who can be definitely placed in our ancestry is one John Corbin who was living in Richmond County, Virginia in 1692. Our line then comes down through John Jr., William, Peter, George, John W. and Oliver Perry.

George Corbin married Sarah "Sally" Jennings about 1785 and had nine children. Their oldest child, John W., was born in Culpepper County, Virginia, October 7, 1786. After service in the War of 1812, John came to the Booth's Creek section of Harrison (now Taylor) County. In 1819 John W. Corbin married Rebecca Williams, daughter of James and Barsheba Williams of Monongalia County. They became the parents of twelve children, all of whom reared large families. John W. Corbin was called as a member of the first grand jury convened in Taylor County after its formation in 1844. In 1850 John W. and Rebecca and their large family moved to Ritchie County. There they lived the rest of their days and are buried at Ellenboro.

Oliver Perry, the second child and eldest son of John W. and Rebecca Corbin, was born November 10, 1821 in Harrison (now Taylor) County. He was probably named for Oliver Hazzard Perry, the American naval hero of the War of 1812. March 2, 1845, Oliver was married to Nancy Ann Taylor,

daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Gaston) Taylor. Oliver and Nancy moved to Bridgeport, Harrison County, where they became the parents of six children. When the youngest children (twins) were only a year old, the mother died of typhoid fever contracted while voluntarily nursing a neighbor's family. Some ten months later, Oliver married Mary Lindsey, daughter of Thompson and Lucy (Golden) Lindsey.

In the fall of 1858 Oliver and Mary and their children, now numbering seven, moved to Jackson County. They settled on the Pleasant Valley fork of Grasslick Creek, about nine miles south of Ripley. The reason for the move is unknown. However, it may have been for economic reasons. Jackson County was more sparsely populated at the time, thus providing a good opportunity for a man to make a living cutting timber and farming the rich newly cleared land. Oliver first purchased 160 acres from Matthias and Amanda Goodwin. He later added to this until he owned 375 acres. The Goodwins had earlier moved from Harrison County, and that may have been a reason why Oliver decided to settle in this particular place.

Children of Oliver Perry and Nancy Ann Taylor were:

Adolphus (1846-1934) who emigrated to Missouri and reared his family there.

Rebecca (1848-1919) who married Robert Jones.

Taylor (1850-1922) who married Sabra Ellen McDonald.

Lorenzo (1852-1860)

Martha Columbia (1855-1938) who married Rev. William H. Maddox.

Mary Virginia (1855-1935) who married John H. Faber.

Children of Oliver Perry and Mary Lindsey were:

Byron (1858-1934) who married Jessie Board.

Alice (1859-1938) who married Alonzo Maddox, brother of William H.

Albert (1861-1941) who married Lelia Ann Ray.

Belle (1863-1949) who married Jesse H.G. Winter.

Dorothy May (1865-1927) who married Emmet Winter, brother of Jesse.

Elizabeth (1868-1943) who married D.E. Kessel.

Draper (1870-1957) who married Tina Bowles.

Craten (1872-1909) who married Dora Fisher.

Ella (1875-1955) who married Dennis Kessel, brother of D.E.

C.M. "Tene" (1877-1959) who married Orpha Maddox niece of Alonzo.

Zorah (1881-1930) who married Claude R. Smith.

Oliver Perry Corbin died unexpectedly December 24, 1895 at the age of 74. Mary survived him by some 20 years. They are buried in the Grasslick church cemetery, which is not far from the old family home. Some of Oliver's descendants still live in Jackson County, but the majority have scattered to other parts of the United States. *Submitted by Joan Crane*

C. LEE CORDER

I was raised in the community of Big Isaac in Doddridge County. In 1960 I graduated from Doddridge County High School and in June of 1965 I completed my formal education upon graduation from Salem College, Salem, West Virginia.

While a student at Salem College, I experienced the pleasure of meeting a most attractive and enchanting, little blond cheerleader, Sue Ann McDaniel, from West Milford, West Virginia.

Sue Ann was one of the sisters of the locally well known group — The McDaniel Sisters. She and her sisters sang very much around the Clarks-

burg area and also competed in the Ted Mack's Amateur Hour in New York.

In August of 1965 we were united in a marriage that has blossomed into a 24-year romance.

Also in August of that year we began our career of producing a livelihood. We both wanted to teach school and were offered employment in other states; however, being true Mountaineers, we wanted to stay in our home state.

We arrived in Ravenswood August 23, 1965 after having talked with Clara Bell Denning and Howard Brownlee of the Ravenswood Education Foundation. Under the guidance of Jackie Whittington, then manager of Regency Apartments, we began housekeeping.

Sue Ann started teaching first grade at Kaiser Elementary, then North Elementary, where she is presently employed and has been promoted to the second grade after 24 years.

I began my career at Ravenswood High School, teaching under the great leadership of true teachers of the "Ole School", Gay Cox, W.D. Sullivan, "Pop" and Ollie Mason, Virgil Hupp and Jim Porter to mention a few. I taught only three years at Ravenswood High School but I must say I formed some very dear and lasting friendships with teachers and students alike that are still strong today.

In May of 1968 I began a career with Kaiser Aluminum and today am employed with Ravenswood Aluminum Corporation.



C. Lee Corder family, Sue Ann, Jeff, Lee, Joe

Our marriage has been blessed with the greatest gift ever — we have two fine sons. The oldest is Joe who arrived in June of 1966 and Jeff in April of 1970. They both graduated from Ravenswood High School and are true Jackson Countians, hunting the hills and fishing the streams and the beautiful Ohio of our beloved Jackson County.

Joe is employed as a driver for Hartley Oil and Jeff is a midshipman at the United State Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Jackson County is very near and dear to us and it is our most sincere wish to spend our days here in the great valley and the almighty, separate and sovereign state of Jackson County. *Submitted by C. Lee Corder*

CORNS

James Gilbert Corns was born in Noble County, Ohio on July 23, 1875. His parents were Ellis and Margaret Nesselroad Corns. James' father died when he was nine years old. James' mother later married Kinsey Johns in 1885. Mr. Johns owned property on McGraw Run near Lockhart in Jackson County. James married Martha Thompson in February, 1895. They had one daughter Anna Francis Corns. Anna married Obe Cooper. Anna and Obe's children are Steven, Calvin, Margaret, Evelyn, James, Arnold, Eula and Shirley Cooper.

James and Martha bought 62 acres from his stepfather on McGraw Run. The McGraw School was built on a portion of this farm. All of the Corns children and many of the grandchildren attended this school, which is no longer standing. It was destroyed by a fire December 27, 1980.



row 1: John, Carl, Hugh, William;
row 2: Bessie, Gilbert, Ruth, James, Merle, Ernestine

After Martha died, James married Agnes Ruth Miller on August 5, 1905. James and Ruth lived for some time at Sandyville, where James operated and worked in a blacksmith shop. He also worked in Cincinnati, Ohio as a carpenter. He broke his ankle in a fall from a high building. James spent several months in the hospital. This accident eventually left him crippled. He walked with crutches or a cane for the rest of his life and had to ride a pony in his travels. James and Ruth moved from Sandyville back to McGraw Run where they lived the remainder of their lives. Children born to James and Ruth were Nole (1906), William (1907), Gilbert (1909), Delmer (1910), Ernestine (1912), Hugh (1914), Bessie (1916), Carl (1917), Merle (1918), John (1923). James died in December 1947 and his wife Ruth died June 14, 1962. Both are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, West Virginia. Many descendants of James Gilbert Cossin still live in Jackson County and surrounding states. *Submitted by Jason Barker, great-grandson*

LUTHER COSSIN

Luther Franklin Cossin, February 8, 1908-1959, son of Julius and Mary Flowers Cossin was born at the head of Cow Run on Creston Road. He had five brothers: Virgil, Otho, Lorain, Willie and Hershel, one sister, Flo Cossin Fox. His ancestors are buried in Stover-Cossin Cemetery, Creston Road.

"Lute" was orphaned at an early age and became a member of Virge and Maggie Sayre's family. As a boy he loved the creeks and woods, hunting and trapping. His first public work was for the railroad. He later worked in Columbus, Ohio, meeting his wife, Lydia, there. She was the daughter of James and Ida Thompson Loar, (Louisiana, Kentucky). He served in the Navy in World War II.

A quiet-spoken, gentle man, he was a nature person and interested in how things were done in the past. He tried his hand at pioneer ways, tapping sugar trees and making maple syrup cooked in a kettle over an open fire. He made hominy the old fashioned way, too. He was interested in anything unusual, and had a sense of humor. A gourmet, he always had a kind word for the cook. His last years were spent in Jackson County. He is buried at Longview Cemetery, Evans.

Luther and Lydia had two sons. Harold (March 28, 1927-July 3, 1988) served in the Navy during World War II and in Korea during the Korean Conflict. He and his mother are buried in Obetz, Ohio; Doyle (September 28, 1928), married Judith Margaret Gagne (December 6, 1934) (Duluth, Minnesota), daughter of Arthur and Ellen Tredeau Gagne. Doyle was in Korea 1950-1952. He was in the merchant marine and is currently assistant director of a technical school. Judy works in data processing at St. Marys Hospital. Their home is in Duluth. Their children are: (1) Terry Michael, April 17, 1954, married Cynthia Peterson, Duluth, Minnesota. (2) Debra Ann, July 16, 1957, married Dennis Mercier, Duluth, Minnesota, and children

born to this marriage were Charles Dennis (November 8, 1975), Troy James (July 11, 1978), Joseph Adam (August 5, 1980). (3) Ted Thomas, August 19, 1958, married Mary Vedder, Duluth, Minnesota, and son born to this marriage was Chad Thomas (April 26, 1988). (4) DeAnn Ellen, October 8, 1963, married David Simonton, Ohio and Britney Debra (November 10, 1989) was their daughter.

Growing up, Harold and Doyle, sons of Luther and Lydia, spend their summers in Jackson County with Grandma Maggie, Grandpa Virge and "Sis" Ardella. *Submitted by Kitty Bowles*

LAFAYETTE COZART

Regardless of the various spellings of the name, Cozarts in America are reported to have descended from the Huguenot immigrants: Jacques (Jacob) Cossart (1639-1685) and his wife, Lea Villeman (Lydia Willems or Williams) who came October 1662 from Holland on the *Purmerlander Kerck* to New Amsterdam, now New York City. They joined the Dutch Reformed Church, New Amsterdam, April 1663.

Lafayette Cozart (1836-1906) married Mahalia Sayre (1840-1920). They owned a large farm on Meathouse Fork, Sherman, West Virginia and are buried in that area in Nesselroad Cemetery. Mahalia's parents were Uriah Sayre and Louraney Hughes Sayre, who lived at the mouth of Groundhog Run on the Ohio River near Apple Grove, Ohio. Mahalia's grandparents were Thomas and Mary Sams Sayre, great-grandparents were David and Hannah Frazier Sayre. This David Sayre, (1736-1826) is the Revolutionary War soldier buried at Letart Falls, Ohio. Mahalia's maternal grandparents were Jesse Hughes (1750-1829), and his wife, Grace Tanner Hughes. Jesse Hughes was the famous Indian fighter and scout of the American Revolution who played large part in opening the land of western Virginia.



row 1: Mahalia, Lafayette, Iva, Ray;
row 2: Lura, Nora, Anna, Ervin, Ned and Claud

Lafayette and Mahalia's twelve children were: Isaac Henry (1859-1915) married Sarah Hannah Sayre, (1865-1943), they are buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston, West Virginia. Their children were: William, Alice, Ella, and Minnie.

William Riley, (1861-?), settled in Roswell, New Mexico. Children were: Robert and Vernon.

James Franklin, (1863-1893). He was a professor at a college in Ohio. He was nationally known for his penmanship and the monument at his grave has a book with a quill pen and sword carved into the stone. Buried at Nesselroad Cemetery.

George Albert (1865-1932) married Claud —. They are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery, Ravenswood, West Virginia. Their children: Ray and Ivy.

Mary Alice (1867-1957) married William W. Lange (1862-1932). They are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Rodney, Clayton, Clyde and Elton.

Uriah Spencer (1871-1938) married Othello —, settled in Oliphant, Arkansas. Their children: Carl, Corcne, Geneva and Lucille.

Lora E. (1873-1973) married Melvin Bishop (1858-1948). They are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery. They had no children.

Edward (Ned) (1874-1959) married Sallie Christina Brown (1888-1972). They are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Virginia, Brown, Bernard, Amber, Louise, and Ruby Dale.

Ella V. (1877-1949) married Orrance Wolf. She is buried in Ravenswood Cemetery. They had no children.

Anna I. (1880-1940) married Charles F. Hare (1879-?). She is buried in Ravenswood Cemetery. They had no children.

Charles Ervin (1882-1917). He lived and married in Chicago. His wife and child both died during childbirth. He is buried at Nesselroad Cemetery.

Nona, (1885-1923) married Daniel Bunner (1888-1961) They are buried at Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Helen, Thelma, and Virginia. *Submitted by Amber Cozart Benson*

HAZEL (HYRE) CREEL

Hazel Hyre Creel (1896-1989) is the daughter of "Hattie" and Robert Yeager. She was born in Mason County and came to Ripley 1917 the bride of Kenna Hyre. Kenna was a State Legislator and when he expired, Hazel was the first woman to serve in the West Virginia State Senate having been appointed to fill the vacancy of her late husband, Senator Kenna K. Hyre.



Hazel (Hyre) Creel

Hazel went to Ripley after her marriage to Kenna and lived in the same house, 210 South Street, for 72 years. It was tastefully decorated.

Hazel taught school for several years.

Her second husband was Raymond Creel from Parkersburg and Michigan.

Hazel was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church for 72 years, and was a member of the Chancel Choir for many years.

Hazel loved life and people. She has given me personally so many great memories.

Cats were her favorite animal and she always had one around. Princess was the last cat she had. *Submitted by Julia McGinnes*

JAMES CRIHFIELD

James Benjamin Carihfield, April 2, 1905, was the son of William Hickman Carihfield, and Rachel Jane Rhodes Carihfield. Married Rosa Penelope Rhodes (her biological father was Theodore Casto) daughter of Esta Ethel Tenny and step-daughter of Thomas Edward Rhodes. Rosa born February 23, 1911. They married April 24, 1928. Jim passed away September 23, 1965, a massive stroke — death was immediate. Rosa passed away August 2, 1965, complications from a heart attack and pneumonia. Jim had worked at Kelly's ax factory, was a farmer and construction worker. At the time of his death he and Rosa owned two farms, one at Belgrove, and a few acres at Southall Ridge.

Born to Rosa and Jim were seven children and they raised Jim's nephew as their own also. James Clifton Carihfield, August 6, 1927, married Reva

Lou Casto, daughter of Holly and Judy Casto. They were married October 8, 1952, two sons, James Rodney, Micheal Clyde.

William Theodore Critchfield, August 6, 1929, married Ivy May Rhodes on January 22, 1950. Daughter of Mat and Ordell Rhodes. Bill and Ivy's children: Shirley Lou, William Earl, Randy, and Cheryl Lynn. Ivy had two children prior. Rodger, and Judith.

Anna Jane Carihfield, July 3, 1931, married Kenneth William Kiser August 19, 1948, divorced, children: Stephen, Patty Gynn, Paul Douglas; 2nd husband Harry Succucci, divorced.

Jesse Benjamin Carihfield, May 24, 1933, married Karen Elaine Casto, September 30, 1956, daughter of Owens and Sarah Casto.

Jesse and Karen's children: Janice Ellen, Sally Jane, Earnest Benjamin. Esta May Carihfield, May 8, 1935 married Kenneth Owens Casto Jr., March 28, 1953, son of Owens and Sarah Casto. Children: May and Jr. Orza Dianna, Beverly Ann.

Jean Rosalee Carihfield, January 21, 1937, married Okey Lee Ray, September 19, 1953, son of Avrielle and Thelma Ray. Children of Okey and Rosalee are Randall Lee, deceased, Danny Lee, Okey James, Kathy Jean, Robert Wayne.

Amos Brian Carihfield, raised by Jim and Rosa, was born August 1, 1944, married Patsy Casto daughter of Boge and Velvie Casto; Amos and Pat married 1964, sons: Daniel Loren, Jeffery Scott.

Cheri Ann Carihfield, December 3, 1950, married Robert Eldon Casto May 4, 1968, son of Wilbur and Gertrude Casto. Children of Robert and Cheri: Christopher Eldon, Jason Mitchell, Kitty Dawn-Rosa, Joshua Ronald. *Submitted by Cheri (Carihfield) Casto*

CRITES (CRITZ)

John Crites (1786-1847) moved from Upshur County to Mason (now Jackson County) in 1818.

John Crites was the son of Jacob Crites and Elizabeth Hinkle Crites. Mr. Crites settled on land grants totaling five hundred acres. The property was located six miles south, southeast of the Jackson County Court House. He operated a grist mill along the creek where the Grass Lick Road and U. S. Route 21 intersect.

John Crites married Gloria Pfof (Ref. to Poinsett's-Valentine Pfof/Post (1740-1800) of Hardy County, (West) Virginia) (1785-1859), daughter of Valentine and Barbara Devlin Pfof in 1807. Children born to the marriage were: Isaac (December 18, 1807-1853) married Peggy Wolfe October 1831; Elizabeth (August 4, 1809-1874) married George Wolfe; Martin (June 6, 1811-April 1, 1870) married Elizabeth Bowles September 12, 1833; Abraham (February 20, 1814-July 11, 1904), married Madelin Pringle; Susanna (1817 —) married (1) Henry Koontz in 1838 and (2) William Fisher in 1853; Barbara (1820-1859) married Leonard Fisher 1838; Mary (1823-1844) married Aulieene Koontz 1842; Catherine (1826-1910) married William Fisher 1843; Rebecca (1829-1895) married Abraham Casto.

Some of the original acreage was deeded to each of the children. Some of their descendants still reside in the area.

Martin Crites and his wife Elizabeth Bowles (daughter of Jabel Bowles and Nancy Mason) inherited the old home place. Children born to this marriage were: Hannah (1834 —) married Wilson Koontz in 1852; Mary (1836-1844); Abraham (1838 —); Oney (1840 —) married John Anderson; Nathan (1842-1899) married Mazilla Board; Nancy (1844-1916) married Jacob Wetherholt; Elias (1846-1924) married Cordelia Foglesong; Sarah (1849-1849); Polina (1850-1875) married James Elliott; Isaac (1853-1853); Melissa (1854 -) married Benjamin McMahan; John (1857-1933) married (1) Denzia Fisher (2) Clara Davidson; Benjamin (1859-1938) married (1) Cora Wolfe 1889, (2) Minnie Harrison; Elizabeth

(1862 —) married (1) James Goodwin (2) P.S. Crane.

Benjamin Crites inherited the home farm. Children born to Benjamin and Cora Lee Wolfe (1867-1897) daughter of Nehemiah and Victoria Smith Wolfe were: Bess (1890-1960) married Benjamin Milam, son John, daughter Erma Lee; Oscar (1892-1957) married Isabel Hood, born 1899 daughter of J.K. Hood and Ida Lee Greer Hood, in 1921, daughter Elaine; Harry (1894-1960) married Effie Ballard, sons Ardith, Drexel, and David, daughter, Iris; Bryan (1897-1897).

To the union of Benjamin and Minnie Harrison Crites were born sons, Holdin (1905-1905), Homer Eric (1906 —) married Josephine Venice 1935, James, Eric Franklin, daughters Joyce, Mary Jo, M. Helen Jarrett Parsons 1978.

The Crites family continued to live on the family farm until Benjamin moved to Ripley. In Ripley he and his son, Oscar, opened the Crites Clothing Store on Court Street about 1919. He resided on the corner of South and West Streets in Ripley. The family farm was sold in the 1930s and the family continued to live in Ripley until their deaths.

Elaine Crites Jarrett (married Francis E. Jarrett, Jr. 1943, son John Crites, daughters Jane, and Kathryn) is the daughter of Oscar and Isabel Hood Crites. Elaine and her mother Isabel are presently living in Ripley in the home her father built in 1936 on Bridge Street. *Submitted by Elaine Crites Jarrett*

CRUM

The Crum family on Cow Run are descended from Adam Crum (Krum, Kraum) born 1759 south of Rhine River — lower Palatinate Germany. He came to America in 1775 and fought in the Revolutionary War. He was wounded at Bunker Hill and discharged. He was married in 1797 in Virginia to Mary — and they settled in Ohio in 1808. One grandson, James, son of David and Mary Crow Crum, moved to Cow Run in the 1850s with his father-in-law, John Brown. Then his brother, Martin Luther, followed him and married Lucy Ann Combs of the area. Their children were: James Okey 1870-1929, Emma 1862-1927, Sally King 1866-1911 and Frank 1872-1883. James Okey married Anna Sayre 1870-1945. Their children and grandchildren are the ones living in the County today. Their children were: George 1890-1913, Clyde 1892-1970, Guy H. 1894-1896, Kenneth 1895-1979 (two daughters), Hobart 1897-1979 (one son, one daughter), Hoyt 1897-1984 (two sons, one daughter), (Hoyt and Hobart were twins), Robert O. 1898-1909, Clara Galford 1900-1976, Henry 1902-1978, Fred H. 1905-1905, Early 1906-1965, Karl 1910-1982, Welch 1908-1983, Belmont 1912- (two sons).

Grandchildren are: Kenneth married Lulu



J. O. and Anna (Sayre) Crum family

Miller-two daughters, Oral married Maxile Finch (two daughters) Brenda married Jeffrey Easter, Sue married Benny Guido (two sons). Iola Maxine married Glen "Doc" L. Braham-one son Gary. Hobart married Freda Sayre. One son, Max, married (1) Donna Hess-two daughters, Cherie Lynn and Terri Lee married (2) Kathy Jane Meadows. Daughter, Jacqueline married Ray Johnson-one

daughter-Mary Marguerite married James B. Loftus. Hoyt married Golda Flowers-daughter Phyllis married Tom Prichard-daughter Betty Ann married Victor Herbster-two children, Erin Rae and Matthew Carlon. James Earnest married Joan Hamon (three sons) James Michael married Ann Patchett-one son, Joseph (single), Jeffrey married Jolene Schaeffer. Lewis Eugene married Sue Cox (two daughters-one son). Jeanette Aline married Gregg Jones-one daughter Katie, Michelle married Ricky Niewierowski. Michael Lewis (single).

Belmont married Vera Staats-two sons-George Franklin married Cindy Yates-one son-Zachary Joe-Thomas one daughter Kaitlyn Erin. Samuel B. married Helen Persinger.

Clyde's widow, Aline, lives in Huntington. Kenneth's widow, Lulu, lives on farm near Cottageville with one daughter (Iola) and other lives close by. Hobart's widow, Freda, lives on farm near Evans. Son lives in Morgantown and daughter in Florida. Hoyt's widow, Golda, lives in Ripley. Daughter lives in Pocahontas County and Huntington (retired nurse) one son James lives on Cow Run and works for A.E.P. Son "Gene" lives in Portsmouth, Ohio-(retired teachers). Karl's widow, Madeline McMasters Crum, lives in Ravenswood. Belmont and wife live in Ripley. Son George lives and teaches at Alice Lloyd College in Kentucky. Son Samuel lives in Ripley and works for Erie Insurance.

Martin Luther's brother James and wife are buried at Sandyville. His family moved away in the late 1800s. *Submitted by Samuel B. Crum*

FERREL AND MAE (STEEL) CULVER

Ferrel Culver's parents were Samuel and Arthelia (Bunner) Culver, who lived on Lockhart's Fork, in Grant District. This property is now owned by Paul Somerville. The house (now a barn) is still standing. Ferrel's paternal grandparents were John and Velma Culver and his maternal grandparents were Ferrel and Rachel Bunner. Ferrel (1882-1975) was seventeen years old when his mother died. There were several younger children in the family. The John Barlow family took the baby and cared for it until it died at the age of six months. Some of the other children were placed with family and friends, while Samuel went to South Dakota to take up homesteading. The five older children, Della, Ella, Alice, Ferrel and John, chose to stay in Jackson County. Ferrel took the three younger children, Minnie (age five), Charles (age eight) and James (age nine), to Ravenswood, put name tags on each, gave them a sack lunch and a little money and put them on a train for South Dakota. When they arrived at their destination, they had more money than when they started. Minnie ended up in the state of Washington. Charley bought several hundred acres in Canada, where he lived the remainder of his life. James went to work for the railroad in Canada, and also remained there. Samuel remarried when he lived in Canada. His wife and the wife of James came from England on a small boat. It took three months to come across the ocean. While in route, a man died and they threw him overboard, because the whales were trying to overturn the boat. Samuel came back to West Virginia in 1930 where he remained until his death in 1947. Samuel and Arthelia are buried in the Providence Cemetery. John finally left West Virginia and went to California where he took up barbering.

Mae (Steele) Culver (1883-1943) was the daughter of Sherman and Martha (Archer) Steele. Her paternal grandparents were George and Amy (Lockhart) Steele. They are buried in the Sheppard's Chapel Cemetery, in Grant District. George Steele served in the Civil War. Mae's maternal grandparents were Michael and Jane Archer.

Ferrel and Mae Culver were the parents of



Ferrel and Mae Culver

seven children: Harley, Harry, Arah, Barbara, Henry, Ina and Walter. Harley married Gladys Lawman and had one daughter, Dixie, who died at age three. Harley is buried in the Independence Cemetery. Harry married Cleo Flinn and had no children. Barbara is buried in the Providence Cemetery and Henry is buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Arah married W.E. Bower and had two children, Helen and Ruby. Helen married Orville Sullivan and had a son, Warren. Warren has two children, Eric and Shawn. Ruby married Paul Franklin and has two children, Linda and Randy. Linda married Ernie Umsetter (deceased) and has two children, Michael and Crystal. Randy is married to Debbie and lives at Huntington. Ruby married, second, John Buckley. Ina married Dana Sullivan and has a son, Lewis. Lewis married Barbara Sheppard and they have three children, David, Vera and Carla. David married Sherri Temple. Vera married Chris Nowery and has two daughters, Rachel and Amanda. Walter married Pauline Plant and had a son, Raymond. Raymond married Sally White and has three children, Matthew, Andy and Melissa (adopted daughter originally from Bogata, South America). *Submitted by Ina (Culver) Sullivan and Arah (Culver) Bower*

CUNNINGHAM

The Cunningham family of Kenna was established in Jackson County in 1842 when William D. Cunningham, son of William H. Cunningham, purchased 176 acres on the Trace Fork of the Pocatlico River.

The Cunningham clan is from Ayrshire, Scotland, and reliable Cunningham history can be traced back to the year 1150. The Cunningham Castle, "Glenarnock", which today stands in ruins, is on the banks of the Garnock River, two miles north of Kilbirney, Scotland.

Our first Cunningham ancestors arrived in Philadelphia between 1745 and 1750 from Dublin, Ireland. They migrated to the region of the North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River, and from there William H. Cunningham (1778-1858) moved in 1807 to Kanawha County traveling by horse and buggy with his wife and several children. He lived in Kanawha County until his death in 1858. William D., founder of the Kenna Cunninghams, was a small boy during this move.

William D. Cunningham (1802-1885) married Sarah A. Fowler, (ca. 1805-1880), da. Joshua and Levina Fowler, buried Rock Spring Cemetery. Their five children: (1) Elizabeth born 1833, married James L. McVey; their children: Alfred McVey married Tina Boggess; Samuel McVey never married, (2) Christopher C. (1836-1900) married Mary Jane Hoffman; One known son: George Summers; (3) Harrison D. Cunningham, (1838-1915) married Rachel Fisher (1839-1907) da. Henry C. Fisher, Jr. and Nancy Harrison; eleven children: Marcella (1862-1941) married John Fisher (1858-1915); Sarah I. (1864-1932) married John F. Harrison (1865-1944) son of Bushrod Harrison and Louisa Jane Ranson; Henry Martin "Mart" (1866-1936) married Lizzie A. Davis (1860-1932); William Angus "Bub" (1868-

1927) married Clementine Wolfe; Leftridge Sanford (1871-1937) married Rosa Theresa Baxter (1877-1959) da. Felix Josephus Baxter and Sarah Prudence Duffy; Nancy Manda "Dana" (1872-1944) married Marion Harrison (1857-1914); Finney Elbin (1875-1959) married Lula O'Dell Crites (1873-1954) da. William Harper Crites and Barbara Ellen Price; Eliza A. Cunningham (1877-1958) married William A. Smith (1868-1929); Everett Frye (1880-1947) married #1 Ada Pitchford (1885-1909), #2 Ella Monday; Mary M. (1882-1957) married Robert D. Casto (1875-1933); Leatha Alice (1885-1962) married Oscar Parsons (1884-1969). (4) George W. Cunningham (1841-1885) married M.A. — ; One infant died age two months. (5) Andrew J. Cunningham, (1847-?) married Martha Jane Faber (1845-1909) da. Hiram Faber and Jane Kimes, children: James married Nancy Paxton; Abraham married Mina Boggess; John P. married Ader Mullins; Harriet married Hoyt Crites.



Harrison D. and Rachel (Fisher) Cunningham

One contribution the Harrison D. Cunningham family made to Jackson County was the formation and building of Watts Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church South on Route 21, south side of Divide Hill at Kenna. On one acre of Cunningham Land, Harrison D., along with some neighbors, constructed a church from timber cut on the Cunningham farm. The church was completed in 1881 and dedicated by and named for Presiding Elder H.T. Watts of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It was deeded to trustees for the Methodist Church in 1889 by Harrison D. Watts Chapel was sold by the Methodist Church to members in 1982 and continues as a house of worship called the Watts Chapel Community Church.



Watts Chapel Community Church, dedicated 1881

From this family came Young's Department Store in Charleston, started by the daughter of Marcella; Cunningham Funeral Home in Charleston, started by Everett Frye; and a Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church, Leftridge S. Few descendants live in Jackson County at this time. *Submitted by Mrs. Jacqueline M. Heywood*

CUNNINGHAM

Ayrshire, Scotland is the original dwelling place of the CUNNINGHAM FAMILY. The Cunningham history can be traced back to the year 1150.

Cunningham is located in Ayr County, Scotland. The Cunningham Castle is still standing in ruins on the Garnock River in Scotland.

The Cunningham family is of Scotch-Irish lineage. The first ancestors to arrive in America from Dublin, Ireland were JAMES, JOHN, and WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM. They arrived in Philadelphia in 1745-1750. These three brothers were early pioneers on the North Fork of the Potomac in Pendleton County, West Virginia in 1753.

The only family that has been elaborated on is the family of James Cunningham and his wife Margaret. They had five children: MOSES, ELIZABETH, JACOB, ISAAC, and HUGH.

HUGH CUNNINGHAM and his family lived on Bingamon Creek and later in Harrison County. Hugh was the father of Thomas, Edward, Walter, William, Benjamin, Joseph, and Adam, an early settler on the South Branch of the Potomac.

During August of 1785, two of Hugh Cunningham's sons, THOMAS and EDWARD'S family were faced with a great tribulation. These families were attacked by six savage Indians. They resided on Bingamon Creek of the West Fork and now the dividing line between Harrison and Marion Counties. During this cruel and vicious attack, Thomas' children were brutally murdered. Thomas' wife, originally Pheobe Tucker, was captured by the Indians and was later ransomed to a great Captain, Simon Girty. Pheobe Cunningham then began a long and desperate journey to return to her husband. She joined a party to travel the dangerous forest route to the east. She finally made her way back home only to find that her husband was also ransomed by the Indians, and taken to Kentucky. Miraculously, Thomas had heard of his wife's existence on the Holstein River in Virginia and retraced her steps to be reunited with his loving wife. The Cunninghams reconstructed their lives and were blessed by God with the presence of more children.

The Cunningham descendants dedicated a stone and a bronze plaque to these Cunninghams. The plaque is located on Cunningham Run, approximately one mile from Peora and six miles from Shinnston, West Virginia. The top of the plaque reads, "Site of the Community's First Settlers, Thomas and Edward Cunningham whose houses were burned by Indians August 1785 and Mrs. Thomas Cunningham captured and her children slain."

WILLIAM H. CUNNINGHAM first appeared on the Tax Rolls of Kanawha County in 1807. It is assumed this is the same William Cunningham, son of Hugh Cunningham and brother of Edward and Thomas Cunningham. William H. Cunningham was born in 1778 in Virginia. He was of Scotch-Irish stock. He was a stonemason by trade and a lawyer by profession. He married Maria Wilson. They and their family moved from the region of the north fork of the south branch of the Potomac to Kanawha county. He appeared on the 1810 census record of Kanawha County, where he spent the majority of his life. He was placed in Southern Jackson County in 1830, when he lived near Leonard Fisher. William H. Cunningham's life ended in 1858 at the approximate age of seventy.

WILLIAM D. CUNNINGHAM was one of many children of William H. Cunningham. William D. was born in 1802 and came to Charleston with his father and family. He married Sarah A. Fowler. Instead of trading his team of horses for property in Charleston, he chose to obtain property in Jackson County and keep his team of horses. William and Sarah Cunningham had the following children: Elizabeth, Christopher C., Harrison, George W., Andrew J. and Christina. Three of these children stayed in the same area as their father. Andrew J. Cunningham is the grandfather of Rymer Cunningham, who still resides in the Divide Hill area near Watts Chapel Church. Harrison D.'s two great-grandsons, Carol and William H. Cun-

ningham, along with their families still live in the Sissonville area today.

CHRISTOPHER CHARLES CUNNINGHAM, was born in 1835, married Margaret Jane Hoffman, and lived on a 150-acre farm in Goldtown. They had the following children: *Job Parker*, born 1859; *William F.*, born 1862; *George C.*, born 1865; *Christopher M.*, "Charlie", born 1870; and adopted daughter, *Pearl Lewis*.

GEORGES CUNNINGHAM married Mildred "Aquilla" Ann Lovejoy. His brother Charles M. married Aquilla's sister, Nettie Susan Lovejoy. George and Aquilla bought a large farm on the head of Kelly's Creek located in Kanawha County. He was a farmer and a Mormon by religion. Their children were: Otto, Warren, Oather, Ola, Ici E., Christopher N. "Chris", and Innes. Chris' son, Tracy Cunningham and his family continue to live on his grandfather's original homeland. On this land is where the Cunningham Cemetery is located. The Cunningham Cemetery was dedicated by George and Aquilla Cunningham in 1913, when their daughter, Innes, was taken from this life as an infant. George and Charles Cunningham were both buried at this family cemetery as were many of their descendants. The beautification of this cemetery is the direct result of the volunteer time of Tracy Cunningham and his family.

Three known cemeteries of Direct Ancestors: Tyler Mountain Memorial Gardens, located in Kanawha County. Rock Springs Cemetery, located near Divide Hill in the Kenna area. Emma Chapel Cemetery, located on Route 34, near Jackson and Putnam County lines. *Submitted by Angela Fisher and Ronda Smith*

AFFREEDA CUNNINGHAM

Affreda Virginia Cunningham was born July 9, 1920. She married John Goff on April 20, 1938. John was born September 5, 1916. He was a retired Mail Clerk from Union Carbide and a twenty-year volunteer for the Dunbar Fire Department. He died in 1978. In 1980 Affreda married Okey Garrett. Okey retired from the United Van Lines; they reside in Florida.

Affreda and John's children are Jackie L. born May 19, 1942 and Jerry R. born February 1947. Jackie married June Westfall; now divorced they have one daughter Joyce L. Jerry married Betty Kerns. They have two children Kera, Jason and (stepson) William. *Submitted by Jackie Goff*

BRADFORD CUNNINGHAM

Bradford Arnold Cunningham, son of Charles and Nettie, was born April 15, 1900 and died April 12, 1980. He married Nancy Evelyn Vance December 5, 1921. Bradford lived and worked in Prenter, West Virginia. In 1920, he moved to Crichton, West Virginia where he worked for Johnstown Coal and Coke Company and also for the Ramond City Coal Company. In 1941, he moved to Keyford, West Virginia and lived there for sixteen years. He then moved to Chesapeake, West Virginia. This is where he bought a house and built a grocery store called "Cunningham Grocery". Bradford bought a coal mine and called it "Brad Coal Company". It was located at Forklens Creek in Nattie, Boone County, West Virginia. Bradford and Nancy are buried at the Cunningham Cemetery at Kelly's Creek. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are:

Opal Iona Cunningham born May 4, 1924, married Ransford Ranson. Their children are Sheila L. and Keven W., who married Elizabeth A. Varin. Keven and Elizabeth's children are Nicholas W. and Nathan N.

Forrest Cunningham born January 30, 1926 first married Elizabeth Dyke and his second wife was Myrtle Young.

Cressel Cunningham born May 22, 1923 and died May 24, 1923.

Charles Cunningham born June 14, 1924 and

died June 16, 1924.

Hellen Louise Cunningham was born January 13, 1930. She married Kenneth Seagraves. Their children are: Beverly S., Brenda E., and Kenneth A. Beverly married David Gusseman; they have two daughters, Kelly M. and Brenda E., who married Thomas Ketchum. Brenda and Thomas' children are Alexandria B. and Courtney T. Kenneth A. married Brenda Hall; they have two children Criss D. and Jennifer N. Kenneth's second wife Kimberly Montgomery has one son Jared S. *Submitted by Opal Ranson*

CHARLES AND "NETTIE" CUNNINGHAM

Charles "Charlie" McCollin Cunningham was born August 26, 1870. He married Jennettie "Nettie" Susan Lovejoy, born February 26, 1879. Charlie was a lumberjack, farmer and coal miner by trade. He bought a farm on Frogs Creek in Kanawha County where he raised his family. Charlie and Nettie were hard working, honest people of good character. They were always eager to help their neighbors.

Charlie had little education because he had to work and help support his family at an early age. He was a skilled builder and his daughter Affreda said, "He had a gift of being able to figure building dimensions and the needed materials without pen or paper. Friends often called on him to help in this area." Charlie's grandson is an architect. Another daughter, Neola, remembers her father taking produce to the Farmer's Market and he would stay overnight at his cousin Marcella's house during the two-day trip.

Nettie was a kind person always looking for the good in people. She was always ready to lend a helping hand in the community. She was known



Charles and Nettie Cunningham

for Sunday dinners, when she would invite the preacher or anyone who needed a good home cooked meal. A granddaughter, Janice Sayre, can remember her grandmother's delicious molasses cookies. She would season them for days in a flour sack hung behind her old cookstove.

Charlie and Nettie always taught their children to reverence God and to have respect for others. Their children were Bradford Arnold, Roy Andrew, Jewell Gilbert, Neola May, Affreda Virginia, and Sandford Otmer. Charles and Nettie are at rest in the Cunningham Cemetery. *Submitted by Affreda Goff*

JEWEL CUNNINGHAM

Jewel Gilbert Cunningham, third son of Charles and Nettie, was born on September 19, 1907. He married Lula Presley on September 19, 1933. He worked with his two brothers in the coal mines in Crichton, West Virginia for thirteen years. He then moved to Dunbar, West Virginia where he lived for forty years. He retired from the City of Dunbar. He died April 20, 1989.

Jewel and Lula's sons are: Marvin Andrew born August 2, 1937 and served in the army; Charles Neal born August 31, 1935 and who served in the Marine Corps. Charles married Phyllis Rose and

their children are: Patricia Mae, Randall, David Allen and Lori Ann. Patricia Mae married George Ross and their children are: Destini, George A., Donald, Betsy and Brenna. Randall married Laurie Osier.

Jewel and Lula are at rest in the Emma Chapel Cemetery near Liberty. *Submitted by Charles Neal Cunningham*

KEZIAH CUNNINGHAM

One of the most interesting and historic places to visit in the town of Ripley is the peaceful and well-kept Early Settler Cemetery. Here are buried many of the county pioneers, some in graves unmarked for one reason or another, but all resting in a lovely plot which has been kept neat and trim through the efforts of interested local citizens. One of the most dedicated of these workers was Adele Harpold Walsh (1906-1989). Adele's great-great-grandmother is buried here, one of the early inhabitants of what is now Jackson County. You will find her tombstone in the center of the cemetery, much deteriorated now, but with a still legible inscription reading "IN MEMORY OF KEZIAH CUNNINGHAM DIED FEBRUARY 26, 1852 AGE 86 YEARS. BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD".

Keziah married James Cunningham September 8, 1794 and had five sons and a daughter, all born in Pendleton County. The sons were William, James, Thomas, Isaac, and Joel. The daughter, Phoebe, was married to Benjamin Rollins and is also buried here. They moved to this area before 1820, and about 1825, their son James married Sarah Parsons, the daughter of one of the county's first settlers, Charles Parsons. James and Sarah Cunningham had fourteen children and lived in the Tug Fork area all of their lives. The family contributed heavily to the Union cause in the Civil War, with Benjamin, William, Thadeous, Elias, and George serving in the army. George was killed in the Seven Days Battle for Richmond in June 1862. Sarah probably never saw her sons again after they went off to war for she died in July 1862. James died after 1870 and may be buried next to her in the Sinaiville Cemetery. Their son Benjamin married Mary Jane Graham in 1849 and a son James was born in 1850. In 1854, they moved to Indiana and a daughter Viola was born there in 1859. In 1862, Benjamin enlisted in the Union Army and served until 1865 as a First Lieutenant in the artillery. He returned to Ripley after the war and became a successful building contractor. Among other projects, he built a covered bridge over Mill Creek at Ripley, framed the St. Johns Episcopal Church Building which stood on Church Street until it was razed in 1972, and built the superstructure of the Sarvis Fork Covered Bridge which is still standing at New Era, West Virginia. The Cunningham home in Ripley was a fine white frame house at Main and Maple Streets where Dora Dell was born in 1868 and Clarence Ambrose in 1870. Dora married Jennings Harpold and was Adele Harpold Walsh's mother. The Harpolds lived in the small white cottage on Main Street at the bridge, and were friends to all who passed by.



James, Mary Jane, and Viola Cunningham

Adele and her husband Jim Walsh, and sister Anita Harpold continued to live there after their parent's death, but the end of another era has come and the house is empty now.

Mary Jane Cunningham died in 1891 and Benjamin in 1893. They are both buried in the Early Settlers Cemetery as is Viola Cunningham, and Dora and Jennings Harpold. James moved to Chillicothe, Ohio and Clarence to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Many of their descendants still live in these areas.

Adele's sister, Anita, will be remembered by many Ripley residents as their much beloved first grade teacher who taught for many years at the local school. Adele and Anita led quiet, useful lives as their ancestors did, and we have much to thank them for. *Submitted by James C. Cunningham*

NEOLA CUNNINGHAM

Neola May Cunningham was born July 22, 1911. She was first married to Ward King. She married her second husband Howard Spencer Coutz on September 3, 1943. Howard was from Gilmer County, West Virginia. He was a logger, gaswell driller and a coal miner. He served as constable in Clendenin, West Virginia for many years. He met Neola while staying at her mother's boarding house. Howard and Neola bought a farm on Frogscreek where Neola was raised as a child. In 1962, they moved to Rockcastle in Jackson County. They lived in the old Lone Oak Schoolhouse. In 1976, they moved to Evans. Howard and Neola were honest, hard-working people. They both enjoyed farming; Neola was known for her "Green Thumb" for flowers and gardening. Their daughters, Janice and Margaret, have fond memories of their father's 28 Model Ford Truck. They also remember him as a loving humorous person. Howard died June 5, 1982. He has three daughters from a previous marriage; they are Mildred Shamblin, Janet Stump, and Loraine Shamblin.



Howard Spencer and Neola M. Coutz

Howard and Neola's children are Janice L. born August 23, 1946 and Margaret A. Dawson (adopted) born October 19, 1950. Janice married Otho Kerns in 1963. Otho died in 1976. They had two children Jeffery S. and Angela Y. who married David Fisher. In 1980 Janice married Dwight Sayre; they have one daughter Joy R.

Margaret A. Dawson married Doyle M. Smith in 1968. They have two daughters Ronda K. and Betty L. who married Robert Moles.

Howard lies at rest in the Cunningham Cemetery. *Submitted by Janice Sayre*

ROY CUNNINGHAM

Roy Andrew Cunningham, Sr., second son of Charles and Nettie, was born November 25, 1904 and died April 18, 1973. He married Myrtle Helen Vance, who was born June 9, 1908 and died January 30, 1970. Roy worked in the coal mines in Crichton, West Virginia for thirty-five years. In 1936 he bought some property in Walton, West Virginia, where his family later operated the "Cunningham Service Station." Roy and Myrtle are

buried at Tyler Mountain Memorial Gardens. Their children are: Charles, Milford, Glen, Roy, Frances and Franklin.

Charles James Cunningham, born April 5, 1935, married Janet Lee Hunt, born June 20, 1934. Their children are David, Danny, Susan, Mark, and Timothy. David James married Kelly Lou McCormick; they have two children Melody D. and Mirand L. Danny Joe married Rebecca Sue Harper: three children, Jessica F., Amy J., and Michelle L. Susan Denise married Donald Ray Ritz; they have two children Amanda D. and Nicole L. Mark Wayne married Susan Lanell Smith, one son, Charles F. Timothy Alan married Jay Francine Pauley: one son Andrew M.

Milford A. Cunningham married Erna T. Jones; their children are Chadwick F. and Thomas A. Chadwick married Kelly Hoffman; their children are Christa R. and Orion. Thomas married Kanny Ball: four children Thomas A. II, Monica L., Steven D., and Julia F.

Glen Lee Cunningham married Melinda Fay Ford. Their children are Michael L., Jeffrey R. and Melinda L.

Roy Cunningham, Jr. married Alice C. Holbrook. Their children are Sheri L. and Brooke D.

Frances Cunningham married Harry Brannon, no children.

Franklin Cunningham born April 1, 1933 and died in 1952. *Submitted by Charles Cunningham*

SANFORD CUNNINGHAM

Sanford Otmer Cunningham was born July 18, 1926. He married Charlotte Louise Songer. Sanford is a retiree from Union Carbide. He is a carpenter by trade and a wood craftsman.

Their children are Pamela S., Melissa A., Don K., Timothy W., Beth, and Sanford B.

Pamela married a Nelson. They have two children Berry A. and Sidney B.

Melissa married Stephen Maker. They have three children: Stephen K. Jr., Melissa L. and Teresa M.

Don married Marilyn Kirby. They have one son Kevin B.

Timothy W. has one daughter Kellie D.

Beth married Charles Petro.

Sanford B. married Kimberly Cockern. They have one son Cody J. *Submitted by Sanford Cunningham*

WARREN CUNNINGHAM

WARREN ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM, born November 19, 1914, died August 20, 1972. His parents were: Okey J. Cunningham, Sr. (November 19, 1868-June 12, 1940) and Martha Merrical Cunningham (August 4, 1888-December 27, 1964). His grandparents were: Elias Alexander Cunningham, (February 25, 1838-April 10, 1925) and Mary Rouch Cunningham (July 20, 1841-March 1, 1917); Jesse J. Merrical (1848-1937) and Melissa Farley Merrical (1854-1953); Brother, Okey J. Cunningham Jr., (November 1, 1919-September 3, 1989). Sisters: Mabel Landfried Carney, Hazel Hanning, Mary Casto.

Warren went to Walnut Grove, a one room school, until the fifth grade. He then went to Ripley Elementary School and graduated from Ripley High School. He attended Glenville State College, Glenville, West Virginia, where he met Wanda M. McAvoy, a teacher from Webster County, West Virginia, who later became his wife on August 28, 1943.

He was teaching at the Centennial School when he was drafted to World War II, September 1943. He served in Bougainville, New Caledonia, Philippines, as Master Sergeant, and was in Yokohama, Japan, when the war ended in 1945.

After the war, Warren and I went to Glenville State College and finished our Bachelor of Arts Degrees. After completing our degrees, we came to Jackson County and bought part of the farm

where Warren grew up and made our home here, where I still live.

We had two children: Cheryl Lynn D'Allesandro, Houston, Texas, and Bruce Warren



Warren and Wanda Cunningham, Cheryl and Bruce

Cunningham, Ripley, West Virginia. One granddaughter, Tasha Yvonne Cunningham.

I taught thirty-six years, most of it in Jackson County. Warren taught at Cottageville and Gay after the War. In 1951-1952 he went to the Board of Education office and worked there until his death. During the twenty years he was in the office he served as Attendance Officer, Supervisor of Elementary Schools, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, Financial Secretary, and Secretary for the Board of Education. He made out the budget when he was Superintendent and Financial Secretary.

He was Superintendent at the Grace Gospel Church eleven years. He also served as Deacon and was a dedicated Christian. *Submitted by Wanda M. Cunningham*

CURREY

James Harvey Currey (1832-1908) was born near Bridgeport, the son of James and Roseann (Finley) Currey. He attended Pruntytown College, while living with his father, who ran a lumbermill, flower mill, and operated a stagecoach line and station on the North Western Turnpike. James purchased, from Amos Cheuvorant in 1858 property in Jackson County at the mouth of Nesselroad Creek near Lockhart, occupying it in 1860. He married in 1861 Mary Louisa Maddox the daughter of William Oscar and Elizabeth (Cheuvorant) Maddox. James served as a Captain in the Confederate Army from 1861 to 1865, was a lawyer and justice, practicing from his home at Lockhart, and was a member of the Jackson County Court from 1866 to 1907. James and Mary are buried at the Maddox Cemetery.

Their children were: Jefferson (1866-1932), William Londas Yancy (1867-1925), Kirby (1869-1926), John Breckenridge (1870-1949), James (1872-1872), Ira (1873-1937), Forest Rose (Smith) (1876-1945), Al (1878-1898), Amos (1880-1972), Cortious (1882-1883), Findley (1884-1955).

William Londas Yancy Currey, M.D. (1867-1925) married 1891 Lucy Lora Lockhart (1869-1929) the daughter of Albert and Annette (Derenberger) Lockhart. He was born near Lockhart, and graduated from the University of Louisville in 1893, and was a Physician and Surgeon for nearly 32 years, starting practice at Mineral Wells in Wood County, later in Jackson County at Lockhart, then Sandyville where he practiced for about 25 years. He was prominent in the political affairs of the county, owner of a store at Sandyville, owned an interest in the Sandyville Milling Company, and President of the *Mountaineer* newspaper. He was a member of the Sandyville United Meth-



William Londas Yancey Currey, M. D. (W. W. I.)

odist Church, to which he donated property. During World War I he served as a Physician in the United States Army. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their children were: William Lionel Currey (1892-1958) married 1917 Doris Beulah Kalt (1898-1980). They are buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their children are: William Lionel Currey, Jr., Lois Roberta McKinney, Ina Rose Skidmore, and Rex Rolland Currey. Anita Meta Currey (1894-1935) married 1915 James Baker (1881-1947). Their three children died in infancy. All are buried in the Independence Cemetery.

Durwood Paul Currey (1896-1971) married 1924 Opal Lee Knapp (1905-). Opal Knapp Currey lives at Charleston, West Virginia. Durwood is buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their daughter is Emma Lucile (Currey) Blanchard.

Martha Bernice Currey (1906-1941) married 1922 Frank Atkins Murrey (1900-1937). Their children are Betty Marie (Murrey) Parrish, Robert Currey Murrey, Anita Jean (Murrey) Headley, Bruce Edgar Murrey, Frances Joan (Murrey) Balser, and Frank Atkins Murrey Jr. Frank Atkins Murrey Sr. is buried in the Independence Cemetery.

Martha Bernice (Currey) Murrey married second Frank Preston Surface. Their son is Carl Preston Surface. Martha Bernice (Currey) Surface is buried at Independence Cemetery. Frank Preston Surface is buried at Riverview Cemetery at Williamstown, West Virginia. Submitted by Rex R. Currey

JAMES B. CURREY

In Yorkshire, England, was born John B. Currey, 1609, wife, Elizabeth-September 9, 1606, died 1694. Their son John born 1630, wife, Elizabeth Ann, also Yorkshire. They came to Hampton, Virginia in 1649, two known children Elizabeth born 1654 and son John B.-June 5, 1652, he married March 20, 1672 to Sarah Johnson-August 2, 1652 daughter of George and Catherine Johnson. To their union born Mary-1674, Joseph-1676, John-1677, Elizabeth-1681, James-1679, Jonathan-1685, Sarah-1687, Martha-1689, George-1690, and Henry Currey-October 9, 1683. He married in 1704 Mary Lee-1683 daughter of George Henry Lee of London, England later of Elizabeth. To their union born Joseph-1705, John-1707, Ross-1709, David-1711, Sallie-1712, George-1715, Sarah-1717 and James Henry born February 16, 1714 wife, Elizabeth; he was a sea Captain, his ship *West Wind*. To their union born Joseph-1735, Ross-1737, Nathan-1740, Israel-1742, David-1743, Mary-1745, Isaac-1748, Jonathan-1749, Sarah-1752 and John Currey-August 29, 1739, wife, Margaret. To their union born Margaret-1762, Mary-1764, Israel, Ross, John, Robert and Jonathan Currey-July 22, 1764. They moved from Elizabeth City, Virginia in 1780 to Fairfax County, Virginia. On January 26, 1783, at Fairfax County Baptist Church Jonathan married Nancy Mason-December 24, 1767 to George and Ann Mason near Mason Neck, Fairfax County, Virginia. To their union born Benjamin-1785,

Daniel-1786, Ann-1788, Jonathan-1791, Israel-1793, Nancy-1798 and James H. Currey-November 23, 1784, 1801 he came to Harrison County. On March 12, 1802 bought his first land, 250 acres near Bridgeport, West Virginia, bought till he owned 3,600 acres. He ran a lumbermill and flour mill out of Bridgeport and half owner with his father in operating a stagecoach line and station. His father moved to Harrison County in 1814. On March 1, 1809 James H. married Roseann Findley-May 29, 1783 died July 18, 1825 at Bridgeport, daughter Thomas and Nallie Findley who came to Harrison County from Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1792. He was the son of John Joseph Findley of Albalandshire, Scotland, coming to Pennsylvania in 1765. To the Currey union born Sarah-1810, Nallie-1812, Nancy and Polly-1813, Margaret-1814, Mary and George-1816, Angeline-1817, Lafayette-1819, Jonathan-1820, Rachel-1822, John B.-1824. My great-grandfather, James H. Currey, July 18, 1825 moved to Lockhart, West Virginia in 1860. Married Mary Louisa Maddox on February 12, 1861. Their father, James, married on November 18, 1825 to Nancy Batson; born to their union Nathan and Michall-1828, Harriet-1830, Milton-1833, Martha-1834, Melville-1848, Fenton-1850 died September 22, 1913 and Samantha-1847.

To James and Mary Louisa Maddox Currey was born my grandfather John B. Currey.

James H. Currey born July 18, 1825-Bridgeport, West Virginia, died November 28, 1908-Lockhart, West Virginia. In 1858 he came to Jackson County near Lockhart, bought out the landholding of Amos Cheuvront and in 1860, in late fall, moved from Bridgeport onto the land. On February 12, 1861 at Aaron Cheuvront's home near Lockhart, James married Mary Louisa Maddox-born May 5, 1841-Lockhart died September 8, 1927, both buried in Maddox Cemetery. In the spring of 1861 Union troops from New York came to Jackson and Wood Counties. In the three months they were in West Virginia the troops would take farm supplies and horses and harass the men and their families. Most of the spring of 1861 both sides of my great-grandparents were stirred up over the conduct of the troops. In Jackson County James and some of the Maddox and Cheuvront men got tired of it and joined the Confederate army. James made Captain and was in from July 1861 to 1865. He fought at the battle of Gauley Bridge and the struggle for the possession of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, was under Kirby Smith at a battle near Lexington, Kentucky. Census records 1793 till 1861 show our Curreys owned no black people. James went to a College in Virginia. He was a lawyer and justice with his office at his home near Lockhart; also a member of the Jackson County Court, from 1866 till 1907. To their union was born Jefferson Lee Currey-January 14, 1862, July 6, 1932 wife Lydia Doolittle-September 21, 1862 both buried in Maddox Cemetery. William Loundes Yancey-November 19, 1866-January 1, 1925, a practicing Physician in Jackson and Wood Counties, West Virginia, served as a Physician in France in World War I, wife Lucy Lockhart-1869-1928; Kirby Smith Currey-November 10, 1868-September 5, 1926, wife Anna Beymer-1873-1964; my grandfather, John Breckenridge-October 18, 1873 died July 6, 1949 buried Inglewood Park Cemetery Los Angeles, California. He married September 26, 1896 my grandmother Mary Ellen Morrison. They were parents of Naomi, my mother Ermie G., Audra, Delmar B. and Louisa. Grandfather was on Board of Education of Jackson County, member of Odaville and later South Parkersburg Church of Christ and a Mason of Jackson and Wood Counties. On November 7, 1907 married second, Florince Redin, no children, James-March 31, 1872-September 26, 1872; Ira Beaty-September 23, 1873-1937-Lisette Lockhart-October 15,



John B. and Florence (Redin) Currey

1874-1926, Forrest Rose-March 5, 1876-August 24, 1945-Joseph Smith-November 27, 1875-1945 lived in Parkersburg, Ai-January 22, 1878-October 2, 1898-typhoid. Maddox Cemetery Amos Aaron-March 7, 1880-April 1, 1972 wife Dora Elizabeth Sommerville-November 20, 1883-February 11, 1960, Cortious R. December 20, 1882-one year-December 1883, Maddox Cemetery, Findley Perry-December 8, 1884-1955-Annie Kittle November 29, 1887-1971; all the above, their wives and husbands, were born near Lockhart and Odaville, Jackson County, West Virginia. James born 1825 was son of James and Roseanna Findley Currey. Mary Louisa Maddox was daughter of William Oscar and Elizabeth Cheuvront Maddox. Submitted by Louisa (Currey) Erickson and James Erickson

JOHN DALTON OR DAULTON (PART I)

Henry Eanes (nee Eames migrated from England). No dates are available. He married an Indian Squaw, so the census would not list her name. Legend has it, that he was disowned by his family after the marriage and for this reason he changed his name.

Arthur Eanes, born about 1760, died about February 15, 1818. He married Nellie Murray on April 3, 1783 in Charlotte County, Virginia. She was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia and died in Pittsylvania County, no dates are available. Arthur served in the American Revolutionary War in North Carolina under two separate Captains. They had one child: Arthur Washington Eanes.

Arthur Washington Eanes, born March 25, 1800, died after 1870. He married Elizabeth A. Riddle, born September 22, 1802. They were married in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, June 5, 1819. They were the parents of Mary Janes Eanes.

Mary Jane Eanes, born February 23, 1826, died (no date). John Daulton, who migrated from Ireland, married Mary Jane on September 28, 1844. They were the parents of John Dalton.

John Dalton (no dates) married Lucy Cooper, born January 1849, died October 9, 1904. (1900 census shows farm #264 owned by Lucy Cooper,



Octavia (Dalton) Chaney and Martha (Dalton) McCallister

so John had preceded Lucy in death.) They had five children: Octavia, Betty, Mary, Martha (who lived to be 101 or 103 years old), George, and Ambrose.

Octavia Dalton, born January 11, 1868, died February 3, 1952. She was married to John Lewis Chaney, born March 15, 1857, died December 5, 1937. They had nine children: Silas Linzy, Thomas Eli, Elmer Leonard, Oklahoma Homer, Maggie Edith, James Robert, Alven Dewey, Henry Roscoe and Louvina (Luvenie). For further reference, see *Genealogy: Chaney, John L.* Submitted by *Claude Chaney*

JOHN DALTON OR DAULTON (PART II)

The Daltons, as well as many other clans, came to Lincoln and Putnam Counties, through Virginia. They seemed to move through several counties before settling around Danville in Pittsylvania County. Their ancestors had come from England and Ireland. They became tobacco farmers before coming to the hills of West Virginia.

Whether they traveled along with the Chaney family, I don't know; but they did settle in the same area and about the same time. They were all tobacco farmers on a small scale. Tobacco provided the cash for financial needs such as taxes, clothes and staple foods that could not be grown on the farm.

The men and women worked long hours in the barns and fields but both the Chaney and Dalton families lived long and healthy lives. Martha Dalton lived the longest; she was 101 or 103 years old.

Although the women helped in the field, they knitted, quilted, served, canned and preserved food in large quantities. Washing was a hard job. Water



Octavia (Dalton) Chaney, age 16

was drawn from the well or dipped from the rain barrels. The clothes were cleaned by rubbing on a washboard with homemade lye soap. After scrubbing each article individually, they were transferred to the boiling pot. The boiling was done in a large pot over an open fire. The boiling served two purposes; it bleached and also sanitized the clothes. A large wood paddle was used to turn the clothes and to dip them out to place in the first rinse water. They were again rubbed on the washboard and put in the final rinse water called "bluing" water. The water was wrung out of each garment by hand.

The first rinse water, which was soapy, was saved, and after the washing was finished, it was used to scrub all the floors in the house.

The clothes hung in the open air and sunshine to dry, but in the winter, the clothes froze dry on the line. Although overalls were worn back to the field, they were all ironed. To iron, you used two or three iron bases that hooked onto a wooden handle. The irons were heated on the kitchen stove that was heated by wood. While you ironed with one, the other two were heating. As the iron cooled, it was replaced on the stove and a hot one was picked up for use. This rotation went on for hours until all the clothes were finished and folded. Even sheets and pillowcases and undergarments had to be ironed.

In preparation for ironing, the clothes were

sprinkled. After bringing in from the line, the clothes and linens were spread flat in layers on a table. A pan of water was held in one hand and the other hand was dipped into the water and then shaken over the clothes. Each piece was then rolled tightly to cause the water to be evenly distributed through the material. After rolling, they were packed tightly into a basket or tub and covered to keep them from drying out. The "seasoning out" as it was called lasted overnight, then they were ironed the next day. If they were not ironed the next day, the clothes would mildew or sour and be ruined and would have to have the whole washing process started over again.

Octavia Dalton Chaney was the grandmother of Artist Taylor. Submitted by *Tressie Chaney Martin*

DAVIS

Through research our family has been traced as follows:

I. THOMAS DAVIS emigrated from England in 1745; served the American colonies during the Revolutionary War; married Nancy Baker of Baltimore. Children: James; Thomas; Benjamin; daughters.

II. THOMAS DAVIS, JR. married Priscilla Pennington in Pendleton County. Children: Silas; Jesse; Benjamin; Thomas; Catherine.

III. SILAS DAVIS (1799-1885) married Abigail McCutcheon. Children: James; Mary; Elizabeth; Washington; Phebe; Martha Ann.

IV. JAMES DAVIS (1827-1918) of Levasy married Elizabeth Hendrick (1827-1867). Children: Matilda; Henry B.; Clark; Malinda; Josephine; Rebecca; Elizabeth.

V. HENRY B. DAVIS (1854-1936) married Rosetta Bays. Children: Ira; Grace; Mary; Wendell; Gladys; Arlington.

He was a leading educator in the one-room schools of Nicholas County; Nicholas County School Superintendent; and on the Board of Di-



H. B. and Rosetta Davis

rectors at Nicholas County High School, retiring in 1916. He purchased 197 acres at Muses Bottom, Murraysville, on the Ohio River, moving to Jackson County around 1917 at the urging of his brother Reverend Clark Davis who lived nearby. His daughters were teachers.

Grace (1892-1954) taught at the Bails one-room school at Nettie; Richwood Elementary School; at Huntington, and many years at Grantsville schools. Attended West Virginia University; Marshall College and graduated from Glenville College. Married Arley Weaver of Grantsville. Children and grandchildren:

Carlton married Nancy McIntosh. Daughter: Mason.

Mary Katherine married William Busch; lived at Parkersburg. Children: Pamela; Gina.

William married Carrie Breathitt. Daughter: Laura.

Mary Davis (1894-) daughter of H.B. and Rosetta Davis, taught ten years; three years at Grassy Creek, and one year at Abe Trout, both one-room schools in Nicholas County; one year

at Muses Bottom School across from Coleman Chapel Methodist Church, Jackson County; three years at Grantsville; one year at Central Grade School, South Charleston; was Principal and taught upper grades at Ivaton, West Virginia.

She married David Logan; lives in Connecticut. Their son James gave his life at the "Battle of the Bulge", World War II; buried in the U.S. Cemetery at Ham Luxembourg just over the Belgium border. Served under the leadership of General Harmon.

Gladys (1903-1987) taught school at Grantsville; Clearfield, Pennsylvania; Arlington, South Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; and many years at Ravenswood High School until retirement. Married Clair Polk of Murraysville. Children and grandchildren:

Louis married Sue. Daughter: Paige.

Richard married (1) Margaret. Son: Richard II; married (2) Regina. Daughter: Kelly.

Arlington (1910-1989) of Ravenswood, Murraysville and Parkersburg married (1) Mildred Dunham of Ravenswood (died 1977). Married (2) Meta Rice. Children and grandchildren by Mildred:

Carolyn married Ed Garrett. Children: Michelle; Andrew.

Roger married (1) divorced; married (2) Jean. Children: Adam; Nora; Brian.

Wendell (1899-) graduated from Ravenswood High School; attended college and became a successful businessman in Illinois and Michigan. Married (1) Freda Cook (died); married (2) Lois Jarvis of Grantsville. Children and grandchildren:

Alan married Margaret. Children: Brent; Nathan; Janelle.

Barbara married Lt. Theodore Hailes, (now Col. Hailes). Children: Elizabeth; Christopher.

Ira (1891-1972) married Dorene Smith. Was Chief Deputy Sheriff of Kanawha County for twenty years under various Sheriffs, and State Auditor for Tax Commission in Charleston. Children and grandchildren:

Mary Page married Columbus Welling. Children: Mary Lee; Richard; Christopher. Lived in West Virginia; now Florida.

John Grey married (1) Mary Elizabeth Guy. Children: Thomas; John; Sidney; Cathy. Lived in West Virginia; Pennsylvania; Illinois.

James (1925-1938).

Martha Gay married (1) Roy West (died). Married (2) Frank Bowles. Children: Karl Mac; Twins: Kathy; Karen. Submitted by *Mary Davis Welling*

DAVIS-PARSONS

Many of the first settlers of Delaware were from Wales. Our family of Daveses came to Dover, Delaware in the early 1700s. It is believed that Caleb and Leah — Davis came to now Marion County, West Virginia, with Boaz Fleming from Delaware in 1786, who was the founder of Fairmont, West Virginia. The names, Caleb and Clement, are included in almost every generation of Daveses.

Clement Davis 1855-1934, born Marion County, West Virginia, son of Silas and Eleanor Brumage Davis, married January 25, 1877, Malissa Parsons 1856-1940, born Jackson County to Hiram and Phoebe Dye Parsons. Silas was the son of Clement and Betsy Michael Davis and grandson of Caleb and Leah. Eleanor was the daughter of Isaac and Roseanna Miller Brumage, and granddaughter of Peter Miller, Revolutionary War soldier, buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Marion County. The early generations of Daveses are buried Davis Cemetery on Davis Ridge in Marion County. No death dates have been found for Silas and Eleanor.

Silas Davis and family came to Wirt County now West Virginia in about 1855 or 1856. They moved to a farm near Buffalo Fork, Roane County, West Virginia in 1869. In 1880 census, Roane County they were living near Penicl, Roane County.



Clement Davis, Lena Cooper, Clinton Cooper, holding Edward, Melissa and Floyd Davis, 1929

Hiram Parsons was a son of Charles Parsons, Jr. and Rebecca Wolf. A grandson of Charles Parsons, Sr. and Nancy Flesher Sleeth, great grandson of William Parsons who came from Prussia to Maryland in 1700s. Phocbe Dye Parsons was probably the daughter of John and Amelia Leach Dye of Wood County, West Virginia (unproven). Rebecca Wolf was a daughter of James and Francis Beath Wolf. The Parsons family owned large tracts of land at Frozen Camp and Big Run areas. All of the older generations are buried Baptist Grove Cemetery Frozen Camp, West Virginia.

Clement and Malissa Davis lived most of their lives near Frozen Camp, West Virginia. They were parents of: Clement Edward 1877-1878, Albert Clement 1879-1966, married Ottie Dawkins, lived Meadow Dale then Walker, West Virginia. Children: Dorothy and Josephine. Amy Mae 1881-1961, married Forrest Hartley, lived Board Run, West Virginia. Children: Ocie and Woodrow. Georgie 1885-1973, married Isaac Cooper, lived Akron, Ohio. Children: Clinton, Beatrice, Artie, Anita, Ruth, Delbert and Bill. Everett Hiram 1888-1930, married April 15, 1915, Meigs County, Ohio, Emma Estel Chancey 1893-1940. They lived at Big Run and Frozen Camp, West Virginia. Everett was postmaster at Hereford in 1912. They moved to Garfield, West Virginia in 1925, where they operated a general store until Everett's death. They are buried Ravenswood, West Virginia. Children: Ruth Virginia and James Floyd (see his family under J. Floyd Davis).

Ruth Virginia, born 1916, married December 24, 1935, Clifford Lawrence Burke, born 1913. They live at Lockhart, West Virginia. Children: Lawrence Everett, married Margaret Rowe. Children: Bradley and Jeffrey. Live Colonial Heights, Virginia. David Lee, married Ilene Bonnett. Children: Cheryl, Cindy, Daniel and David. Live Rockport, West Virginia. Dennis Keith, married Brenda Cochran. Children: Scott and Shelly. Live Stanford, North Carolina. John Newton, married Cindy Ott. Daughter Jennifer. Live Lockhart, West Virginia. *Submitted by Ruth Davis Burke*

B.C. DAVIS

Rev. B.C. (Bernard Clark) and his wife, Roann D. Amick (Anna) Davis were married August 20, 1878 in Fayette County. They moved from Reedy, West Virginia to Ravenswood in the early 1900s. Rev. Davis was a Circuit Rider Minister of the Methodist Church, South, and served in Jackson County and adjoining counties. The enclosed picture is of the Western Virginia Conference held in Ashland in 1900. Rev. Davis is #37 in the picture. Coleman Chapel was his last charge before retirement. In 1910 they purchased a farm on the Ohio River, overlooking the future site of Lock 21. This originally was a part of the Morgan farm. The picture shows their house. Rev. Davis performed



Rev. B. C. Davis (#37)

several weddings in this house, with Mrs. Davis and daughter, Bessie, acting as witnesses.

The five children of their marriage were John Willie, born November 20, 1879, died December 2, 1892; Henry Marvin, born August 30, 1882,



Home of B. C. and Anna Davis, Morgan, WV

died February 25, 1954; Perry Watson, born November 16, 1885, died February 6, 1886; Pascal Eugene, born January 18, 1891, died January 7, 1958; Bessie Myrtle, born November 11, 1900, died January 21, 1985.

Bessie married Roll Woolard in 1942. There were no children. She was a graduate of Fairmont Normal College and was a teacher in Logan County, and in Jackson County. Her last school was the one in front of Coleman Chapel. She devoted the last few years of her parents' lives caring for them.

Henry Marvin was married to Bessie Board in 1907. He was a funeral director in Ravenswood in the time before motorized hearses. They were parents of two daughters, Ruby and Glendeen. Ruby was married to Eddie Bortz, with no children. Glendeen married Jim Mayfield, with no children. Her second husband was Henry Kempf, with no children.

Pascal Eugene (E.P.) was married to Forest Laurel Polk on November 8, 1917. Eugene was a member of Ashton Lodge #12 A.F. & A.M. He was also a Shriner. He was employed by the U. S. Department of Engineers on the river lock system for 39 years. At the time of his retirement he was Assistant Lockmaster at Lock 22, Ravenswood. He was also a Ravenswood merchant for several years, owning Davis Grocery Store. After his retirement, they moved back to their home across from Lock 21. He had purchased all the original land his father had purchased in 1910, as well as some adjoining land. (Forest deceased August 14, 1988.)

Children of this marriage were Anna Margaret Davis, born November 28, 1917; William Eugene, born July 23, 1921; Herbert Paul born June 18, 1923.

Margaret married Joseph Ewing in 1937; Eugene (Bus) married Dorothy Bonar in 1941; Paul married Jeanette D'Auray in 1945.

Children of Margaret and Joseph Ewing are Jeannine, born May 10, 1938; Joseph Reilly, born March 26, 1943, died March 20, 1962. (Joseph Ewing deceased July 31, 1986.)

Children of Eugene (Bus) and Dorothy Davis are William Eugene, Jr., born July 16, 1946; Dorothy Irene, born July 11, 1949; Wanda Elaine, born June 13, 1952.

Margaret attended West Virginia Wesleyan College. She was a secretary and office manager. She resides in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Eugene (Bus) served in the U. S. Army, ETO, in WWII. He was a life-long employee of the C&P Telephone Company, serving in Parkersburg and in Washington, D.C. He is a resident of Vienna, West Virginia. At the time of retirement he was a Systems Analyst.

Paul was a U. S. Marine, PTO, in WWII. He was employed by the Black-Clawson Company of Watertown and Syracuse, N. Y., as an Expediter. He resides in Clearwater, Florida. (His wife, Jeannette, deceased December 27, 1989.)

Children of Paul and Jeannette Davis are John Paul, born January 15, 1947; Patrice Marie, born November 28, 1954; Deborah D'Auray born May 23, 1959; Nancy Renee, born December 4, 1961. *Submitted by Mrs. W.E. Davis and Margaret Davis Ewing*

BENJAMIN DAVIS

Benjamin Dalton Davis, son of Lilbium Davis and Hester Jones, married Audrey Gertrude Parsons, daughter of Charley W. Parsons and Alice McGraw. Benjamin was born July 13, 1904. Gertrude was born January 15, 1915. We were born on White Oak, Middle Fork. We lived there and went to school there. In 1959 we moved to Advent Road. Benjamin had four brothers and sisters: Nancy married Hurley Payne; Matia married William Castro; Jasper (born 1900) married 1st Vada Price 2nd Annabelle Parsons; Mac married Audrey Shaffer. Gertrude had three brothers and sisters: Authur (born 1900) married Lizzy Fields; Mattie May married Bill Huffman; Goldie married David Higginbottom. Ben and Gertie have three children and four grandchildren. William Keith Davis (born July 22, 1941) married Carolyn Rhodes; Nadine (born January 23, 1944) married Cleatus Haynes; Roy Curtis Davis (born July 21, 1948) married Diana Casto. Children of William and Carolyn: Cathy (born May 23, 1972) and Donnie William (born January 28, 1982). Nadine and Cleatus have one son, Kevin (born November 11, 1973). Curtis and Diane have one son, Eric Nathan (born 1974).

Ben owned a team of oxen and hauled wood



Benjamin Davis and Lloyd Parsons

with them. He also worked on the pipeline. Ben is pictured (age 32) with Lloyd Parsons (age 12) and his team of oxen. *Submitted by Gertrude and Ben Davis*

J. FLOYD DAVIS

James Floyd Davis born April 5, 1923, Frozen Camp, to Everett and Emma Chancey Davis. Grandparents: Clement and Malissa Parsons Davis and Calvary and Rosa Staats Chancey. The Davis family moved to Garfield, West Virginia in 1925 where Everett and Emma operated a large general store. They lived on the farm formerly owned by Charles Mason. Everett, born 1888, drowned in Sand Creek near Odaville, West Virginia July 5, 1930. A short time later Emma, daughter Ruth who later married Clifford Burke, and Floyd moved to Lockhart, West Virginia to the former Peter Archer farm. Emma born 1892 Roane County, died November 21, 1940.

Floyd married April 5, 1941, Gaynelle Somerville, daughter of H.D. and Inez Somerville. They were married at Vienna, West Virginia by the Rev. F.M. Tolbert. Both are graduates of Gilmore High School class of 1941. They lived on the Davis farm at Lockhart where they operated a dairy and Floyd worked on construction. The family moved to Belpre, Ohio in 1960. Floyd was employed by the W.H. Heiby Company of Marietta, Ohio. He later became Field Representative for Laborer's Local 1085, Parkersburg, West Virginia and retired as Business Manager of the Local in 1985.



J. Floyd and Gaynelle Davis

They are active members of Rockland United Methodist Church in Belpre. Floyd has held various offices including Church School Superintendent, Trustee and is now Chairman of Pastor-Parish Comm. Gaynelle has been President of the Women's Organization, Circle Chairman, Missions Chairman and now is Church Historian and a teacher for the Builder's Class.

Floyd is a member of Ashton Lodge No. 12 and Jackson Chapter No. 48, R.A.M. of Ravenswood, West Virginia, Ben Bey Grotto of Parkersburg, West Virginia, 32nd degree Mason, Valley of Parkersburg Scottish Rites and Nemesis Temple.

Gaynelle is a member of R. Douglass Chapter No. 15, O.E.S. of Ravenswood, West Virginia and Hathor Court No. 3, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Three sons were born while the family lived in Jackson County. James Bryan, born 1942, graduated Gilmore High School, where he played basketball, was named Star Farmer and Salutatorian of the 1960 class. Served in Strategic Air Command USAF 1960-1965. He married 1966, Peggy Thompson, daughter Omer and Avana Moore Thompson. They live in Belpre and have two daughters: Teresa, Senior, WVU Morgantown, and Paula, 2nd year WVU, Parkersburg. James is employed by Shell Chemical Co. in Belpre as an Inventory Control Technician.

Gary Roger, born 1944, attended Gilmore High School, graduated Belpre High School 1962. He attended Mountain State College, Mellon School of Banking, Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking and American Institute of Banking. He was with Commercial Bank and Trust for five years and served as Comptroller for Parkersburg National Bank for five years before going to Middlebourne,

West Virginia where he became President of the Tyler County Bank in 1974. He is now President of The Union Bank of Tyler County with offices in Sistersville and Middlebourne. He married 1965, Judith Wyatt, daughter of Glen and Freda Thompson Wyatt. Daughter Kimberly is Senior OSU, Columbus, Ohio; son Jeffrey, 2nd year WVU, Morgantown. Married 2nd Debra Baker 1988.

Randall Lee born 1947, attended Jackson County schools, graduated Belpre High School, 1965. He graduated Ohio State University, College of Engineering with degree in Welding Engineering in 1970. He is now Chief Metallurgist for Connex Pipe Systems, Inc. (formerly Dravo Corp.) of Marietta, Ohio. He married 1968, Marsha Taylor, daughter Everett and Charlotte Guinn Taylor. Children: Tabitha, Columbus, Ohio, Sheri Lee 1st year Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia; James Andrew, Junior PSHS and Samantha Jane, 9th grade, Blennerhassett Jr. High. Married 2nd Karen Rech Russell, 1977.

Since retirement Floyd enjoys woodworking, fishing and gardening. Gaynelle does genealogy research, crafts and reading. Much of their time is spent at Garfield farm, Floyd's childhood home. Garfield was once a flourishing small community with a Post Office (1883-1907), large general store and several houses. A small Christian Church and a cemetery perched on the hill above. All have disappeared except the overgrown cemetery and the two houses built by the Mason brothers, Charles and George. Helen and Lindsay Palmer live in the house built by George. The Jackson-Wirt County line bisects both properties.

H.D. Somerville bought the Charles Mason farm in 1958. During the renovation of the house he placed a large picture of Abraham Lincoln on the portico gable. This picture was from the old Oak Grove School, located on the Somerville homestead on Brushy Fork, where he had gone to school. The old picture still hangs on the high portico, keeping the silent vigil over two counties in the beautiful West Virginia hills. Submitted by James B. Davis and Randall L. Davis

DAWKINS-JOHNSON

My grandparents, Lorenza Calvin Dawkins (1857-1928) from Meadowdale, and Rosella Johnson (1867-1945) from Odaville, were married 1888 in Jackson County.

Lorenza's parents were Bushrod (1832-1865) and Margaret (Wharton) (1836-1915) Dawkins. Bushrod was a grandson of John Dawkins, Sr. who came to this area approximately 1800. Margaret Wharton's parents, Abner (1774-1857) and Sarah (Cowell) Wharton came to this area around 1840.

Rosella (Johnson) Dawkins, daughter of Thomas J. Johnson (1829-1906) and Anna Mariah (Ridgway) Johnson (1836-1926), were all born in Ohio. Thomas' parents, Ezra Jr. (1805-1889) and Catherine (Carter) (1811-1879) Johnson, relocated from Monroe County, Ohio to Jackson County approximately 1872. Ezra's will is recorded in Jackson County. When Rosella was about five years old, Thomas and Anna Mariah moved their family by raft and floated down the Ohio River to Sandyville from Fly, Ohio. Thomas and Anna Mariah had six boys and two girls: Alexander, William, Joseph, Addison, Thomas, George, Mary Jane and Rosella. After Thomas' death, the son William and wife Liss (they had no children) lived with Anna Mariah. Ten years before her death Anna Mariah became bedridden from arthritis and they cared for her. After Anna Mariah's death, William sold the 167 acre farm, moved to Vienna, and lived beside his sister, Rosella. Thomas and Anna Mariah are buried in Jackson County.

Lorenza Calvin and Rosella (Johnson) Dawkins raised five boys and three girls: John Wesley (1891-1966) (the writer's father), Thomas Jefferson, George Edgar, Berkley, Freder-



Lorenza Calvin Dawkins and sons

ick, Cora, Gaynell, and Olga. Approximately 1908 Lorenza and Rosella sold their property in Sandyville and bought a large boarding house in Vienna, West Virginia near the Vitrolite Manufacturing Company. Rosella took in boarders and furnished lunch for some factory workers. Grandmother's table was always set with large sugar cookies, etc.; it was always a real pleasure to visit her. Approximately 1938 Rosella sold her home, moved to Akron and lived with her daughter, Olga, until her death in 1945. Rosella and Lorenza are buried in Arlington/Evergreen Cemetery, Parkersburg.

John Wesley Dawkins (1891-1966) and Aza McDonald (1894-1986) were married in 1911. Aza, daughter of Charles and Sara Ann (Lockwood) McDonald, was from Ritchie County. John and Aza relocated to Akron, Ohio, had a family of three boys and four girls: Jennings Floyd (1914-1942), Charles Calvin (1924 -), Harold Eugene (1926-1983), Texie (1912-1913), Anna Rosella (1917 -), Norma Jean (1919 -) (the writer), and Marjorie Bernice (1922 -). My parents, two brothers and sister are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Parkersburg.



Wesley Lee, Carol Jean, Janet Corrine, Larry A., Raymond, Norma, and Sharon Rae Singleton

Norma Jean Dawkins, daughter of John and Aza Dawkins, married Raymond Singleton (1914 -) from Braxton County, January 12, 1937. We live in Akron, Ohio, have two sons and three daughters: Larry A. (1944 -), wife Fannie (Smith), with the U. S. Army; Wesley Lee (1950 -), wife Debbie (Bushey), sales representative; Carol Jean (1938 -), husband Johnnie Jones, public school teacher; Janet Corrine (1940 -), husband Donald Davis, school board employee; and Sharon Rae (1947 -), husband Fred Snowden, owns and operates two dance studios. Our children made a gala event of our 50th wedding anniversary in 1987. We renewed our wedding vows in the Episcopal Church, and celebrated with a buffet dinner and a five-piece band. Submitted by Norma (Dawkins) Singleton

DANIEL BERKLEY DAWKINS

The name Dawkins is well known in Jackson County, especially around the Meadowdale area. However, you must go back three or four generations to get a common ancestor.

Dan (December 25, 1858-November 14, 1939) was not born in Jackson County, nor did he

die here, but he loved Jackson County and in later years called it "down home". He wanted to be buried at Independence Church Cemetery as are two of his sons, a daughter, and two brothers.

He was born on Laurel Creek, north of Parkersburg in Wood County. When he was six years old, his father died as a result of Civil War injuries. His mother soon sold the farm and with her six sons and one daughter moved to Jackson County, where, in 1871, she married John Sweezy. Two more sons were born to this union: James Elsworth (Ellie), and Monroe (Mun).

On January 1, 1884, Dan married Ada Pocahontas Riley who bore him four children: Wilmer Clyde (1885-1938) married Gertrude Custer; Nina Leota (1886-1977) married Charles E. Baker; Bessie Vanlor (1888-1948) married Fred L. Abels; Rufus Lloyd (1890-1911) single.

Ada Dawkins died November 25, 1895, and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery near Ripley. On October 15, 1899, Dan married Elizabeth Bayer of Ripley. To this union were born six sons: Delbert Berkley (1901-1987), Edwin Bayer (1903-1976), Philip Dale (1906-1985), William Rae (1908-1988), Joe Maurice (1910-1985), Carrol Max (1913 -).

In his youth, Dan worked for farmers in both Jackson and Wood Counties. While I have no record of it, I remember hearing that his first mercantile venture was a meat market in Ripley with his brother, John. Later he was a storekeeper and postmaster at Meadowdale. In 1902 he sold out and moved to New Era where he opened a store. In 1919 he sold out and moved to a farm at Parkersburg.



Daniel Berkley Dawkins

During and between these store ventures, he was involved in the timber business. He would buy a tract of timber and take in a crew to cut and saw the lumber. They would build a shanty, living in it and taking turns at the cooking. If any man complained about the food, he immediately became the cook. Dan told about the time they had soup beans. A man took his first bite and said "Man, these beans are sure salty!" Thinking this might be considered a complaint he quickly added, "But that's the way I like them."

The farm in Wood County was on St. Marys Pike and had timber on it. Dan and his boys cut the timber, some for piling for the Road Commission and some for cross ties.

The older boys began to lose interest in farming and Dan sold his bottom land. Most of it later became Worthington Golf Course.

The house burned in August, 1939, but by that time Dan was very ill with cancer. He died November 14, 1939. After a few years, the family sold the balance of the farm and it later became "Woodland Park", a development of very nice homes. *Submitted by C. Max Dawkins*

THOMAS J. DAWKINS

Thomas Jefferson Dawkins (1828-1919) and his wife, Florella Hawkins Dawkins came to Jackson County from Wood County in the early 1850s and bought land on what is now the



Thomas Jefferson Dawkins

Sandyville-Liverpool Road. The land here was like a wilderness and they brought their belongings on a wagon from Mineral Wells. They built their first house near the creek on what was part of the old Dumpsie Dawkins farm. The creek water served as a water supply and a large flat rock jutting out into the creek acted as a fine laundry area. Later they built a home on the top of the hill on our farm, which was near the road traveled by wagons. The stones of the chimney and house foundations are still visible.

The third house Thomas Jefferson and Florella built, was at the place of the present farm house on our farm. The roadway was changed to near its present location. It was on the front porch of this house that a meeting was held in the early 1880s and it was decided that the community would build the Meadowdale Baptist Church. I grew up at this home and now my father, Lawrence Dawkins, my husband, J. L. (Les) Sallie, Jr., and I live here.

Thomas Jefferson was the son of Thomas (1784-1864) and Susan Barnett Dawkins. Thomas was the son of John Dawkins, Sr. (1756-1840) and Eleanor Athey Dawkins. John Sr. was a descendant of Joseph Dawkins who came to America from England in 1656.

Thomas Jefferson and Florella had the following children: Frances (1851-1891) married Dr. A. H. Casto, Susan (1853-1875) married William Asbury Parsons, Billy (1854-1898) married Mary Anne McCoy, Dandy (1857-1942) married Martha Josephine Lattimer, (my grandparents), Dumpsie (1860-1949) married Susan Lattimer, Lewis (1861-1951) married Susan Stewart, Jack (1863-1947) married Leslie Trotter, Cordelia married Jim Weas, Ferman (1868-1948) married Ellen Morgan, Jefferson (Jed) (1870-1954) married Addie Jones. In the late 1800s, most of these lived in Jackson County.

Dandy and Martha Lattimer Dawkins had the following children: George (1881-1885), Hervey (1883-1885), Rosa (1885-1961), Holly (1886-1972), Ottie (1888-1984), Lawrence (1890-living in 1989), Colon (1892-1982), Agce (1896-1958), Seldon (1898-1960).

Rosa married Floyd Boggess. Children: William married Ruby Carder, Claude, Harry, Clyde married Mamie Grady, Robert married Hazel McGrew, Ruby married Ronald Holstine.

Holly married Verness Conner. Children: Eulalia married Lawrence Puckett, Thelma married William Bonto, Woodrow married Louise Frankum, Maxine married Paul Tabor.

Ottie married Albert Davis. Children: Charles, Dorothy married 1st, Herbert Mills, 2nd, Norman Hartley, Josephine married 1st, Philip Bayer, 2nd Clayton McCrady, Shirley Davis.

Lawrence married Mary Waskey (my parents) and had my sister, Martha, who married Charles Roberts, and myself, Evelyn, and I married J. L. (Les) Sallie, Jr.

Colon married Freda Winters. Children: Violet married Woodrow Smith, Ray married Wanda Roach.

Agce married Anna Beall. Children: Russel.

Jim married 1st, Elsie Skidmore, 2nd Trava Vogel.

Seldon married Margaret Moore. Children: Stephen married 1st Margaret Clark, 2nd, Sandra Cochran.

The family tree continues. Our Dawkins History is nearly complete from John Dawkins, Sr. through the ninth generation. My sister's children: Mary Canady, Christy Wade, Marty Barnes, David, Ben, and Laura; and our children: Patricia, Barbara Clelland, and Jim are in the seventh generation. My sister's grandchildren: Susan, Eric, Adam, and Jonroy Canady, Daniel Wade; and our grandson, Lucas Clelland are part of the eighth generation.

I'm very proud of our strong heritage. May ours and future generations continue to contribute much to the world around us. *Submitted by Evelyn Dawkins Sallie and Martha Rhodes*

MYRON EUGENE DeBUSSEY

Thomas DeBussey, my great-grandfather, and a native of Yorkshire, England emigrated to the United States in 1828 and eventually settled on 3000 acres of timberland in Jackson County at what is now known as Sherman in present-day West Virginia.

Thomas Eugene, my grandfather, eldest son of Thomas, was born in 1832, before the move to Sherman. He was brother to Robert Adolphus.

Thomas Wesley DeBussey, my father, was born at the homestead in 1868 and died in Hood River, Oregon in 1910. He left West Virginia in about 1885. He followed the railroad as it moved westward.



Thomas Wesley and Jennie (Hawley) DeBussey

I, Myron Eugene DeBussey, surviving descendant of Thomas DeBussey, and only son of Thomas Wesley DeBussey was born November 14, 1905 at Portland, Oregon. I have resided in California since 1915 in and near Pasadena. I spent some time in the service (1942-1943), and was subsequently employed by Southern California Edison Company, a large electricity company for 23 years. I am now retired and live with my wife Dorothy, a woman of German descent from Dayton, Ohio. We make our home in Sierra Madre, California, a small residential community adjacent to Pasadena. I have no offspring. My cousin Jane DeBussey Singleton and her husband, Gary, along with their children have returned to and are restoring the old homestead, making their home in a reconstructed



Myron E. DeBussey and Jane (DeBussey) Singleton, 1986

log house. I encourage their activities which please me greatly. Submitted by Myron Eugene DeBussey

ROBERT DeBUSSEY

Robert Adolphus was the second son of Thomas DeBussey of Sherman. To Robert Adolphus and Catherine Palmer DeBussey were born the following eleven children: two boys and nine girls. However, only their youngest son, Herbert, reached adulthood to continue this line of DeBusseys.

Clarence, born in Illinois, November 13, 1865, died April 21, 1866; Alice, February 27, 1867 to May 22, 1944 (mother of Katharine Derenburger Cooper who presently resides in Ravenswood; see related article); Emma, March 18, 1869 to October 22, 1881; Clarissa, December 10, 1870 to March 7, 1968 (Young); Jennie, February 17, 1873 to May 22, 1895; Sarah, May 16, 1875 to January 28, 1889; Anna, August 6, 1877 to February 26, 1958; Ella, September 16, 1879 to June 12, 1962 (Cline, Keller); Herbert Richardson DeBussey, February 23, 1882 to January 1974; Florence Roselma (Woofter), April 15, 1884, to March 31, 1973; Mary Catherine (Nern) born July 27, 1886.

The mother of the above listed children was a daughter of Herbert R. and Susannah (Nesselroad) Palmer. See related articles.

The Palmer property, lying on the banks of the Little Sandy River adjoined the DeBussey farm. Robert Adolphus was a prosperous farmer in Grant District, living to be 88 years old. His surviving son, Herbert, taught school in Sherman as a young man. He married the former Alma Otey Reys on April 8, 1908 in Parkersburg, where they resided throughout their lives. Herbert maintained an active and intense interest in the farm and continued to visit there weekly until shortly before his death in 1974.

Herbert Richardson DeBussey was employed by the Central Bank and Security Company from 1904 to 1916 and by the Parkersburg National Bank from 1916 to 1935. He was Mayor of Parkersburg 1935-1938 and also served as a member of the Board of Education 1917-1927. In later years he was a partner in a construction firm and served as Justice of the Peace. To Herbert and Alma the following children were born: Richard Reys DeBussey (February 22, 1909); Robert Paul DeBussey (April 19, 1911); Herbert Richardson DeBussey, Jr. (October 29, 1915).

Robert Paul married Almira (Myra) Drusilla Chancellor, born April 6, 1911, of Vienna, West Virginia on December 2, 1936.



Robert Paul and Myra Drusilla (Chancellor) DeBussey

Robert and Myra graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1929. Robert graduated from Ohio University in 1933, and Myra from Gulfpark College in 1931. In 1936 they moved to Los Angeles and then to Pasadena, California. Robert was a personnel manager for the Sears Roebuck mail order plant in Los Angeles until his death in 1965. He was an avid gardener at their long time home in Altadena, California. Charles E. and Myra

DeBussey Danforth presently make their home in San Juan Capistrano, California.

Children of Robert and Myra: Jane Chancellor DeBussey (Merritt) Singleton (April 13, 1942); Robert Chancellor DeBussey (Oct. 3, 1944).



Descendents of Robert and Myra DeBussey

Jane married (1st) Ned Dulin Merritt of Rolling Hills, CA. Children: John Shelton Merritt (Jan. 29, 1963); Robert Carter Merritt (August 23, 1965); Ashley Ann Merritt (September 19, 1966). Jane married 2nd, Gary Dale Singleton on May 27, 1978 of Torrance, California. Children: Glenn Thomas Singleton (September 3, 1979); Myra Ruth Singleton (August 30, 1983).

Robert Chancellor DeBussey married Jayme Rose-Marie Deck of Livermore, California on June 5, 1971. Children: Danielle Deck DeBussey (June 28, 1976); Christopher Chancellor DeBussey (September 2, 1978).

Jane, (Southern Methodist University, BA, 1964, Loyola-Marymount University, MA, 1977) is a teacher in Jackson County, West Virginia. Gary, (University of California, at Irvine, 1971), is an artist and woodworker. They moved from



Robert C. and Jayme Rosemarie (Deck) DeBussey and children

Manhattan Beach, California to return to the family farm in 1979.

Second Lt. John Merritt (Ravenswood High School, 1981, United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, 1985) is stationed in Hawaii. Robert Merritt (Ventura High School, 1983, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1988) presently UCSB Graduate School of Education. Ashley Merritt (Ravenswood High School, 1984, Marietta College, 1988), married Alfred E. Bergbauer, Jr. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 18, 1988. They live in Hong Kong. Glenn and Myra at home, Sherman, West Virginia.

Robert Chancellor, (University of Oregon, BS, 1967, Pepperdine University, MA, 1983), served 20 years as an officer in the Marine Corps where he graduated from Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School and the Command and Staff College. He was the Division Engineer, 3rd Marine Division, WESTPAC. His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Combat

Action Ribbon. Robert retired as Lt. Col. USMC, July 1, 1989, and is presently employed by DynaMed in Carlsbad, California.

Jayme (Fresno State College, 1967), is a credentialed teacher. Danielle and Christopher reside at home. The Robert DeBusseys live in San Juan Capistrano, California.

The DeBussey Farm, established in 1840, now belongs to Robert Chancellor DeBussey and Jane DeBussey Singleton and their families. The seven youngest children are the great-great-grandchildren of Thomas DeBussey, the family's original Jackson County resident.

Myron Eugene DeBussey, only surviving descendant of the brother of Robert Adolphus DeBussey, has continued to be supportive of the restoration and maintenance of the family farm.

The photograph of Robert Paul and Myra Drusilla (Chancellor) DeBussey was taken in 1936. Robert Chancellor DeBussey, son of Robert Paul and Myra DeBussey, is shown with his wife, Jayme Rosemarie (Deck) DeBussey and children, Danielle and Christopher. The wedding photograph was taken June 18, 1988, and includes, (left to right) Robert Merritt, Gary Singleton with Myra Singleton, Ashley (Merritt) Bergbauer, Al Bergbauer, Jane (DeBussey) Singleton, Glenn Singleton, Myra (Chancellor) DeBussey Danforth, and John Merritt. Submitted by Jane Singleton and Robert DeBussey

THOMAS DeBUSSEY

The DeBussey family became established in Jackson County, Virginia, (now West Virginia) in 1839 or 1840 when they settled at Sherman, located just north of Ravenswood on the Ohio River.

*Thomas DeBussey was born in Yorkshire, England, on March 9, 1808. He embarked on a sailing vessel from Liverpool, England in 1828. They encountered a very rough voyage. It required three months to make the trip, having been driven off course. He landed in New York.

While in New York he met and married Sarah Evans, who was born in London, England on October 2, 1809. They were married on November 4, 1830. They acquired a valuable stone quarry in Belmont, New Jersey, which they later exchanged for 3000 acres of virgin timberland in Jackson County. The total tax on the land was \$2.25 a year as indicated by a receipt issued to and signed by Thomas.

They made the journey from New York to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1840 by way of the Erie Canal. They purchased lumber which was bolted together to form a floating raft which carried them and their possessions down the Ohio River to Ravenswood, Virginia. Five children had been born to Thomas and Sarah prior to their move here. Two of those had died in infancy, and their sealed coffins were brought here for reburial at a site located on a hill just above the present location of Rex Miihlbach, Jr.'s sawmill on Medina road. Also buried later at that site was Sarah Evans, grandmother of those babies and mother of Thomas' wife, Sarah Evans DeBussey.

Much of the timber from the raft was used to build the barn, house and parts of other buildings on the farm at Sherman. Thomas DeBussey was an expert cabinetmaker by trade and was a musician of some note. Musicales were regularly held in their home. Thomas brought his own seraphine and played music at the old Episcopal church.

Thomas and Sarah had ten children: Thomas Eugene, born March 5, 1832 in New York. His only living descendant is Myron Eugene DeBussey. See related article.

*Robert Adolphus and Sarah Louise, twins born March 14, 1834 (New York). Sarah died in infancy.

William Henry, August 25, 1837 (Belmont, New Jersey)

Mary, December 17, 1839 (New York)
 George F., March 17, 1841 (Jackson County, Virginia)
 John Evans, August 11, 1843 (Jackson County, Virginia)
 Florence Montbelle, April 24, 1846 (Jackson County, Virginia)
 Clarence, November 9, 1848 (Jackson County, Virginia)

Henrietta Virginia, July 21, 1850 (Jackson County, Virginia)

*Robert Adolphus DeBussey (March 14, 1834 to July 27, 1922) was born in New York City, but he grew to manhood among the people of Virginia, his parents, Thomas and Sarah (Evans) settling with him in Jackson County when he was four years old. In this county he enlisted, in 1861, in Company F, 4th Virginia Infantry, serving eighteen months as a private, and the remainder of his three-year tenure as a member of the regimental band. He was honorably discharged.



Robert Adolphus DeBussey family, 1892

On January 22, 1865 he married Catherine Elizabeth Palmer, (July 24, 1845 to July 19, 1932). (See related article.) They were married at Pomeroy, Ohio following Robert's service in the Union army. He had served under General Grant and General Sherman and took part in the southern campaign and in the surrender of Vicksburg. Robert Adolphus, known as 'Dolph', and Catherine spent the remainder of their lives on their farm near Sherman, raising eleven children. (See related article.)



Home of Robert Adolphus DeBussey, Sherman, WV

Sixth generation descendants of Thomas are the children of Robert Chancellor DeBussey and Jane DeBussey Singleton, two of the latter of whom reside on the family farm at this writing.

(* denotes direct line traced in this article)
 Submitted by Jane DeBussey Singleton and Robert Carter Merritt

NORMA DeLONG

My name is Norma N. DeLong and I was born December 4, 1938. I am the seventh child of Lloyd George and Cora Bell Milhoan Burdette. My father was born May 3, 1900 at Murraysville, West Virginia and was the son of Charles Burdette and Cora Logston Burdette. My mother was born November 16, 1900 and died June 19, 1969 and is buried at the Ebenezer Church, a short distance

from where she was born. She was the daughter of Thomas Milhoan and Josephine Coleman Milhoan.

The oldest child of my family was the late Hildreth Nylene Burdette (September 24, 1924) who was married to Holly Luthern Salser. They were parents of Donna Lynette Salser (October 25, 1956).

The second child was Janice Wanetta Burdette (December 2, 1926) who is married to Marlin Walther. Their children are Curtis Leon Walther (February 13, 1949) and Samuel David Walther born in 1958.

Doris Imogene Burdette (May 8, 1927) who is married to Elmer E. Smith and they have two daughters, Judy Ann Smith (August 3, 1950) who is married to Randall Preston Spear and Kathy Lynn Smith (August 23, 1956) who is married to David Andrew Kimes.

Their fourth child was Thomas Lorne Burdette (May 15, 1929).

Lloyd Elton Burdette was their fifth child. He was born August 13, 1931 and is married to Francis Bigley. They have three children who are Ronald Allen Burdette (May 5, 1958), Brenda Lee Burdette (April 7, 1965) and one stepson Michael Bosworth (July 10, 1952) who is married to Darlene Milhoan.

Lewis Leon Burdette (April 8, 1935) is the youngest son of Lloyd and Cora Burdette. He was married to Lucille Young and they are the parents of Elizabeth Burdette (September 9, 1969), Mathew (June 9, 1970), Mark (February 23, 1973), Scott (October 6, 1980) and Todd. They also have three stepchildren, Cindy Solberger, Sheena Solberger, and Keith Solberger.



Lloyd and Cora Burdette

My mother was a wonderful person always doing her part of all work. She took care of her children and her home. Sunday was a big day at our house for dinner was the main meal. My mother always prepared the best of foods. I've known her to make fifteen pies on Saturday and they would all be gone by Sunday evening. She always had so much company of relatives and friends to feed. Mom always tried to please everyone.

My father also was a good dad and always provided for his family. In the winter we would store 100 pounds of soup beans, one barrel of flour, one barrel of salt fish and with all the canned foods, hogs, milk cows, and chickens, the family ate excellently all winter until spring.

Going to church was a must in our home and all seven children attended Ebenezer Church and Sunshine Grade School. I know they had bad times and good times, but they had faith that God would see them through. Submitted by Norma DeLong

ROY AND GERALDINE DeLONG

My name is William Adria DeLong, born July 9, 1935, at Murraysville, West Virginia. I am the first born child of Roy Chester DeLong and Inez Geraldine (Cather) DeLong. My father was born

May 18, 1908 and died August 23, 1979, son of Isaac Leroy DeLong (August 24, 1877-1921). My mother was born November 26, 1918, daughter of Andrew Jackson Cather (October 14, 1880-June 20, 1962) and Elizabeth Loubelle King Cather (November 10, 1883-March 26, 1975).



Roy and Geraldine DeLong

Roy and Geraldine were the parents of ten children. William A. DeLong married Norma N. DeLong (December 4, 1938). Our children are Karen Sue (February 17, 1955) who married Donald Titus and William Duane (July 16, 1961) who married Deborah Bigley.

Second born son to the DeLongs is Paul Chester DeLong (October 23, 1937), married to Flora Janet Hunter (May 18, 1943). Their children are: Alicia Bethune DeLong Bennett married to Terry Bennett, and Janeann Marlo DeLong married to James Mahan.

The oldest daughter is Margie Ellen DeLong who is married to Benny Lloyd Adams. Margie was born February 7, 1941 and Benny was born September 9, 1938. Their children are: Rebecca Kay Adams (January 2, 1960), and Jenny Lou Adams (January 20, 1960), who is married to William Brooks Gregorich. Their son is Andrew Perry Adams (October 28, 1967) married to Bonnie Walker. Their youngest daughter is Terri Lynn Adams (September 23, 1969) who is married to Ronald Blanton.

The fourth born child is Roy Lee DeLong (May 24, 1943) married to Patricia Ann Milhoan (March 29, 1945). Their children are: Denise Grace DeLong who is married to Richard Wayne Farmer, Kimberly Ann DeLong (April 14, 1966), and Lisa Renee DeLong (July 24, 1972).

Roger Glen DeLong (September 4, 1946) was the fifth child. He married Leticia Galendo (June 17, 1945) and they are the parents of Roy Gabriel DeLong (March 24, 1966), Rogelio Roger DeLong (September 28, 1967) and Michael Ray DeLong (November 25, 1973).

The second daughter was Loretta Kay DeLong (August 25, 1949). She is married to William Warren Carter and they have two children, Tammy Sue Carter (February 7, 1970) and Christopher Warren Carter (October 20, 1974).

Leah Rae DeLong is the third daughter. She was born September 15, 1952 and is married to Robert Earl Dent, Jr. (February 2, 1949). They have three sons, Robert Mathew Dent (March 1, 1973), Jason Edward Dent (September 27, 1975) and Mitchell John Dent (July 29, 1980).

Michael Ray DeLong, (born August 14, 1955 and died August 14, 1955, was their fifth son.

Rhonda Lynn DeLong is the couple's eighth child (March 25, 1957). She is married to Roy David Danko (January 3, 1956) and they are the parents of Krisy Marie Danko (December 21, 1974), Suzanne Nichole Danko (February 9, 1978) and Joshua Roy Danko (August 18, 1982).

Doris Anita DeLong is the youngest child of the family. She was born (November 13, 1959) and has one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth DeLong (July 23, 1980). Submitted by William Adria DeLong

WILLIAM ADRIA AND NORMA DeLONG

My name is Norma N. DeLong, born December 4, 1938, at Murrys ville, West Virginia. My father is Lloyd George Burdette (May 3, 1900) and my mother was the late Cora Bell Milhoan Burdette (November 16, 1900). My paternal grandparents were Charles and Cora Logston Burdette of Murrys ville. Thomas and Josephine Coleman Milhoan, also of Murrys ville were my maternal grandparents. Being the youngest of seven children, I never knew my grandparents as they died when I was young.

As my parents before me, I have lived all of my life in the Murrys ville area. Thirty-five years ago I married William Adria DeLong also from this area. He is the son of Geraldine Cather DeLong and the late Roy DeLong. My husband and I both attended grade school at Ebenezer Sunshine School where we both have many fond memories of the school and the children we grew up with. The school was one room with a coal burning stove keeping us warm.



William A. and Norma DeLong

We are the parents of two children: Karen Sue DeLong born on February 17, 1955 who married Donald Titus on September 15, 1973 at Coleman Chapel Church at Murrys ville. They are the parents of Anthony Scott Titus (June 8, 1976) and Traci Donn Titus (June 27, 1979); both were born in Ripley, West Virginia. Our son William Duane DeLong was born on July 16, 1961. He married Deborah Bigley on November 8, 1980 at the Second Baptist Church in Ravenswood, West Virginia. They are the parents of Amanda Gail DeLong (March 2, 1983) and Jonathan Duane DeLong (September 10, 1986). Both were born in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

My husband is employed at Ravenswood Aluminum with 28 years' service. We always put our children first in our lives, me as mother staying at home taking care of them and their father always making a living for his family. Sometimes things got pretty rough, but we always managed to make out. My Motto in life is: "No matter how bad things seem to be, it could always be a lot worse."

My husband and I both attend church regularly at Milhoan Ridge Baptist Church at Murrys ville. We always took our children to church as they were growing up, today most young parents don't do that. We truly enjoy our grandchildren, we have learned you can spoil them and send them home! As I did not know my grandparents, I put a lot of energy into raising Anthony, Traci, Amanda, and Jonathan. *Submitted by Karen Titus*

CARLTON AND CLARA BELLE DENNING

My parents Clara Belle (Tucker) and Carlton Burgess Denning came to Ravenswood to live in 1955 when Kaiser Aluminum started construction. My father worked on construction; and when the plant opened, he was hired. He worked there as a

mill operator until his medical retirement in 1981. He died October 9, 1983.

My mother was born in Ravenswood June 14, 1923, the daughter of Nora (Blackburn) and Leo Roy Tucker. She graduated from Ravenswood High, and after graduating from West Virginia Wesleyan College came back to RHS to teach. She retired in June 1986 with 36 years' teaching at RHS.

My father was born in Auburn, Ritchie County, March 29, 1923, the son of Charity Elizabeth (Morrison) and Burgess Harvey Denning. After he graduated from Pennsboro High, he enrolled in the Navy February 11, 1943, serving in the Armed Guard aboard five different ships. He received ribbons from the European, Pacific, and American Theaters. After he was discharged February 4, 1946, he worked as a driller in the oil fields in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.



Carlton and Clara Belle Denning —1950

My parents were married at the Walton Memorial Methodist Church, Ravenswood, August 13, 1950. At this point, they went to WVU where my mother earned her Master's degree.

Three children were born to them: David Alan, August 7, 1951; Michael Roy, December 30, 1954; Mona Jane, September 3, 1956. All three graduated from RHS and West Virginia Wesleyan College.

David earned his MD degree from WVU and then went on to Ohio State University to complete his internship and residency. He is now a surgeon in Huntington. On August 26, 1972, he married Norma Cummings of Huntington. They are the parents of five sons: David, Andrew, Benjamin, Joseph, and Samuel.

Michael earned his DDS degree from WVU and is currently in private practice in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. On August 5, 1978, he married Elizabeth Neil of Bell Vernon, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of Elizabeth Jane and Michael Neil.

I earned my Master's degree from the Medical College of Virginia in occupational therapy and am currently Director of an Infant Intervention Center in Petersburg, Virginia. On April 29, 1989, I married Benjamin Sidney Pruett of Richmond, Virginia.

My parents have been active in the Methodist Church. My father was a trustee, member of Methodist Men and helped with the Cub and Boy Scouts sponsored by the Church. (My brothers earned the Eagle rank in Scouts and God and Country awards.) Some of my mother's positions at the church are Sunday school teacher, trustee, president (three times) of United Methodist Women and currently a UMW Conference officer. Both have served the community. My father was a member of Lions Club. As a teacher, my mother was involved in many activities at school — adviser for yearbook and newspaper, Student Council Sponsor, etc. She is also a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

We hold many fond memories of Ravenswood — church, school (band and other activities), and community (Scouting and 4-H). *Submitted by Mona Jane (Denning) Pruett*

DERENBERGER

The Dercnberger family is of German descent. Family tradition says that they came from Dresden, Germany and that the name was originally Von Dercnberger. John Peter Dercnberger became involved in a German revolution during the early Napoleonic Wars in Europe. His large estate was confiscated during the unsettled conditions, leaving but meager means to make a living for his family. The family decided to come to America in the year 1803. John Peter Dercnberger, Sr.'s first wife's name is unknown. Family tradition says she died on board ship while on the way to America. The children of John Peter Dercnberger, Sr. and his first wife are:

1. George (1787-1859) married first Margaret Perine in 1818 at Wood County, (West) Virginia. He married second Margaret Anderson in 1831 at Wood County, (West) Virginia. They lived near Lee Creek in Wood County.

2. Mary (1790-?) married James Spencer at Wood County, (West) Virginia.

3. Catherine (1791-1864) married first John Dewitt in 1818. They had no children. She married second Henry Harris and they lived at Wiseburg in Grant District (Jackson County). They had a son, Theodore Harris.

4. Sarah (1795-1880) married Philip Hetzer at Wood County, (West) Virginia. They lived at Meigs County, Ohio.

5. John Peter, Jr. (1802-1849) married Christina Staats, daughter of Elijah and Margaret (Alkire) Staats. They lived on Little Sandy Creek in Grant District (Jackson County). Their children:

a. Elijah (1824-?) married Harriet Ann Morehouse, daughter of William and Betsy Morehouse.

b. Hannibal (1826-1864) married first, Rebecca Susannah Full, daughter of Absalom and Jemima Full. He married second, Catherine Cunningham Bonnett, daughter of Morris and Nancy Cunningham.

c. Caroline Elizabeth (1828-1911) married Samuel Safreed, son of John L. and Elizabeth (Rhinehart) Safreed.

d. Margaret (1830-1875) married Joseph Safreed, son of John L. and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Safreed.

e. Nathan (1832-1852)

f. Sarah (1835-1835)

g. William (1836-1924) married Phoebe Ann Milhoan, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Starkey) Milhoan.

h. John Peter III (1838-1849)

i. Annetta (1840-1921) married Albert Lockhart, son of John and Mary Jane (Cheuvront) Lockhart.

j. George (1842-1923) married Julianna Swain, daughter of John Samuel and Ann (Sprague) Swain.

k. Indiana (1844-1864) married Newman (Jack) Swain.

l. California (1849-1924) married first Alexander Scott Trotter, second Joseph Franklin Leep. She married third, William Lewis Safreed, son of John and Fanny (McKinley) Safreed.

6. Christine married James Gill in 1829 at Meigs County, Ohio. John Peter Dercnberger Sr. married second Margaret Stanford in 1818. He died sometime before 1836.

Their children:

7. Margaret (1819-1904) married Israel Nesselroad, son of Ellis and Hannah Nesselroad. They lived on Meat House Fork in Grant District. (See Nesselroad history.)

8. John (1821-?) married Olive Mosier in 1842 at Meigs County, Ohio. They moved to Iowa and later went to Kansas.

9. Ruth (1822-1896) married Andrew Pickens in 1838 at Mason County, (West) Virginia. They lived at Mason County, Virginia and later went to Meigs County, Ohio. *Submitted by Wes Cochran*

RALPH DERNBERGER

My grandfather, Benjamin Buchanan Dernberger, was born in Wood County October 8, 1857, the son of Benjamin and Mary (Deem) Dernberger. He married November 21, 1877 Martha Ann Boso. She was born September 8, 1861 in Jackson County, daughter of John and Deborah (Mills) Boso. Ben and Martha Dernberger lived on Pond Creek near Belleville.

The parents of Benjamin Dernberger were George and Margaret (Perine) Dernberger.

The parents of Mary (Deem) Dernberger were Peter and Nancy (Rollins) Deem.

The parents of John Boso were Charles and Sarah (Anderson) Boso.

The parents of Deborah (Mills) Boso were William and Elizabeth (Brooks) Mills.

Benjamin Buchanan Dernberger was killed tragically July 27, 1915, when he was struck by a train at Belleville. Martha Ann (Boso) Dernberger died May 14, 1933. They are buried in the Jerry's Run Baptist Church Cemetery near Belleville. Their children are as follows:

1. Mary Bessie Dernberger born December 7, 1878 and died April 1, 1959. Married Webb Mast. They were residents of Coquille, Oregon.

2. Orva Dernberger born June 1, 1881 and died September 5, 1919. Married Michael Buffington whom she later divorced.

3. Willard Conway (Con) Dernberger (my father) born July 14, 1884. Married Mattie Lee.

4. Gladys Dawn Dernberger born October 3, 1892. Married Claude Moore.

5. Charles Gordon (Buck) Dernberger born July 14, 1895 and died January 20, 1972. Married Irma Rardin. Uncle Buck resided on his father's farm all of his life.



Conn, Ralph, and Mattie Dernberger

My father, Willard Conway (Con) Dernberger married my mother Martha Louisa (Mattie) Lee December 8, 1907. My mother was born April 4, 1883 in Nobel County, Ohio the daughter of Russell and Caroline (Miller) Lee. She died July 26, 1966. I, Ralph Darwin Dernberger, am their only child. I was born September 21, 1908 in Jackson County, West Virginia. I married on October 11, 1930 Winifred Ava Cochran who was born in Wood County the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Maud (Sams) Cochran, on June 26, 1910.

I retired in 1972 from the FMC Plant (formerly the American Viscose) in Parkersburg after 38 and one half years' service. Winifred retired in 1975 from the G. C. Murphy Department Store in Parkersburg with 23 years' service. We are members of the Camden Avenue Church of Christ in Parkersburg.

Our only child is Noel Francis Dernberger born August 5, 1931 in Wood County. He married July 19, 1954 Barbara Anne Lothes. Barbara was born August 1, 1931 in Washington County, Ohio the daughter of Oscar and Hazel (Gessel) Lothes. They are the parents of: (our grandchildren)

1. David Dwight Dernberger born July 31, 1955.

2. Andrea Lynn Dernberger born April 28,

1959.

3. Rebecca Anne Dernberger born August 31, 1963.

Noel owns and operates the Dernberger Ford Tractor Sales in Parkersburg. Barbara is a registered nurse for the Wood County School System. Noel and Barbara live in Marietta, Ohio.

(For more information, see *The Dernberger Family* by Wes Cochran and Ralph D. Dernberger) Submitted by Ralph D. Dernberger

JOHN PETER DERENBERGER, SR.

John Peter Derenberger, Sr. came here from Germany in 1803. His wife died on ship. We do not know her name, but think she may have died in childbirth as John Peter, Jr. was born on ship in 1802. They brought five other children to America with them.

John Peter married Christina Staats (1866-1881). He was a Captain on a steamboat on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. While on a trip to New Orleans he contracted cholera and was taken off the boat at the Roliff farm near Turkey Run. He later bought a large farm on Little Sandy. There they raised a family of 12 children. He died in 1849.

Elijah Derenberger, born 1824, married Harriet Ann Morehouse (March 9, 1851), daughter of William and Betsey Ives Morehouse and they raised eleven children.

Sarah Catherine Derenberger, born 1858, married W. H. H. "Tipp" Rardon in 1878. He was the son of David W. Rardon (1830) and Susan Bowen.

Sarah and "Tipp" Rardon raised a family of nine: Holly, Ardell, Almon, Blanche, Flossie, David, Okey, Edna, and Sylvia.

Edna Mae Rardon was born July 5, 1898, and married April 27, 1919 to Everett Shockey born February 28, 1894, son of Benjamin Franklin and Ida Bella McGlothlin Shockey. He died April 28, 1972. Their children were Kenneth and Catherine (twins), Juanita, Carol, and John Everett, Jr.

Carrol Shockey was born April 12, 1925 and married H. Althea Smith on August 31, 1946. Their children are Paul E. Shockey, Helen Mae Shockey, and C. Olin Shockey.

Dr. Paul E. Shockey, D. V. M. born September 25, 1947 married Patricia Sibold, daughter of Charles and Eloise Sibold of Pickaway, West Virginia. Their children are Erin Lynn, Todd Edwin, and Joseph Paul.

Helen Mae Shockey (January 20, 1949) married John Taylor. Their children are Matthew Sean and Mark Joseph.

C. Olin Shockey, born July 30, 1951, married Elaine Rowley, daughter of Claymore and Beryl Rowley of Ravenswood, West Virginia. Their children are Daniel Olin and Julia Shea. Submitted by Carol E. Shockey

WILLIAM ELTON AND ALICE (DeBUSSEY) DERENBERGER

John Peter Derenberger, Jr. (1802-1849) married Christina Staats (1806-1881) and purchased a large farm, on Little Sandy Road, at the mouth of Meathouse Fork, in northern Jackson County. They had twelve children, one of whom was William Tackett Derenberger. William Tackett Derenberger (1836-1924) married Phoebe Ann Milhoan (1832-1911) and had five children.

William Elton Derenberger (1865-1943), a teacher, merchant and businessman, was the son of William Tackett and Phoebe Ann (Milhoan) Derenberger. He married Alice DeBussey (1867-1944) in 1897. She was born in Jackson County, the daughter of Robert Adolphus and Catherine (Palmer) DeBussey. They lived near the Little Sandy Road and are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. They had six children, all of whom were born in Jackson County.

Carroll Farnham Derenberger (1898-1969) married Ruth Brohard (1902-1951). She was born in Wood County, West Virginia, daughter of John and Anna (Stagg) Brohard. They lived at Parkersburg, West Virginia and had one son, William Brohard Derenberger. He lives at Charleston, West Virginia and has three children, Alex, Carol Ruth and Ginna.

Denzell William Derenberger (1900-1944) married Grace Eleanor Cooper (1902). Grace was born in Jackson County, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Mona (Tumlin) Cooper, and lives at Ravenswood. They had a daughter, Carolyn Ann Schakow, who lives in California. Carolyn has one son, Timothy.

Katharine Phoebe Derenberger (1901) married Isaac Truman Cooper (1900-1972). He was born in Jackson County, son of Joseph and Sarah Mona (Tumlin) Cooper. Katharine lives at Ravenswood. She taught school for several years in Jackson County and was also a bookkeeper in the First National Bank at Ravenswood. They had two sons, Charles Edward Cooper and James Truman Cooper. Charles (1931) married Frances Agnes Lyons (1935-1981) and had two children, Charles Edward Cooper II (1959) and Mary Katharine Cooper (1961). Charles lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia. James (1942) married Katharine Spears (1947) and lives at Charleston, West Virginia. They have a daughter, Katharine Bruce Cooper (1978).

Anna Laura Derenberger (1904-1985) married Jess Howell (1902-1970). He was born in Jackson County, son of Jasper Monroe and Mamie (Tumlin) Howell. They owned the original John Peter Derenberger farm on Little Sandy Road. Ann taught school for several years in Jackson County. She operated Howell's store at Sherman for many years and also served as the postmistress for the Sherman post office. They had no children.

Alice Mae Derenberger (1906-1982) married Monroe Jackson Click (1900-1978). He was born in Jackson County, son of Kenna and Lola Ethel (Sayre) Click. They lived at Ravenswood and operated Click's Department Store for many years. They had no children.

Alma Esther Derenberger (1912-1953) married Charles Kunkle Merrill (1910-1981). He was born at Toledo, Ohio, son of Charles Wesley and Edith (Kunkle) Merrill. They lived at Ravenswood and had two daughters, Patricia Merrill and Jane Merrill. Patricia married Charles Harvey and lives on the original Derenberger farm on Little Sandy. They have one son, Charles Wesley Harvey. Jane married Leighton Cobb and lives at Sherman. They have no children. Submitted by Katharine Cooper

DENVER DEWEESE

DENVER DEWEESE, born June 30 1908 in Jackson County, West Virginia, son of William J. and Dovie Redman Deweese, married Virgie May Skeens, daughter of Wesley and Rhoda Godby Skeens on March 20, 1927. They have two living children:

1. William Wesley Deweese, born April 19, 1928, married Bernadine Davis, daughter of Carl and Gay Skeen Davis. Their children are: Debbie, Michael, and Mark.

2. Velda Fay Deweese, born March 30, 1937, married Burt Stalnaker, son of Roy and Macel Stalnaker. Their children are: Rhonda, Randy, Danny, Larry, and Harry.

Denver and Virgie Deweese have lived together 60 years. They have eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Their home on Stone Lick Road is where they lived much of their married life, until five years ago when Denver had a stroke. This changed their life as Denver was unable to care for his farm. It had to be sold and they moved to Ripley, at first to Tanglewood Village and then to 119 Grand Central Avenue where they again have a home of their own. Denver retired from



Denver and Virgie DeWeese

Libby-Owens Ford after 33 years and ten months of employment there. Denver and Virgie have been members of the Goodwill Community Church at Kentuck for the past twenty years. Although their health is not as they wish it was, they continue to be active and visit neighbors and friends from the past.

The Deweese name in Jackson County was found as early as 1840, when four brothers bought land here. One of those brothers is Denver Deweese's ancestor. Every generation has had a WILLIAM. WILLIAM JABEL DEWEESE, son of William and Rachel Deweese and his wife Ruth Parsons Deweese are grandparents to Denver Deweese. Jabel, as he was called, was a Civil War Veteran who received a pension for the wounds received at Fisher's Hill, Virginia. A Union Soldier from Jackson County he was discharged from service June 17, 1865 and lived to father several children. It is said his check from the Government was in the amount of \$90 considered a small fortune at that time. He was able to buy up several hundred acres of land and before his death it is said he gave each of his sons a large bounty of land and as his daughters married bought land of their choice and built them a home. This Civil War Veteran and his wife and many of the family that came after him are buried in the Gandee Cemetery on Stone Lick Creek. *Submitted by Virgie Deweese*

DR. NICHOLAS DeWITT

Dr. Nicholas DeWitt came to America in the early 1600s with Henry Hudson on a voyage to find a route to the East Indies. When they returned to Holland and told of America, Nicholas' son Tjerck Classen DeWitt must have liked what he heard because he came to America around 1650.

He died in Kingston, New York, February 17, 1700. His estate was valued at \$8,000. Tjerck's son Lucas married Annetjie Delua in 1695 and died eight years later with four children. One of his children, Jan, was born December 8, 1700. He married Ariantje Osterhoudt. Jan and Annetjie's third child, Johannes was born December 25, 1739. He served in the Revolutionary War. His son John married Nancy Culbertson in 1790 and moved to what is now Murraysville, West Virginia. He was the first permanent settler on Muses Bottom. Their daughter Nancy married Isaac Sherman, whom the community of Sherman was named after. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married Steptoe Rector, son of Charles Rector. Their son, Charles, was born in 1848. He married Nancy Sherman, daughter of Abel and Priscella Anderson Sherman. Their son Wallace married Laura Benson, daughter of Wade Hampton Benson, a Confederate soldier who served over a year in a Yankee prison camp. Their daughter Mayme Rector married Otmer Salser and they had my mother Maxine Salser who is now married to Gene DeWitt, also a descendant of Nicholas DeWitt. *Submitted by Rita Hill*

VIRGIL DICKERSON

Virgil Armstrong Dickerson, 201 Gallatin Street, Ravenswood, was born January 19, 1898. He is the last surviving member of the immediate family of O. G. Dickerson (1868-1936) and Mary Amelia Miller Dickerson (1867-1946), daughter of Peter and Hannah Miller.

"Og", as he was known, was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge, a farmer, and, at one time, a Jackson County Road Commissioner. They spent their entire married life in Jackson County, living first at Three Forks of Sycamore, then Sidneyville and Flatwoods.

In addition to Virgil, other children born to their union were Francis Warren, Forrest Rose and Ruby Lee Dickerson.

Warren Dickerson (1891-1957), a WWI Veteran, teacher and banker, married Indra Sayre, a WWI Yeoman. Their daughter, Mary Jane Dickerson Norona, survives.

Rose (1895-1988), a Jackson/Mason Counties schoolteacher, married Herbert T. Henderson, now deceased. They had three children: Anita Henderson Dial (deceased) and surviving children: Phyllis Henderson Morgan and Donald H. Henderson.

Ruby (1896-1981) married W. O. Carney (1897-1987) of Ripley. Their two daughters Eloise Carney Kerns and Madeline Kay survive.

Virgil Armstrong Dickerson is a namesake of the late Judge Virgil Armstrong of Jackson County, an esteemed friend of the family. On June 1, 1925, Virgil A. Dickerson married Marie Stone, formerly of Jackson County, in Akron, Ohio. She came to Ravenswood as his bride, where they have lived since their wedding day.



Mr. and Mrs. Virgil A. Dickerson, 1925

Marie is the daughter of J. William Stone (1881-1973) and Minnie Hamilton Stone (1884-1977). In the early 1900s they moved to Rochester, Pennsylvania, with their family, where he was a streetcar conductor with the Beaver Valley Transit Line. After moving back to West Virginia to their farm in Flatwoods, he spent many years as a carpenter, and a farmer. They were members of the Flatwoods Methodist Church.

Marie's paternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth Ferguson Stone, whose ancestors immigrated to the United States from Ireland and Scotland. Her maternal grandparents were Addison and Elizabeth Morrison Hamilton. Maternal great-grandparents were "Grand-pap" Hugh Hamilton and Mary Hamilton. Their son Benjamin Hamilton, when age 19, marched with his regiment of Lee's Army of the Civil War, past his home in Flatwoods en route to Old Virginia, where he died soon after while on duty.

Marie has two sisters and one bother — Effie Stone Rowan, Columbus, Ohio; Ruby Stone Click and William Arlan Stone, Ravenswood.

Virgil was a Jackson County schoolteacher before he began his career as a rural U. S. mail carrier from the Ravenswood Post Office in January 1925.

Of his 35 years U. S. Postal Service tenure, the first 20 years were spent delivering mail by horseback, then by jeep and later by car.

In earlier years he enjoyed traveling with his family and relatives on sight-seeing trips including a tour of California, Oregon and the Washington coast.

He retired on August 1, 1960. He was honored with a retirement party given by his fellow mail carriers and employees of the Ravenswood Post Office.

Since retiring, his hobbies have been wood-working and growing an elaborate garden of hybrid tea roses, a hobby which began with a small rose garden he grew when they lived on Ashton Street, their first home.

Also, Virgil and Marie enjoy visits in the homes of their married children.

In 1965 Marie joined a travel group of five relatives and friends on a sight-seeing trip to Europe and the British Isles. The group sailed from New York harbor on the *SS Amsterdam* on August 13, 1965. The ship docked at the harbor of Rotterdam, Holland. From there they traveled by car, tour bus, or train on the extensive sight-seeing tours in Europe, England and Ireland. On return home they sailed from Southampton, England, on the *SS Rotterdam* to New York.

On reminiscing about the European trip, Marie said the Berlin Wall was the only sad sight of the entire trip as our group of five, traveling by guided tour bus, passed through the Wall at Checkpoint Charlie and toured East Berlin. On seeing the Wall again via recent TV coverage, Marie joins the rejoicing with others — The Wall is down.

The Dickersons are parents of two daughters and one son: Ireta Dickerson Sauer, alumna Mountain State College, secretarial career, married James D. Sauer, aviation machinists mate, U. S. Navy WWII, retired salesman. Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth H. Dickerson, alumnus Marietta College, Jefferson Medical College, retired aerospace physiologist, Medical Service Corps, U.S. Navy, Associate Fellow Aerospace Medical Association. Married Iris Hoskinson, alumna Marietta College, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Western Reserve University Public Health Nurse, supervisor. Dolores Dickerson Woehrmann, alumna Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Mozarteum Conservatory of Music, Salzburg, Austria. Private piano teacher. Married James R. Woehrmann, alumnus Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music. Music instructor/choir conductor.

The Dickersons have seven granddaughters: Linda Sauer Dixon, Loraine Sauer Tappen, Karen Dickerson Altares, Monit Dickerson Rosendale, Marlene Dickerson Sanbower, Susan Marie Woehrmann, Ericka Estella Woehrmann.

They also have five great-grandsons.

The Dickersons are members of the First United Methodist Church in Ravenswood. Virgil is a retired member of National Rural Letter Carriers Association. Marie is an active member of the national Navy Mothers Club.

They look forward to celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on June 1, 1990. *Submitted by Mrs. V. A. Dickerson and Linda Dixon*

DONOHEW FAMILY

George Washington DONOHEW and Eva TAYLOR Parsons DONOHEW (pictured) married March 1892. They are the parents of three children, Thomas Merton born 1893 married Lucinda Pearl HARRIS, 1913. They had three children, Ralph Otis born 1914 married Dorothy PETERS, 1932; Voshel Leon born 1922, married Pearl Dunfee, 1940; Ray William born 1919, never married.

Ralph and Dorothy had three children: Betty Lou born 1933, Marilyn Yvonne born 1935; Ralph Edward born 1940, died 1940.

Leon and Pearl had five children, Alvin Belton born 1940, Silas Edward born 1942, Rita Marie born 1947, Carol Jean born 1948 and Gary Leon born 1950.



George W. Donohew and Eva Taylor Parsons Donohew

Clara A. DONOHEW born 1897 married Everette REDMAN. They had an adopted son, Theodore Winfield DONOHEW born 1907 married Edith ?, second wife was a WEAVER. They also divorced.

George was born 1852 in Millwood, Jackson County. He married Margaret SNOW, March 1872. They had two children, Effie Jane born December 1872 and Otho Haden born February 1882. Margaret died March 1882. George's second wife was Mary Catherine LONG, married July 1886. They had one daughter, Goldie born 1890. Both Mary and Goldie died in 1891. George was the son of Lydia SMITH and Hiram DONOHEW.

Lydia and Hiram were the parents of eleven children. Mary Elizabeth born 1840, married Thomas LYONS 1864. She died 1913.

Reuben Smith born 1842 married Mary B. JACOBS 1865. His second wife was Dorothy ROLLINS, third wife was Harriet WAGGONER. He died 1921.

Daniel Durst born 1844 married Rachel PIERCE 1866. He died 1915.

Margaret Ann born 1847 married Louis CANTER 1865. Her second husband was Phillip THORNTON. She died 1916.

Andrew Jackson born 1849, married Martha Matilda ROLLINS 1868, second wife was Mary PARSONS. He died 1936. John Adam born 1854 married Mary McCloughlin 1876, second wife Elizabeth LEAMASTER. He died 1905. Susanna born 1857 married Louis CANTER (Margaret's first husband).

Henry born 1859, never married. He died 1888.

Eliza Emaline born 1861 married Sol BOYER 1884. She died 1939.

Phillip Sheridan born 1864 married Suzie REYNOLDS 1887. He died 1952.

Hiram's first wife was Mary Cecy JACO. They married in 1826 and had five children. Sarah born 1827, William born 1829 married Louise CARPENTER, Waldo born 1830 married Lydia PARSONS. He died 1879. James born 1832 married Sarah Ann BRYNE. He died 1896. Salathiel born 1836, never married, died in the Civil War in Georgia, 1865. Mary JACO Donohew died 1836, Lydia SMITH Donohew died 1891 and Hiram died 1886. Hiram's parents were Ingra and William DONOHO.

The DONOHEW name has been misspelled over the years. Common spellings are Donahue and Donohue.

Eva TAYLOR is the daughter of Adam TAYLOR and Elizabeth RICKARDS Taylor. Submitted by Betty Lou DONAHUE Nulliner

JESSEE AND ELZONA (SAYRE) DONOHEW

JESSEE OLIVER DONOHEW, son of Charles Melvin and Lieu Verna Sayre Donohew, was born April 13, 1909, on Cow Run (near Beech Grove), Jackson County. Jessee was five years old and his brother Russell four when their mother died in 1914. They lived with their grandparents (George and Mazilla Sayre), when they were small and other times too. While on the farm with their dad, they helped "break" cattle to work, which they

enjoyed in later life. The Donohew farmers worked more with cattle than horses. They were a family of timber men. On one timber job on "Granny's Run" (branch of Cow Run, heading to Route 87), Jessee's father logged virgin timber with three yoke of cattle. He used a team of horses and a block and line to take poplars out of "Gunnell Hollow" (a tributary of Cow Run).



Jesse O. Donohew and "Old Don"

Jessee married Elzona Sayre, (born June 17, 1904) daughter of Harley and Theodosia Slaughter Sayre. They have three children: WILMA, WANDA and CHESTER. He farmed in his early years, first using one of his dad's yoke of steers, "Pete and Rum". Sometimes he had mules, sometimes horses. At one time he even had little "Ginnys". He liked to trade. When he retired from the West Virginia Department of Highways he built a blacksmith shop at his home. He had learned this trade by helping his father. He could take a piece of iron, heat it, and make most anything out of it. People came from miles around with work for him to do. He made garden tools, shod horses or "dressed" their teeth. He once pulled Virge Sayre's tooth with the same "tooth drawers" he used for the horses.



Jesse O. and Elzona (Sayre) Donohew and children

"ZONA" was from an industrious family on both sides. Her father Harley Sayre, had the reputation of being the hardest working man in the community. He lived on a farm, but worked for other farmers too, especially J. O. Sayre (two miles across the hills). When days were short he walked and carried his lantern to and from work. A wood-cutting job on Cow Run was equally long hours. He walked from Flag Rock, cut a cord of wood in one day and walked back home, for this he was paid \$1.00. At that time a dollar went a long way. At times he rented farm land on Thirteen Mile Creek, going back and forth with his team. "Zona's" mother "Doshia" enjoyed working too, and passed on this gift to her girls. "Zona", when very young would go anywhere in the community and help people in time of sickness or a new baby. She could go into a home where there was disorder and perhaps sickness and soon have things working

smoothly for the family. After she had a family of her own people still depended on her in time of trouble. She was faithful to her Church and attended when she was able. She enjoyed quilting with the "Ladies Aid", also quilted at home for those that needed quilts. She can no longer do these things, but is able to care for her own home.

Jessee was always good to Grandpa Sayre, who raised him. His face would brighten when he saw Jessee coming in his buggy to take him for a visit. Jessee died October 11, 1979, and is buried in the Long View Cemetery.

The children of Jessee Oliver and Elzona Sayre Donohew are as follows:

1. *Wilma Imogene Donohew*, born February 13, 1928, married Howard Stewart, born June 10, 1918, son of Thomas and Goldie Unrue Stewart. They had daughter, Karen Lynn Stewart, born June 8, 1953, married Michael Elroy Devault, son of Nelson and Faye Bowles Devault.

2. *Wanda Lee Donohew*, born May 12, 1934, married Arthur Darrell Matheny, born December 6, 1925, son of Harrison and Gertha Keiffer Matheny, of Roane County. Children: (a) Annette Sue Matheny, born November 30, 1957; daughter Brittany Dawn Johnson, born July 12, 1983. (b) Alvin Darrell Matheny, born July 28, 1959, married Linda Townsend Skeen, born April 16, 1951, Olympia, Washington. Stepchildren: Samantha Ellen, December 14, 1976; Jennifer Charlene, March 16, 1978. (c) Roxanna Marie Matheny, born July 29, 1962, had son Derek Clayton Rhodes, born August 28, 1984. (d) Kevin Dewayne Matheny, born May 27, 1965.

3. *Chester Osborn Donohew*, born September 20, 1941. Submitted by Wilma Stewart and Chester Donohew

RUSSELL DONOHEW

RUSSELL DONOHEW, born September 14, 1910, son of Charles Melvin and Lieu Verna Sayre Donohew, married Laura Pearl Fox, born February 12, 1913, daughter of Theodore and Flora Cosin Fox. They are the parents of ten children.

1. *BASIL ALBERT DONOHEW*, born July 28, 1929, married Ruby Baker, born March 27, 1931. Their children are: (a) Carl Albert Donohew, born May 27, 1950; (b) Laura Louise Donohew, born October 26, 1953, married James Christian, born May 9, 1951; (c) Lola Agnes Donohew, born January 1, 1955, married Eugene Prunty, born September 21, 1951; (d) Dennis Wayne Donohew, born November 18, 1956, married Barbara Brocius; (e) Bonnie Ann Donohew, born October 19, 1957, married Larry Canterberry.

2. *ALVERTA CHRISTINE DONOHEW*, born Sept. 27, 1931, married Lafey Ervin, November 4, 1955. Their children are: (a) Patty Ann Ervin, born July 20, 1957, married Rick Shrontz; (b) Lafey James Ervin, born May 17, 1962.

3. *CHARLES THEODORE DONOHEW*, born March 10, 1933, married Linda Madeline King, born April 25, 1946. Their children are: (a) Tena Bethune Donohew, born September 21, 1963, married Robert Good, born November 28, 1960; (b) Sherry Dawn Donohew, born June 26, 1971.

4. *BRYCLE IVAN DONOHEW*, born May 27, 1937, married Lenora Virginia Munsey, born July 24, 1941. Their children are: (a) Michael Ivan Donohew, born June 27, 1958, married Terri, born November 20, 1960; (b) Larry Eugene Donohew, born August 20, 1961; (c) Deborah Dianne Donohew, born July 13, 1963, married Eric Payne.

5. *STARLING ARGO DONOHEW*, born September 22, 1939, married Patricia Grubb. Their children are: (a) Sammy Lee Donohew, born May 2, 1956; (b) Sandra Dee Donohew, born April 16, 1959; (c) Russell Thomas Donohew, born May 9, 1960.

6. *TEDDY ERVIN DONOHEW*, July 3, 1941, married Ruby Francis Estep, born February 2, 1949. Their children: (a) Wesley Irvin Donohew, born March 16, 1966; (b) Angela Christine

Donohew, born February 24, 1970; (c) Ruby Ann Donohew, born May 9, 1971; (second marriage) to Nancy Hicks, born March 1, 1946. Had child: Teddy Scott Donohew, born November 30, 1974.

7. **LEONE ELATA DONOHEW**, born February 10, 1944, married Dick Wayne Ratliff, born November 11, 1943. Their children: (a) Cindy Kay Ratliff, born May 10, 1967, married Michael Shinn; (b) Rita Gale Ratliff, born November 7, 1970; (second marriage) to David Brunty, born March 31, 1950, (a) David Keith Brunty, Jr., born May 23, 1976.

8. **LEOLA ILENE DONOHEW**, born February 5, 1946, married Allen Lieving. Their children: (a) Timothy Eugene Lieving, born November 22, 1964; (second marriage) to Bert Hall, born March 5, 1926. (a) Donna Darline Hall, born August 14 1969.

9. **REVA JOYCE DONOHEW**, born April 3, 1949, married Paul Edward Patterson, born February 18, 1946. Their children: (a) Connie Marie Patterson, born February 3, 1970; (b) Ronald Paul Patterson, born October 8, 1971; (c) Susan Leann Patterson, born August 28, 1976.

9. **DORLA AUDINE DONOHEW**, born March 10, 1951, entered Colin Anderson Center, November 22, 1965.

Sam died May 15, 1962 of injuries from a car accident. Basil died September 6, 1989. Russell Donohew was four years old and his brother five, when their mother died in 1914 and they went to live with Grandpa Sayre. During those early years the boys visited with their uncles and aunts, and lived at times with their father. Laura Fox and Russell Donohew grew up together, both went to Beech Grove School. Laura was eight years old when her mother died, and she went to live with Grandpa and Grandma Fox.

Laura Fox and Russell Donohew were married August 21, 1928. They lived on farms when their children were small, Russell working at road jobs or helping other farmers.

After he started working on State Road they



Russel and Laura Donohew

bought their own place on Long View Ridge. He bought Laura's fathers' farm on Cow Run (above Beech Grove) and was living there at the time of his death at age 50. The family moved back to Long View Ridge where Laura still lives. Since the children left home Laura has helped many people. She works as a companion to elderly ladies and with people who cannot stay alone. She attends Church when at home. Laura says, "Church is my life. I trust God for everything."

Great-grandchildren of Russell and Laura Pearl Fox Donohew:

1. Amy Dawn Christian, 2. Tina Marie Christian (children of Louise and James Christian)

1. Jeannie Lucille Prunty, 2. Kathy Marie Prunty, 3. Albert Wayne Prunty (children of Lola and Eugene Prunty)

1. Patricia Ann Donohew, 2. Daniel Wayne Donohew, 3. Casie Jo Donohew, (children of Dennis and Barbara (Brocius) Donohew)

1. Nathan Allen Canterbury, (son of Bonnie Ann and Larry Canterbury)



Donohew family

1. Jason Darwin Shrontz, 2. Lori Shrontz, (children of Patty Ann and Rick Shrontz)

1. Robert Charles Good, (son of Tena and Robert Good)

1. Chadwick Wayne Donohew, 2. Jerrod Lee Donohew, (children of Michael and Terri Donohew)

1. Eric Shannon Payne, 2. Tabatha Payne, 3. Jesse Damon Payne, (children of Deborah and Eric Payne)

1. Christopher Lee Donohew, 2. Ashley Donohew, (children of Sammy Donohew)

1. Amanda Dawn Shinn, 2. Pamela Nichole Shinn, 3. Peggy Sue Shinn, (children of Cindy and Michael Shinn). Submitted by Laura Donohew and Bryce Donohew

DONOHUE AND SAYRE

Homer Franklin, fifth child of Reuben Smith Donohue and Dorothy Isabelle Rollins, was born May 14, 1876, at Millwood. He married Amanda Ella Sayre on April 11, 1896. She was born April 27, 1879, at Ripley Landing, and was the fourth and last child of William Wesley Sayre and Leah Louisa Forman.

Their roots go back to the early days of Jackson and Mason County. Homer's father was in the Civil War; his Donohue line dating back to pre-revolutionary America. His mother, Dorothy Isabelle Rollins, was the daughter of Cyrus Rollins and Sarah Roush. Cyrus died in the Civil War, leaving Sarah at age 32 with six children to raise. Cyrus was the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth Howell Rollins, who came to Jackson, Mason County area from the Randolph, Lewis County area about 1840, this family also going back to pre-revolutionary America. Sarah was the daughter of William and Dorothy Wolf Roush, born after their move down the Ohio River on rafts and flatboats to the mouth of Tombleson Run. Her grandfather Roush was in the Revolution.

Amanda's grandfather, Andrew Sayre, was in the Civil War. He was the only child of Benjamin Sayre, son of Daniel, son of David, son of David Sr. who also was in the Revolution. Amanda was the eleventh generation of Sayres in America. Amanda was tenth generation of Formans in America. Her Sayre, Hughes, and Staats ancestors were among the very first white families to arrive in what is now Jackson County.

Homer and Amanda were the parents of 14 children, two dying in infancy.

1. Lillie Rowena, born January 25, 1897 in Jackson County, married Elmer Fetty, had one daughter.

2. Bessie Louisa, born May 27, 1898 in Jackson County, married Horton Snyder, had 16 children, two dying quite young.

3. Mamie O'Frieda, born May 27, 1900 in Jackson County, married Edward Warner, had four children.

4. Daisy Maoma, born July 12, 1902 in Jackson County, married Hiram Webster Pauley, had seven children.

5. Ellis David, born September 12, 1904 in Jackson County, married Iva Parson, had seven

children.

6. Lettie Isabelle, born October 1, 1906 in Jackson County, married Harold Thompson, had two children.

7. Wesley Waldo, born September 23, 1908 in Jackson County, married Dorothy Hoppes, had six children.

8. Mable Clara, born August 27, 1909 in Jackson County, married Samuel Pickens, had seven children.

9. Infant that died.

10. Francis Gale, born February 19, 1912 in Logan County, married Lillian Simpson, had eight children, one dying in infancy.

11. Infant that died.

12. Dallas Odell, born March 25, 1915 in Mason County, married Olga Clark, one daughter.

13. Tressia Florence, January 24, 1917 in Mason County, married 1st, Charles Shirley, four children; married 2nd, Clyde Boulware, one child.

14. Homer Franklin, Jr., born August 21, 1921, killed by a train at Letart on June 7, 1923.

Amanda died May 15, 1942. Homer died August 27, 1953. Both buried at Jackson Chapel (Mt. Hebron) Cemetery, Jackson County. Submitted by Juanita (Pauley) Hiltabiddle, granddaughter

MOSES AND SUSAN (SEAMAN) DOOLITTLE

Moses Doolittle was born on May 5, 1800, near Morgantown, Virginia, now West Virginia, the son of Moses and Susanna Miller Doolittle. Moses' siblings were: Nancy, Mary, Ary, Thomas, Betsy, Sally, Rebecca, Nellie, Jacob, and John Doolittle. The Doolittle family traces its lineage to Wallingford, Connecticut where its members served prominently in the early colonization of the country.

The 1810 census of Monongalia County shows Moses, ten years old, in his father's household. Living nearby were: Patrick Bord, Thomas Doolittle, David and John Seaman, and on July 11, 1821, Moses married Susannah Seaman, daughter of David and Elizabeth Bord Seaman. Susannah was called Susan by family and friends.

In the early 1820s, Moses and Susan moved to



Moses and Susan (Seaman) Doolittle

the Reedy Creek area, where the Patrick Bord and David Seaman families had already located. In 1826, Moses bought land on Mill Creek, and built a home there. The 1840 census shows Moses Doolittle living in Jackson County, near Wilding.

By 1850, Moses' work had taken the family to Kanawha County, near Charleston, and later, they moved to West Columbia, Mason County. By 1870, they had returned to their old home in Jackson County. Children of Moses and Susan Seaman Doolittle were: Ephriam T., born 1822, married Sarah Ann Pickrel in 1842, and married S. A. Ledsom in 1851; Elizabeth, born 1824, married William Burdette; David, born 1826, married Mary Miller in 1852; Margaret J., born 1829, married Peter Keenan; Rebecca, born 1833, married Terrance Doyle; Susan, born 1839, married 1st Dr. Browning Hayden, who was killed in the Civil War, 2nd Robert McGuire in 1872, died 1878, and 3rd Richard Graham in 1881; Willet

A., born 1841, married Nancy Jane Leonard; and George S. born 1843, married Alvira.

Moses Doolittle died July 2, 1877, and Susan Doolittle died January 16, 1878. Both are buried in the Early Settlers Cemetery, at Ripley. (Reference for lineage: William Fredrick Doolittle, M. D.: *The Doolittle Family of America*, Birth and Marriage Dates: A. J. Watts, Publisher, Cleveland, Ohio, 1902, 1937.) Submitted by Marjorie Jean Malone

REVEREND AND MRS. D. M. DORSEY

Matson Parsons, daughter of Lovell Minor Parsons and Mary King Parsons met Daniel Manning Dorsey of Nicholas County, West Virginia, while both were students at Marshall University.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Manning enlisted and was sent to Camp Lee in Virginia. Matson and Manning were married in Petersburg, Virginia on May 13, 1918. Manning served with the A. F. F. in France and with the 313th Field Artillery in the Meuse-Argonne. Matson (Matsie as she was known to family and friends) taught the one-room school at Parchment Valley until Manning returned from France. The couple lived on a farm near Ripley where their first child, Helen, was born.

In Ripley, Manning served as Secretary of the Board of Education of both the Ripley District and the Independent District. He helped organize Post No. 107 of the American Legion and was a leader in the 4-H Club of Jackson County.

The family moved to South Charleston, where Manning was employed as bookkeeper and auditor in the Charleston National Bank. While in South Charleston, a daughter, Dee, and a son, Dan, were born. Manning worked in the bank for six years, leaving in 1926 to enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. In the summer months, Manning worked in the Charleston Bank during the week and preached at various churches on Sundays, thus helping to finance his education.

In Louisville, the family lived in a small apartment on the campus. Matsie enrolled in classes in Religious Education. Summer vacations for the family were spent in Ripley with Matsie's parents while Manning worked. Thus, Ripley became a second home for the Dorsey family in the years that followed.

Following graduation from Seminary in 1929, the Reverend Daniel M. Dorsey accepted the call of the First Baptist Church at Welch, West Virginia where he was to serve for 18 years. During the years at Welch, two sons, Donald and William were born. Three children: Helen, Dee, and Dan graduated from Welch High School.

In 1947, Rev. Dorsey accepted a call from the Main Street Baptist Church in Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia. He served this church for six years. During this time, Don and Bill graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School.

In 1953, Rev. Dorsey answered a call to the Salem Baptist Church in Salem, West Virginia. He served this church eight years. During this time the youngest son, Bill, graduated from Salem College. Reverend Dorsey retired while at Salem and moved to Ripley September 1, 1961. After retirement, Manning served as Interim Pastor of eight churches, the last being Ravenswood, West Virginia.

The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Manning Dorsey observed their golden wedding anniversary on May 12, 1968, with an open house at 304 Court Street given by their children.

Rev. and Mrs. Dorsey were the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Jack W. Weber, St. Marys, West Virginia, Mrs. Paul Holland (deceased) and three sons, Daniel M. Dorsey, Jr., Clarksburg, West Virginia, Donald C. Dorsey, Mesa, Arizona, and William P. Dorsey, Marietta, Ohio. "Bill" (William



Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Dorsey, 50th Wedding Anniversary



Dorsey home, Court St., Ripley

P.) is the owner of Riverview Antiques in Marietta, Ohio. The Dorsey's had thirteen grandchildren.

Manning Dorsey served his Lord with enthusiasm and devotion. Loving people, Rev. Dorsey was active in many fraternal, civic, and patriotic organizations, most notably the Rotary International, the American Legion, and the Masons. Reverend Dorsey died of a heart attack on December 5, 1969. Interment was in the Fairplain Cemetery.

Resiliency, the ability to adjust to misfortune or change, describes Matsie in her later years. In 1961 she remodeled her home, also establishing a patio and colorful flower beds. Oil painting and art appreciation were new interests.

In 1974 Matsie qualified as a docent of the Parkersburg Art Center. She died July 24, 1974.



Patio of Dorsey home, 1968

Interment was in Fairplain Cemetery.

The Dorsey home was sold to the Jackson County Commission in 1975 using the lot for parking. Submitted by Helen Dorsey Weber

LEVI DOUGLASS

Founder of the Douglass family of Union District was John Douglass (1787-1847), formerly spelled Duglas. It is said that he was a venturesome pioneer who came from Harrison County and brought his widowed mother, Nancy, and settled at the mouth of Mill Creek on the Ohio River, then Mason County, Virginia. Records show that he first paid property taxes in 1814. His wife was Elizabeth Richards (1794-1846). We are told he followed the keelboating trade on the Ohio and

adjoining rivers. Some of their children were: Alfred; Miranda, married D. Hughes; Reuben, married Sarah Stone; Calvin, married Jeanette Brownell; John, Jr. (1822-1872); Nancy, married John Rand; Elizabeth, married Bartlett Pickens; Levi, married Sarah Smith; and Hiram, who was postmaster at Ripley Landing for many years.

Our ancestor was Levi, who was a farmer and stock-raiser. He had 350 acres of rich bottom land on the Ohio River where Millwood is now located. Levi (1815-1889) married Sarah Smith (1822-1891) on November 11, 1841, Reverend Moses Michael officiating. Sarah was the daughter of John Smith (1789-1878), who came to this area in 1794, and Julia Cummings Smith (1800-1855).

Levi and Sarah had eleven children: Elizabeth (1843-1926) married John Carter (1836-1914) and had six children: Rosetta (1873-1926), John W. (1874-1963), Levi (1876-1957), Oakey V. (1879-1962), George W. (1881-1899) and William B. (1888-1961). None of the Carter children ever married.

The second daughter of Levi and Sarah was Julia A., who married George Washington King and whose history is in this book.

John W. (1846-1847).

Harriett (1848-?) never married.

Nathaniel (1851-1926) first married a McCoy and had two sons, George and Holly; second, Roseline Hughes (1856-1928), and had two sons, Guy and Carl. Both Nathaniel and Roseline are buried in Nettleton, Missouri.

Lucinda E. (1854-?) never married.

George (1855) died young.



Levi Douglass family: Harriet, Cindy, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Nan, Ginny; grandchildren: Marvin, Louise and Guy

Mary (1856-?).

Alice J. (1859-1861).

Owen (1861-1863).

Nancy (1865-1937) married Jesse Carney (1865-1929) and had three children: Marvin D. (1900-1932), Louise (1904-1958), Ulysses Benjamin (1909-1941).

The Douglass Cemetery at Millwood is the resting place of many members of this pioneer family. We are told that Nancy, pioneer John's mother, is buried on what is now the Hoff farm near Cottageville, and was not moved to the Douglass Cemetery. Submitted by Guy Douglass

DOYLE

Terence Doyle, his brother Patrick and possibly a sister arrived in New York City on July 31, 1837. These Irish immigrants had sailed from Liverpool, England on the sail ship *Flavins*.

According to family tradition, Terence came to America when he was 17 years old. This is substantiated by different records; however, the ship's log shows his age as 21 years. In order to get passage on the ship, he must have given his age as 21 years. Born in Ireland on February 2, 1820, he was always mindful of his heritage. He often talked to the family of his homeland and of the frightening experiences while crossing the Atlantic Ocean. The small flag of Ireland that he

brought with him to America is still kept by the family today.

The brother Patrick stayed in New York the remainder of his life. Being a very frugal and industrious person he became quite wealthy and at the time of his death left a large estate to his only child, a daughter who never married.

Terence, being a very different type of individual, was not always in agreement with his brother so he left New York and came to Virginia. Although not proven, it is believed that it was here in Kanawha County that he met and married Rebecca Doolittle about 1850. She was born January 3, 1833 the daughter of Moses and Susannah Seaman Doolittle, who had come from Roane County to Kanawha County where Moses was employed in the salt industry.

By 1870 the families of both Moses Doolittle and Terence Doolittle were living in Jackson County; however both families had spent several years in Mason County at West Columbia before moving to Jackson County. Catherine Doyle Stone remembered quite well how she and her sisters enjoyed playing on the board sidewalks of West Columbia.

Terence and Rebecca Doolittle Doyle were the parents of the following children: (1) Susan Alice, born about 1852, married Ross Chauncey; (2) Margaret, born about 1858 married Henry B. Jeffers; (3) Catherine, born May 17, 1861, married first Jonathan Hill, second Elias E. Stone; (4) Genevieve Hayden born 1864, married Floyd Norris; (5) Moses B., born 1866, never married, died in Jackson County March 1899 at age 33 years; (6) Edward never married, died in Elkhorn, Nebraska October 5, 1905 at age 33 years. Two children died in infancy while the family was living in West Columbia, a son died September 25, 1854 at age one year and three months; Martha Jane born June 7, 1855.

After moving to Jackson County the DoYLES bought a farm in the Foster Chapel area. They attended this church and were buried in the church cemetery. Terence's death occurred February 13, 1897 at the age of 77 years. Rebecca died in Charleston in 1924. *Submitted by Juanita K. Burdette*

THOMAS DUBITES

My name is Thomas Dubites and I was born April 15, 1930. I am the fifth child of Thomas Dubites and Josephine Dubites. I have lived at Triadelphia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ripley, West Virginia. The other members of the family are: Julia Green, Mary Acromite, Helen Zakubek and Anna Alderson.

I married Rosemarie Dubites on June 28, 1958



Thomas and Rosemarie Dubites

at Windsor Heights, West Virginia. We are the proud parents of: (1) Thomas Bryant Dubites, born September 28, 1962 in West Virginia; (2) Paula Marie Dubites, born December 3, 1963 in West Virginia; (3) Michelle Marie Dubites, born April 21, 1966 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; (4) David Michael Dubites, born April 15, 1967 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Thomas was in the U. S. Navy for ten years. Employed by Ireland Coal Company, Wensor Power, Power, West Virginia, moved to Jackson County August 28, 1968 and has been employed by Kaiser Aluminum as an Electrician.

Rosemarie Dubites (Plisko), born Windsor Heights, West Virginia, is a Registered Nurse who graduated from Wheeling Hospital School of Nursing in 1957 and West Virginia State BA. She has been employed at Jackson General Hospital since September 14, 1968. *Submitted by Tom Dubites*

DUDGEON-CUSTER

My mother's family consisted of both Dudgeon and Custer relatives. I will try to include some genealogy on both sides. My mother was a Dudgeon, Ruby Custer Dudgeon, born March 4, 1887. Her father was James McConnell Dudgeon, born June 17, 1825 in Carroll County, Ohio near Amsterdam. The only information we have about his parents is that his mother's name was Elizabeth (McConnell) Dudgeon, and she died August 28, 1868. James moved his family to Jackson County, (West) Virginia in or around the 1840s.

His first wife was Harriet Slaughter, married in 1860, they had three daughters: Isabelle, Mary Jane, and Elizabeth. Grandfather served in the Civil War as a medic, he resumed farming after the war. His wife Harriet and two daughters died (of diphtheria, we think), daughter Elizabeth survived. Elizabeth married Lewis McKown (1885) and had three sons, Harry (Verta), children: Kenneth and Elizabeth; Roy (Belva), children: Roland and Jean Lee; Guy (Eta Maizie), children: Wade, Curtis, Bernard and Phillip. Lewis McKown died in 1937, Elizabeth died in 1951, at age 84.

Second marriage of James M. Dudgeon: Nancy Jane Custer (1852-1925) on September 28, 1879. Three daughters: Maude (Will Crawford) (1880-1976); Blanche (Jake Dunlap) (1884-1940); Ruby (Jesse Hamilton) (1887-1978). Grandfather Dudgeon died July 9, 1907 at his home on Locust Ridge, Jackson County.

Maude and Will Crawford adopted a son, Burhl,



Ruby, Blanche, Nancy Jane Dudgeon, Elizabeth McKown, Maude Crawford

born 1908. Blanche and Jake had three daughters, Nadine (Coblentz), Elsie (Wilson) and Julia (Morris) deceased. Ruby and Jesse's children: Sibyl (1912-1977) Kitzmiller, Opal D. (1919) Messer, Helen Louise (1921) Myers, Mark Justin Hamilton (1924-1989) wife, Caroline Erwin, and Max Ena (1926-1984), born in Ohio, husband E. Schmidt. Opal's husband died in 1962, she remarried in 1969 to Harold Rings.

When the Dudgeon daughters were married each was given equal amounts of land, my mother staying with her mother on the home place and teaching school until her marriage in 1912. Grandmother Dudgeon died in 1925 and my parents decided to move to Ohio where a high school education was more easily obtained. There were no paved roads near our rural home on Locust Ridge, so the only school near was the one-room school at Locust Grove where my mother had taught for a brief time. Though we lived in Ohio,

we all loved to visit our relatives in West Virginia during the summer, especially our Aunt Maude and Uncle Will Crawford. My sister, Helen and I "helped" milk the cows ?, fed the chickens, gathered eggs, etc. We remember the drought in the 1930s when our uncle had to haul spring water on sleds to his cattle, the wells and cisterns were almost empty.

My Grandmother Dudgeon's parents were George McCready Custer and Sarah Jane Graham. (John S. Graham, father of Sarah was born in 1801 and died in 1875, Sarah's mother's maiden name was Nancy Kerr, born in 1819 and died August 22, 1853.)

George M. Custer and Sarah Jane's children: Nancy Jane (1852-1925); John J. (1853-1921); Alice Rebecca (Dorman) (1854-1911); Clara Anthus (Joe Blackburn) (1856-1912); George "Mac" (1858-1937); Richard Dudgeon (1860-1941); Abe Lincoln (1863-1948); Edwin Edward (1865-1934); Walter Winfred (1874-1964).

We do have many Custer relatives, some in Kansas, Oklahoma and elsewhere. Also our McKown and Dunlap cousins have children, but we have no record of their names or dates of birth. Dudgeon relatives: as children we remember a cousin, Frank Dudgeon, who sang and played the guitar on radio in Ohio. He was known as "West Virginia Mountain Boy" — but we haven't heard from him in years. We also remember Guy Dudgeon, maybe a cousin.

Some or most of the Custer information was obtained from the Custer family Bible, and also from a "Custar" Genealogy book produced by Walter Custer in 1949. His research went back to 1791 when the name was spelled Custard, then changed to Custar, then to Custer.

There is no space to name all children born to my sisters and brother, nor of my cousin's children. My hobbies are crocheting and crafts (dolls) since I retired in 1976 (bookkeeper, cashier, insurance agent). *Submitted by Opal D. Rings*

DUFFIELD

The line of Newton Duffield can be traced to Robert and Isabella Duffield who settled on Doe Hill, Highland County, Virginia circa 1750.

Robert is believed to have been the grandson of Benjamin Duffield of Philadelphia who immigrated to America from Hull, England in 1678.

Robert and Isabella's son Abraham Duffield, born in 1763 in Fauquier County, Virginia, moved to Greenbrier County at age 16 and enlisted in the Virginia militia during the American Revolution. His wife, Hannah Moore Duffield, was the daughter of Moses Moore, well-known pioneer and Indian Scout from Pocahontas County, Virginia.

Their son, Andrew Duffield (September 26, 1803-March 12, 1883) married his cousin, Jane Moore on December 9, 1827.

Andrew's son, Robert Moore Duffield (May 30, 1830-June 24, 1905) married Nancy Ann Moore on November 18, 1850 in Pocahontas County. They relocated to Jackson County, Virginia circa 1858. Robert was a Union soldier in the State Guards of Jackson County. After the war, he was the postmaster and a storekeeper.

Robert's son, Newton Bargilla Duffield (July 12, 1852-1922) married Rosetta Staats (daughter of Anderson Staats and Mary Casto) and granddaughter of Isaac Staats, founder of Staats Mills, Jackson County, in March 1874. Newton was a farmer and became a schoolteacher in 1880. Rosetta died November 4, 1897 and they are both buried in Old Sinaiville Cemetery at Staats Mills.

Newton fathered eight children by Rosetta. They were Cordella Jane (Corda) (August 10, 1881); John E. (1877); Clarence C. (April 9, 1884); Charles; William Holly (November 6, 1888); Brady (1893); Otis (July 22, 1890); Emery (Ermy) (August 13, 1896).

Newton and his second wife, Alice Fisher, had



Newton Duffield

two daughters, Ortha Simms and Dorothy Bibbee.

Corda married Samuel Robert Thomas and had eight children. Ermy married and had one son, William, who had no children. Ermy also had a daughter, Vada Shanklin. Brady married Lena Griffith and had a son, Harold, who had a daughter, Mary Edna. John, Clarence, Charles and Otis never married.

William Holly Duffield (November 6, 1888-February 6, 1946) married Mamie Ester Massey on July 9, 1909 in Kayford, West Virginia. They moved to Vernal, Utah in 1910 when converted to Mormonism. Upon return to Kanawha County, West Virginia, William Holly worked as a coal miner and schoolteacher.

They had two sons, William Irvin (May 3, 1910-June 30, 1989) and Thomas Edward (October 4, 1911-June 26, 1964).

Thomas married Pauline Hastings and moved to Michigan. They had three sons: Holly, Harold and Thomas Wayne.

William Irvin Duffield married Fern Boggess and also had three sons, Gary Otis, Terry Lee, and William George. William Irvin was an electrician in the coal mines and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Gary married Coralie Estep and has three children, Kelly, Gary Otis II and Todd. They divorced. Gary later married Lois Blood. Kelly has a daughter, Chloe, and Todd has a son, Lance.

Terry Lee Duffield married Patricia Kirk in July 1955. They have two children, Tracey Lynne and Stuart Kirk. Tracey has one son, William R. Cavazos.

George is married to Carolyn Stevens and has a son Michael. Submitted by Stuart Kirk Duffield

EMORY AND EMMA (CADLE) DUFFIELD

The Duffield line in the Virginias is traced to Robert and Isabella Duffield, who settled in what is now Highland County, Virginia, as early as 1754. Robert is likely to have been the grandson of Benjamin Duffield, who arrived in the Philadelphia area from England in 1682. Benjamin is known to have had a son Abraham, who had a son Robert. If that is the same Robert who came to Virginia, the Duffield line to their Jackson County arrival would be Robert Duffield (1610-1692), Benjamin Duffield (1661-1741), Abraham Duffield (1698-?), Robert Duffield (1738-40 - 1795), Abraham Duffield (1763-1854?), Andrew Duffield (1804-1880), Robert Moore Duffield (September 7, 1828-November 19, 1908).

Robert Moore Duffield and his wife, the former Nancy Ann Moore (May 30, 1830-June 24, 1905), emigrated to Jackson County from Pocahontas County in the mid-1850s, together with her parents, Andrew and Rebecca (Waugh) Moore. They bought 1,100 acres of timber land

near Rock Castle for 25 cents an acre.

Robert Moore Duffield was a Union soldier, and served after the Civil War as postmaster and as notary public. The Duffields were the parents of nine children: Newton, born July 12, 1852; James Elliott, born March 18, 1854; Levi and Elizabeth, born January 26, 1856; William, born April 5, 1858; Margaret Alice, born 1861. Emory, born August 24, 1866; Marion, born July 2, 1869; and Ida, born June 16, 1872.

The senior Duffields are buried at Foster Chapel, their graves unmarked.

On March 12, 1892, Emory married Emma Caroline Cadle, born November 29, 1869, daughter of The Rev. William A. and Elzena Ann (Zearley) Cadle.

Emory Duffield was a teacher, storekeeper and surveyor in Ravenswood, and was elected to the state legislature in 1906. Following his two terms in the legislature, Emory headed up the land department in the State Auditor's office. The family moved to Charleston in 1909. After leaving the auditor's office, Emory sold insurance for a time before his death on December 11, 1922. Emma died September 10, 1948.

Emory and Emma had six daughters: Inez LeGrande, February 9, 1893-June 2, 1984; Bertie Gladys, January 27, 1895-May 10, 1897; Florence Helena, February 11, 1897-March 22, 1928; Flora Moore, July 29, 1899-November 26, 1980; Ruth Ann, January 6, 1904-October 19, 1966; and Esther Carolyn, January 20, 1906-.

Bertie died of whooping cough, and is buried at Foster Chapel. Inez, Florence and Flora lived most of their lives in Charleston, and never married.

Ruth married A. L. Wiley of Glen Lyn, Virginia and had three children: William Jack married Janet O'Dell of Charleston and resides in Bellevue, Washington; Margaret Ann married Dr. A. Thomas McCoy of Peterstown and resides in Charleston and Naples, Florida; David Alan married Nancy Hand of California, and resides in Centerville, Maryland.

Esther married C. Homer Workman (January 18, 1906-January 17, 1983) of Raleigh County. Their son, John Homer, married Marilyn Bennett of Carroll County, Maryland, and resides in Timonium, Maryland. Esther lives in Fort Myers, Florida.

Submitted by John H. Workman

DUKE FAMILY

Our Duke family line descended from the French. The name and spelling varied — Duc, Dook, Dock. The spelling used by the children who came to the USA was "Duke".

Peter Domicid Duc was born 1775. He married Valbourque Herbrech. They lived at the Civil State of the Village of the Old Thann. County of Thann. District of Belford, of the High Rhine, France. They were the parents of seven children, Michael, Bernard, Joe, Fredrick, Peter, Emma, and Cathrine.

Three of the children, Michael, Bernard, and Fredrick came to the USA about 1840, landing at Baltimore, Maryland. They lived in Baltimore County, Maryland until 1850. Michael being a blacksmith by trade, moved to Pennsylvania with Bernard and Fredrick. Michael married Caroline Fike in 1851, when they moved to Preston County, Virginia. Michael received his citizenship from Judge Gleon D. Camden. He was Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Preston, State of Virginia.

Soon afterward, Michael, Bernard, and Fredrick moved to Rockport, Wood County, Virginia. Bernard later moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, leaving his two brothers at Rockport.

Michael and Caroline were the parents of eight children: Emily, born and died at infancy; Alfred, born in 1853, later married Jane Archer; Mary, born in 1854 married Dennis Dye. Julia, born in 1855 married Jacob Ferguson. Isabelle, born in

1862, died at the age of one year. Michael, born in 1863, married Lucy Goff. Elora, born in 1865, married Robert Seaman.

Michael and Caroline purchased a farm at Rockport, Wood County, West Virginia, where Michael farmed. In 1865, Caroline died, and was buried beside Malissa at a private cemetery at Rockport.

Michael married a second time to Sarah Porter on January 10, 1866, at Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia. Soon after their marriage they sold the farm at Rockport, Wood County, West Virginia, and moved to Little Sandy, Jackson County, West Virginia, on a farm near Odaville. Here Michael and Sarah became parents of five children: Albert, John, Edward, William, and Charley.

Around 1880, Michael and Sarah moved from Little Sandy to Seamantown, Roane County, West Virginia where they bought a farm. Here the children of the first and second family grew up.

Michael and Sarah are the parents of five children; Edward G., born April 11, 1870, married Mary Bates. They moved to Williamstown, West Virginia where they established a large lumber business. They were the parents of three children; one died at infancy. Frank and Mae were the two remaining children.

William, son of Michael and Sarah, born May 9, 1872. He married Myrtle ?. They moved to Akron, Ohio, where he was employed in the rubber plant. They were the parents of two children.

Charley M., son of Michael and Sarah, born August 18, 1873, married Ida Parsons, daughter of Jess Parsons, of Hereford, Jackson County, West Virginia. Charley and Ida operated a General Store at Frozen Camp, Jackson County, for several years. They were the parents of five children; one died the first year of birth; the other children were Kenneth, Lore, Harry, and Emerson.

About 1909, Charley sold the store at Frozen Camp. He and Ida and the family moved to Seattle, Washington, where he was engaged in the real estate business.

James Albert, son of Michael and Sarah, born December 12, 1866, married Alice Kittle, daughter of Mose Kittle. They owned and operated a farm at Wiseburg, Jackson County, West Virginia. They were the parents of nine children: Morris, Sarah Frances, Ola Belle, Earl Ray, Roy Moses, Amy Mae, Emma Florence, Lucy Ellen, Nora Alice, Ruby Olive.

Earl Ray, born May 5, 1899, son of James Albert and Alice Duke, married Carrie Edith Balis. He operated a farm at Odaville, Jackson County, and was an animal fur buyer. They were the parents of one daughter, Bernice, who after the death of her parents owns the home farm.

John F., son of Michael and Sarah, born March 27, 1868, married Nellie Birge Daniell, born August 22, 1870. She is the daughter of Charles A. Daniell and Edith Weese Daniell.

After the death of John's parents he purchased



John F. and Nellie Birge Daniell Duke

the home farm at Seamantown, Roane County, and farmed it until 1900, when they sold the farm. In 1902, John and Nellie Birge purchased a large

livestock farm at Frozen Camp, Jackson County. When they arrived at the farm there was a store, a Baptist church up on the hill and their residence. No school was there. They gave land from their farm and helped build the first school at Frozen Camp. They also donated land to remove the church from the hill down to the main road. Both John and Nellie Birge were very religious. Their lives not only centered around the farm, but also the church and school. There at the new church, in the bell tower is a bronze plaque commemorating their great devotion to the church at Frozen Camp.

John and Nellie Birge were the parents of four children, one dying as an infant, Gay H., and Orland C. and Elona Belle.

Gay H., born April 25, 1898, married Jesse G. Neil, daughter of Henry and Menerva Mullins Neil. Gay received his elementary education in Jackson County. He graduated from Berea College, at Berea, Kentucky and received his Doctor's degree in veterinary medicine from Ohio State University. After graduation he and Jesse returned to Charleston, West Virginia. Here he operated the Duke's Small Animal Hospital. He also served two terms as Food and Sanitation Director for the City of Charleston, West Virginia.

After the death of his father John F. Duke, he moved to Ripley, West Virginia. Here he was elected three terms as Mayor, and two terms on City Council in the City of Ripley, West Virginia.

In January, 1984, Jesse, his wife died. He now resides at 106 Charleston Drive, Ripley, West Virginia. Gay H. and Jesse were the parents of one daughter, Madelyn, who married David T. Hall Sr. They live at Palm Harbor, Florida. She is very active in D. A. R. in Florida.

Orland C., son of John F. and Nellie Birge Duke, born August 22, 1901, married Laurette Sedrick. Orland received his elementary education in Jackson County, graduating in the first class at Ripley High School. He attended Berea College, and received his degree in Agriculture from Ohio State University. He moved to Medina, Ohio, where he was employed by Medina High School as a teacher in Vocational Agriculture. He has received many awards, in both agricultural and civic activity, both from Medina and the State of Ohio. He is now retired, but is still active in local, civic and agricultural affairs.

Orland and Laurette are the parents of two adopted children, Marylyn is married to Frank Ehrman. They operate a large dairy in Medina, Ohio. Ron operates a large fleet of trucks. Orland and Laurette live at 525 East Friendship Street, Medina, Ohio.

Elona Belle, daughter of John F. and Nellie Birge Duke, was born September 5, 1903, and died April 1915. She died of burns received at the Hassler Hotel, Ripley, West Virginia. *Submitted by Dr. Guy H. Duke*

ALEXANDER LECKY (CROW) DUNHAM

Alexander Lecky Crow Dunham (better known as "Lucky") was born April 24, 1874 on Cain Ridge, son of Jessie Bailey Dunham and Sarah Frances Barr Dunham. Lucky's father came from Fayette County, Pennsylvania to Jackson County before moving on to Mason County. Lucky died December 4, 1956.

On January 28, 1900 Lucky married Alda B. Morrison, born April 23, 1878. This marriage ended in divorce in 1915, they had three children:

1. Bessie Jane Dunham born December 13, 1900, died June 15, 1973. On April 18, 1920 married Frederick A. Schultze, buried at Suncrest Cemetery.

2. Roy F. Dunham born February 7, 1903, died January 20, 1919, buried Spruce Cemetery.

3. Lola Francis Dunham born August 9, 1909, died January 30, 1985. She married Martin Gonia,

buried at Lake Township Cemetery, Toledo, Ohio.

April 8, 1916 Lucky married Lucy Mae Kessell Williams born May 12, 1893, died March 9, 1947, daughter of John Kessell and Louisa Cain Kessell. This was a second marriage for both, Lucy had married L. Odus Williams February 4, 1910. Odus and Lucy had two children:

1. Edith Gertrude Williams born 1911, died April 20, 1982. On October 29, 1929 married Everett Whittington, buried Glen Rest Cemetery, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

2. Lawrence Williams born April 25, 1913, died November 25, 1913 just five days after his father's death. Their cause of death was pneumonia, both are buried at Kimberling Cemetery, Leon.

Lucky and Lucy had five children:

1. Wallis Woodrow Dunham born December 26, 1916, died October 25, 1967. Married Emma Virginia Diggs, had one son, buried at Essex, Maryland.

2. Virginia Fern Dunham born December 13, 1918. On August 3, 1940 married Delbert Eugene Nichols born September 22, 1916 son of Edward Preston Nichols and Rouie Isabella Hall Nichols. They have four children.

3. Insull Carl Dunham born October 23, 1920, died May 26, 1969. On January 4, 1941 married Gladys Estella Nichols born April 2, 1920 daughter of Edward Preston Nichols and Rouie Isabella Hall Nichols. They had four children, Insull is buried at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Lucky and Lucy had sons stillborn August 26, 1923 and January 23, 1929, both are buried at Pine Grove Cemetery where their parents are buried.

Lucky and Lucy were members of the Shiloh E. U. B. Church located on Leon Baden Road, he served as one of the trustees of that church for several years. Lucky was a farmer and was extremely well known for the draft horse breeding service he operated for many, many years traveling through Mason, Jackson and Putnam Counties with his stallion. He was very active in the civic affairs of his community and county, was elected to the office of County Commission for Mason County in 1930, this was for a term of six years, serving as president during 1935 and 1936. He was an active member of the Mirian #181 Odd Fellows Lodge of Leon for many years. *Submitted by Diane Cline and Joey Cline*

JESSIE BAILEY DUNHAM

Jessie Bailey Dunham was born at Morris X Roads, Fayette County, Pennsylvania April 27, 1834 son of Alexander and Catherine Crow Dunham. Alexander was a farmer of Springhill Township.

Jessie came to Jackson County, West Virginia, married Sarah Frances Barr, born May 4, 1851, daughter of John W. and Mary Rayburn Barr. Sarah's mother died of typhoid fever, at age of 21, approximately two years after Sarah was born. Her father then married Nancy Marion Hunt April 23, 1857. Jessie and Sarah were married December 26, 1870 by W. M. Dunlap, their marriage license, issued in Jackson County, states Jessie's age at 32, Sarah's as 19.

The 1870 Jackson County census lists Jessie as a manufacturer, he was a carpenter and made coffins. He was of the founders and first trustees of the Rockcastle Church which was dedicated in 1879. Jessie and Sarah went to Mason County, West Virginia where they purchased property on Thirteen Mile Creek. Jessie died in 1909, Sarah December 16, 1933, her funeral being held at Spruce School House by Rev. J. H. Wallis. Both are buried at Spruce Cemetery.

Their children are:

1. John Allen Dunham born May 4, 1872, died January 14, 1875. Buried at Spruce Cemetery.

2. Alexander Lecky Crow Dunham born April 24, 1874, died December 4, 1956. Married Alda B. Morrison January 28, 1900, this marriage ended

in divorce in 1915. On April 8, 1916 married Lucy Mae Kessell Williams, born May 12, 1893, died March 9, 1947. Buried at Pine Grove Cemetery.

3. Mary Elizabeth Dunham born July 6, 1876, died May 30, 1947. On November 25, 1894 married Joel Sayre Hill born December 10, 1871, died October 23, 1953. Buried at Rockcastle Cemetery.

4. Iantha Dunham born October 11, 1878, died February 15, 1963. On January 1, 1895 married Reuben Ranciler Stone born December 18, 1869, died January 11, 1934. On January 10, 1935 Iantha married Allen Thomas Pullins born December 26, 1872, died October 7, 1947. On June 4, 1949 she married John Edward Sarver born January 5, 1873, died December 17, 1954. Iantha is buried at Stone Cemetery.

5. Iona Dunham born January 12, 1882, died May 10, 1944. On October 25, 1899 married Okey Miller born August 19, 1881, died July 10, 1909. On November 7, 1909 Iona married Wade Sayre, born May 19, 1884, died April 20, 1957. Iona is buried in Powell Cemetery, Powell, Ohio.

6. Jessie B. Dunham, Jr. born March 12, 1885, died August 12, 1907, buried Spruce Cemetery.

7. George Bierer Dunham born January 4, 1888, died June 11, 1961. On December 27, 1908 married Ella May Miller born September 16, 1892, died January 16, 1943. Buried at Masonville, Iowa.

8. Carl Dunham born August 26, 1890, died December 9, 1978. On May 12, 1934 married Opal Sines born May 8, 1911, died February 10, 1977. Buried at School Lot Cemetery, Albany, Ohio.

9. Melinda Caroline Dunham born October 21, 1893, died April 21, 1989. On December 23, 1915 married Fred Lewis born December 21, 1893, died October 12, 1968. Buried at Columbus, Ohio. *s submitted by Carl E. Dunham and Gregory S. Dunham*

FLOYD AND FORREST (SHIRLEY) DURST

The earliest record found for the (Derst, Darst) Durst family is September 30, 1745 when Abraham Derst sailed from Rotterdam, Holland and landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His family had come from Switzerland. He moved to Shenandoah County, Virginia. Later he sold his property there and moved to the North West Territory in 1799 where he bought 100 acres of land from the Ohio Company. This was a part of the Cheshire Township now Gallia County, Ohio. He had at least eight children. One of them was David to whom he sold 40 acres of his land in 1804. In 1805 David purchased 100 acres at Letart Township, Gallia County which is now Meigs County, Ohio. From 1805 to 1813 David farmed this land to provide a living for his wife and seven children. One of them was Samuel. David joined the Army since we were at war with Great Britain (War of 1812). On his being discharged he set out for home but became ill and died.

David's widow Christina then married Reuben Smith. They sold the land in Ohio and moved across the river to Mason County, Virginia, now West Virginia.

Our ancestor, Samuel Durst, son of David and Christina Roush Durst was born in Meigs County, Ohio in 1805. He married Mary Taylor. The children of Samuel and Mary were David (1829-1901) who married Elizabeth Blackburn. Daniel (1831) who married Susan Bowers. Reuben (1833) who married Eleanor Hyatt. Dorothy (1835-1915) who married Henry Yanger. Elizabeth (1838) who married William Morgan. Mary (1840) who married Solomon Boyer. Henry (1842-1849). Susan (1844-1921) who married James Blackburn. Christina (1846) who married George Click. Hannah (1847-1921) who married James Fauver.

David Durst, son of Samuel and Mary Taylor was born in Mason County, (West) Virginia on

Mill Creek May 7, 1829 and died February 2, 1901. He married Elizabeth Blackburn December 13, 1855. She was born 1834 and died 1880 of measles. Both are buried at Mt. Hebron (Jackson County) (Jackson Chapel). Their home was on Red Mud Ridge.

Their children were Alta Jane, Thomas Dillmon, James, Samuel and John. After the death of his first wife Mary, David married Sarah Catharine Pruden, daughter of James Pruden. She was born March 6, 1858 and died March 23, 1926.

To this union was born our father, Floyd Spencer Durst (1888-1966), who married our mother, Forrest Shirley Durst (1889-1970). They were married January 20, 1912 in Mason County.

Also born to the union of David and Sarah were: Willa Helen (1889-1922) married Charles Stephens (1886-1923), Kinsey Pruden (1891-1974) married Lydia Hughes.

Our mother, Forrest Shirley Durst, was the daughter of Emma and Oscar Shirley. Emma's parents were Joshua Sayre and Mary Jones.

After the death of her first husband, Oscar, who is buried at Letart, West Virginia, Emma married John Henry. Our grandmother and step-grandfather, are buried at the United Methodist Cemetery in Cottageville, West Virginia.

Our parents, Floyd and Forrest had four chil-



Forrest and Floyd Durst

dren.

Marjorie (1913) who married Eugene Sayre (1913-1987). She lives in Florida and retired from the Department of Labor in Washington, D. C.

Clarence (1918-1989) who married Doris Jackson. He retired from U. S. Government in Washington, D. C. He is buried at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery in Beltsville, Maryland.

Thelma (1915) married Maynard Vaughan in 1938. She was in secretarial work for 16 years. They live in Huntington, West Virginia. They have one son, Arvin (1939) who lives in Dayton, Ohio. He is in Financial Counseling, Inc. and is a registered Investment Advisor. They have four children:

Steven (1962) who married Heidi Hinkle in 1986 and lives in Dayton.

Vickee (1963) who is married to Dan Johnson (1987). Both are Missionaries in Paupa, New Guinea for 2 1/2 years.

Velvet (1966) and Shawn (1971).

The fourth child of Floyd and Forrest is Clyde, born 1919, who married Evelyn Stewart, born 1919. He retired from the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. Their children are:

Pamela (1953) who married Gary Philyaw (1953). They have two children. They live at Bowie, Maryland.

Deborah (1956) who married Bill Stem (1952). They have two children and live at Salt Lake, Utah.

Marilee (1963) is married to Patrick Curran (1961). They have one child. They live in Virginia where he is in the service.

Our father, Floyd, had a blacksmith shop in Cottageville for many years. Later he worked for

Dravo and the State Road. He was a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. He was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church until the time of his death. Our mother, Forrest, was formerly a schoolteacher. She was a member of the Rebekahs and the women's organizations of the church where she played the piano for many years. *Submitted by Thelma Durst Vaughan and Marjorie Durst Sayre*

EAGLE

Josephus or Joseph Eagle (March 10, 1808-March 8, 1884), born in Augusta County, Virginia, married Harriet Rohr (September 25, 1814-May 30, 1884). Joseph is listed in the 1840 Rockingham County Census as having two male children under five years of age. Also listed are four slaves. Joseph and family lived in Greenbrier County for a time and had a Dalton, which is a farmstead in adale.

Joseph came to Jackson County around 1857. He bought land in Roane and Jackson Counties. Joseph is listed in the 1870 Jackson County census as having a farm in the Frozen Camp District. Joseph is listed in the Roane County 1880 census as 72 years old. It states him as being paralyzed and wife Harriet as having a broken leg. Son John, 36 years old, and his wife, Arminter, 18 years old, are living with them to help on the farm.

Children of Joseph and Harriet: David, Joseph, Delina, John, William, Leroy, Melinda, Alfred, Charles, Dillmon.

Alfred Custer (May 5, 1851-September 26, 1936) was married on February 20, 1878 to Sarah Olive Streets (December 31, 1860-November 3, 1902). Alfred is listed in the Reedy District of Roane County in the 1880 census. It states his age as being 28 years old with his occupation stated as farmer. Sarah is listed as 19 years old, her occupation stated as keeping house. Alfred and Sarah are both buried in the Street's Cemetery.

Children of Alfred and Sarah: Alexander, Theodore, George, Eva, Robert, Elsie, Erma.

Alfred outlived two wives. He was married three times.

Alexander Rufus (December 31, 1879-November 1947) married on December 7, 1902 to Julia Nellie Atkins. They were married in the old Conant home place on Little Creek Road by Rev. Sanford Conant. Alexander rented the old Berry place for a time near the Street's Cemetery. He bought about 300 acres of land in Reedy and Washington districts.

Children of Alexander and Julia: Hubert (October 27, 1903), Okla (July 4, 1905), Ira Gale (September 14, 1906), Mabel (January 20, 1909), Vernard (December 8, 1912).

Ira Gale, born September 14, 1906, Jackson County at the old Burgess place. Married at Parkersburg, West Virginia November 2, 1929, to Fallie Elizabeth Platt. Fallie, born October 23, 1904, in Doddridge County, daughter of John and Virginia Platt.

Gale bought 21 acres of land on Little Creek Road from M. P. Hall in 1930. Built the home they live in today. His land is in both Roane and Jackson



Gale and Fallie Eagle

Counties. They owned a small grocery store, farmed, and grew tobacco. They will have celebrated sixty years of marriage in 1989.

Children of Gale and Fallie: Charles (January 29, 1931) married Elizabeth Lovell, Walter (March 10, 1932) married Elaine Casto, Betty (November 30, 1933) married Robert Conant, Margaret (May 9, 1936) married Delbert Parsons, Lois (October 5, 1939) married Edward Ford, Dorothy (December 10, 1943) married James Harrison.

They have ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. *Submitted by Cindy Ray*

EALY

The Ealy family of Jackson County originates from Pennsylvania. There, Harvey William Ealy, a World War II veteran met Corine Loretta Ealey. Discovering they had the same last name and thinking they were related, the couple talked. They realized they weren't related when they checked the spelling of their last names. They married and produced four children, Donald, Kay, Thelma and Harvey Ealy, Jr. who was born December 5, 1949. Harvey Ealy, Sr. passed away in 1963 at the age of 55 of a heart attack.

Harvey Ealy, Jr. was very self-reliant as a boy. He obtained employment at a milk and Christmas tree farm to earn spending money. Later he worked at a steel mill, then entered the military as a Marine.

He visited Jackson County to attend the wedding of a friend and there ironically met his own future bride, Carolyn Ann Kirk.

Her parents were born and raised in West Virginia. Her father, Gene Warren Kirk, a native of Boone County was a World War II veteran. He married Phyllis Jean Carter from Kanawha County and they produced three children, Gary Gene, John Stephen, and Carolyn Ann, who was born June 22, 1953.

Gene and Phyllis relocated to Jackson County. Gene, who had been a schoolteacher and principal, took a job as a foreman for Kaiser Aluminum.

Phyllis reared the children at home and later worked for both the state and federal government. She passed away in 1986 of a sudden heart attack at the age of fifty-five.

Carolyn Ann Kirk attended the same wedding Harvey Ealy was at and they met. The two fell in love and married. They produced two children, Elizabeth Suzanne (Lisa) born January 28, 1973 and Jason Alan, born March 1, 1977.

Harvey and Ann decided to settle in the Sher-



Ealy Family

man Area with their children. With the help of Ann's father they designed and built their own home on Little Sandy Creek Road. Here, they sometimes take home lost or injured animals. They try to locate the owners and with the help of neighbors are usually successful. Injured, wild animals are nursed back to health and later released back to the wild.

Harvey, an employee of Ravenswood Aluminum Corp. has been active in community projects

with the youth of Ravenswood. He has been involved with Ravenswood Little League for years.

Ann stayed home to rear two children and later worked for the Federal Government in the Treasury Department and also Ripley Apparel. She loves the country and enjoys riding their horses with her children. She is an artist and enjoys writing stories which she hopes to someday have published.

Lisa is interested in pursuing a career which involves children, possibly in the educational or medical profession.

Jason is considering entering the field of law enforcement with either the state or federal government. *Submitted by Carolyn Ann Ealy*

JAMES MICHAEL EASTER

JAMES MICHAEL "MICK" EASTER, was born July 25, 1883 in Boone County, West Virginia and died May 23, 1936 at Ripley, West Virginia. He was the son of Joseph Henry Easter Sr. and Margaretta Frances Hill Easter, who bought a large parcel of land on Mill Creek. Their house still stands near where the covered bridge crossed Mill Creek, known as Chases Mill. The bridge collapsed as plans were underway to restore it. The children of Joseph Henry and Margaretta Frances Easter are as follows: (1) *Bertha*, married Will Workman. (2) *James Michael "Mick"* (1883), married Lura Walker and 2nd time to Jesse Blanche Bosworth. (3) *Daniel Elbern (Ebb)*, (1885, married Amanda Vande Linde. (4) *Susah*, (1886), married Lummie Walker. (5) *Mary*, (1887), married Byrd Kuhn. (6) *Margaretta* (1889-1890). (7) *Betsy* (1891), married Johnny Kears. (8) *Eliza*, (1893), married Virgil Southall. (9) *Pearl*, (1896), married John Rhodes. (10) *Martha*, (1898), married J. C. Estep. (11) *Marjorie Helen*, (1901-1927), (12) *Joseph Henry Jr.*, (1904) married Audrey Wolfe, 2nd to Rebecca Duncan. (13) *Myrtle*, (1907), married Alfred Hansen. (14) *Elsie*, (1909), married J. L. Miller.

Mrs. Easter's obituary stated that she had 16 children. She was born April 7, 1867 and died



Home of Joseph Henry Easter Sr. (with legs crossed) and wife Martha (on his left), Mick and Blanche Easter, Edith (on lap), Freeman, Harold and Charles (boys on left)

September 8, 1927. Mr. Easter was born July 25, 1859 and died May 23, 1936. They were married June 14, 1881. He was the son of Michael and Margaret Dolin Easter and grandson of Michael III and Catherine Bolebaugh Easter. Joseph Henry Sr. gave his farm to his three sons, Mick, Ebb, and Henry. In 1950, 216 acres of Mick, and Ebb's and part of Henry's farm were bought for the Cedar Lakes Conference Center.

James Michael "Mick" Easter was first married to Lura Walker. They had two sets of twin boys, only one survived, Lester. Later he married Jesse Blanche Bosworth, born January 11, 1890 daughter of Charles Jefferson and Ida Mae Baker Bosworth. Their children were:

(1) *James Harold*, (1913), married Garnet Vance. Children: Harold Lee, Loretta, Betty, Gene, Connie, Jimmie (deceased), Debbie (deceased), Ricky.

(2) *Freeman Woodrow*, (1916), married Ada Anderson. Children: Christine, Barbara, Frankie, Fredrick, Shirley, and Joe Lonnie. Freeman later married Mary Smith and had one daughter, Lois.

(3) *Edith*, (1916-1982).

(4) *Charles Elban (Bus)*, (1918), married Justine Hart. Children: Charles (deceased), Everett, Dorothy, Larry (deceased), Michael, and Jerry (deceased).

(5) *Ralph*, (1920), married Pauline Weekly and had one son, Ralph Clayton. Later married Marie Winters. Children: Barbara, Janet, and Billy Wayne.

(6) *Joseph*, (1921-1944), was killed in France in World War II.

(7) *Frances Mae*, (1925), married Edgar Greathouse. Children: Delores Joe, Robert, Louise, and Forrest.

(8) *Robert*, (1928), married Hazel Dean Parrish. Children: Robbie Lee, Judith Deann. Robbie Lee married Diana Kay Akers, children: Daniel Lee, Jennifer Kay. Judith Deann married Randy Lee Barr, Children: Andrea Deann and Adam Lee.

Submitted by Robert Easter

J. B. ELLIOTT

Jonah Brisco Elliott was born February 25, 1872 and died August 18, 1946. He was the son of James and Margaret Jane Pfof Elliott. Margaret was the daughter of Jonathan (1819-1886) and Elizabeth Wetherholt Pfof (1828-1880).

Jonah married April 19, 1898 Jessie F. Shinn. She was born November 27, 1881 and died December 22, 1964. Jessie was the daughter of Charles P. (1843-1921) and Elizabeth Ellen A. E. Rader Shinn (1846-1928).

Jonah and Jessie went to housekeeping in a log cabin at the foot of Salt Hill, just below the present



Jonah and Jessie Elliott

day Salt Hill Church, the cabin is no longer standing. A few years later, probably about 1910, they moved to a nw home on present day Cedar Lakes Road.

Jonah was one of Jackson County's prominent farmers, and stockman, shipping stock by railroad to Pittsburgh or Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He owned approximately 1,000 acres.

They attended the Mount Calvary Church and in later years the United Brethren Church, Ripley, West Virginia. They are buried in the Elliott Cemetery. Their children are:

1. *Ralph Vera Elliott* born April 3, 1899 died December 1985. He married Mary Summerfelt and lived at Akron, Ohio.

2. *Marjorie Elliott* born February 1, 1900 and lives at Akron, Ohio. She never married.

3. *Gladys Elliott* born December 28, 1901 and married Albert "Abe" Hysell.

4. *Jonathan Perry Elliott* born March 24, 1903 died August 21, 1988. He married Thelma Hicks. One son Johnnie Junior.

5. *James Jonah "Jimmy" Elliott* born September 14, 1904 died December 5, 1985. He married Edra Jones. One son Jonah and one daughter Mary Ann.

6. *Charles Shinn Elliott* born October 12, 1906 and married Lessie L. Fisher. One daughter, Elaine.

7. *Jean Elliott* born January 31, 1909 and married Arthur "Art" Mullens. They lived at Akron, Ohio. One son, William Arthur "Billy".

8. *Anna Elliott* born January 13, 1913 died January 15, 1939.

9. *Buddie Elliott* born December 4, 1914 and married William O. Hall. Three sons, William O. II, Gary and Larry.

10. *Infant female* born February 27, 1917 died March 3, 1917.

11. *William Howard Elliott* born August 8, 1918 and married Alyne Stalnaker. Four sons, Lewis, Carrol, Thomas and Stanley, one daughter, Kathryn.

12. *Mildred Elliott* born October 6, 1922 and married James "Bus" Hall. One daughter, Anna Lou. *Submitted by Mildred Hall*

JAMES ELLIOTT

James Elliott was a Jackson County farmer and stockman. James was born on November 14, 1839 in Hampshire County, (West) Virginia. He was the son of John and Rachel Elliott. As a young man he migrated to Jackson County and was listed in the official 1860 census as a member of the Jonathan Pfof household.

James served in the 22nd Virginia Infantry of the Confederate Army during the War Between the



James Elliott (1839-1911)

States. Document records indicate he enlisted as a Private on June 1, 1861, at Ripley in Company B, Border Rifles. He was captured in Roane County on January 1, 1864. On February 2, 1864 he was moved as a Prisoner of War to Camp Chase, Ohio. He was transferred to the Union Prisoner of War Camp at Fort Delaware on March 17, 1864 and was held prisoner at Fort Delaware until he was released on June 20, 1865.

After the war he returned to Jackson County and during the 1880s purchased 338 acres of land on Salt Hill near the village of Fairplain and established himself as a farmer.

On June 8, 1867 he married Margaret Jane Pfof who was the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Wetherholt Pfof. They were the parents of three children.

1. *Elizabeth R. Elliott* born 1868, died 1916, married April 29, 1886, NUG Shinn.

2. *Mary Catherine Elliott* born 1870, died 1956, never married.

3. *Jonah Brisco Elliott* born 1872, died 1946, married April 19, 1898 Jessie F. Shinn.

At the age of 27 Margaret Jane died of the dreaded disease consumption (tuberculosis) on March 17, 1873 leaving James with three very young children to raise.

James Elliott married a second time on May 9, 1874 to Palina Crites the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Bowles Crites. Tragically Palina died from childbirth complication as a result of giving birth to a son Thomas James Elliott and his still-born twin at the age of 25 on March 10, 1875. James did not marry again and actively pursued

his farming and stockman career until his death on April 16, 1911. *Submitted by Buddie Elliott Hall*

TERISSIA (NOHE) TUMLIN ELLIS

Terissia Nohe (February 29, 1876-May 28, 1951), daughter of John and Terissia (Rawson) Nohe, married, first, Will Tumlin. To this union was born one child, Curtiss Tumlin. He married Arleen Archer and they had one daughter, Yvonne. She married Harry Herring. After Will Tumlin died, Terissia married Jack Ellis. They had one daughter, Sarah "Okley", who married Alonzo Gorrell, son of David and Rachel (Miller) Gorrell. Alonzo died in July 1936. Alonzo and Okley Gorrell had five children who were raised by Okley's mother, Terrisia. Terrisia lived on Skull Run, in northern Jackson County, until her death in 1951.

Lyle "Elden" Gorrell (born May 21, 1930) married Betty Pierce, daughter of Nelson and Hazel (Swain) Pierce. Their children: Larry, Barbara, Michael, Stephen and Sarah.

Gene Myron Gorrell (born November 27, 1932) married, first, Ila Staats, daughter of William and Ona (Jackson) Staats. Their children: Sheila and Shirley. Gene married, second, Jeannie Sellers, daughter of James and Ada (Mills) Sellers. Their child: Deanna.

Iva "Marie" Gorrell (born February 8, 1934) married Harry Wilson, son of Lemon and Minnie (Kimes) Wilson. They live at Belleville, West Virginia. Their child: Robert "Bob" Mitchell Wilson. He married Sheryl Jo Anderson, daughter of Joe and Elva (Marlow) Anderson. Bob and Sheryl have two daughters, Samantha and Toni. They live at Moundsville, West Virginia.

Eva Marion Gorrell (born February 8, 1934) married Glenn Smith, son of Leonard Smith. Their children: James, Rick and Vicki.

Patsy Ann Gorrell (born February 21, 1936) married Raymond Pierce, son of Nelson and Hazel (Swain) Pierce. Their children: Donnie, Danny, Pamela, Connie and Ray Jr. *Submitted by Marie Wilson*

EMCH-BATTON

Thomas W. (1927) and Anna Lee Batton Emch (1931) have never lived in Jackson County, but have family ties there.

I am the son of George I. (1890-1964), Wetzel and Flossie May McKinley (1889-1941), Jackson, daughter of George O. (1861-1900), Jackson, son of James H. (1840-1913), Meigs, Ohio and Anna Cox McKinley married Fronia Jane Bates (1869-1957), Roane, married in Wirt, daughter of Jacob (1846-1894), Fayette, and Ann Smith Bates (1849-1923), Lewis.

See William Bates, Wirt History 1980.

Anna Lee Batton Emch is the daughter of Charles O. (1892-1971), Ritchie, and Mary Elizabeth Keller Batton (1897), Jackson, daughter of John R. and Mathilda Jane Ball Keller, Jackson.

See John R. Keller this edition

Anna L. has two brothers, Charles O. Jr., Barberton, Ohio; John W., New Martinsville, and one sister, Rose Marie Chapman Welfley, Akron, Ohio. The Batton family was born and raised in New Martinsville.

Thomas W. and Anna Lee Emch had six children. Thomas W. II married Teena Beth McIntire, Pine Grove, (two children, Christopher Joel, Jessica Jyl) residing in New Martinsville. John C. married Sylvia Helgison, California, (four children, Brooke E., Adam A., Jacob T., and Rebecca M.) residing in Norwalk, California. David C. married Karen Sue Nicholson, Paden City, (two children, Erin Nicole, Jodi Elizabeth) residing in New Martinsville. Fredrick W. married Leslie M. Clohisy, Fairfax Station, Virginia, (one son, Matthew Ian), residing in Fairfax Station. Claudia Suzanne married Wesley G. Philp, Muse, Pennsylvania; residing there. George T. residing in New

Martinsville.

The marriage of George I. and Flossie McKinley Emch produced seven sons and a daughter: Jack Hollie, California; Joseph C., West Virginia; James Walter, George McKinley and John D., Tennessee; Richard L., Louisiana; Anna Grace (widow of Edwin McPeck) and Thomas W., West Virginia.

See Emch-McKinley Wetzel County History 1983.

The marriage of George O. and Fronia Jane Bates McKinley produced three children: Grace Elizabeth, Flossie May and Hollie Jacob. They were born in the vicinity of Sherman and Skull Run.

After the death of George O., Fronia Jane married Isaac Albert Boyd 1874 (1951), widower, by the death of her sister, Clara Francis Bates Boyd, a son, Earnest Boyd.

The marriage of Fronia J. and Isaac A. "Ike" — daughter Mary, (Jackson) and the McKinley children moved to Pine Grove, (Wetzel) where Ike was employed as a teamster. While at Pine Grove three sons were born: Lloyd H., Lee Arnold, and Arless Ray. The Boyd family moved to Rayland, Ohio, and engaged in farming.

Flossie married my father, a farmer. Grace married Lindsey Barker (Doddridge) a teacher and farmer. One son, Willard H., residing in Tyler County; daughter Willia Viola, deceased, married Garland Ashcraft. Hollie Jacob joined the Army, drowned and buried in the Panama Canal Zone about 1916 while in service.

James H. McKinley, after the death of Anna Cox, married Lucinda Smith, seven daughters by this marriage, daughter of William and Elizabeth Smith. *Submitted by Thomas W. Emch and David C. Emch*

REV. EDDIE AND DIANE ESTEP

The Estep family moved to Ripley in July, 1987 when Rev. Estep accepted a call to pastor the Ripley Church of the Nazarene.

Edward L. "Eddie" Estep was born in Charleston, West Virginia, on May 22, 1960. He, his sister, Kim (born December 4, 1961) and his parents, Donald L. and Joyce (Petty) Estep, moved to Paden City in 1964, when Donald was transferred to the Union Carbide plant in Sistersville. Twin sons, Scott and Steve, were born to Don and Joyce on May 12, 1969.

Eddie was graduated from Paden City High School in 1978. In high school he played varsity baseball and was active in the band, stage band, and pep band. He also served in such leadership positions as band president, president of the senior class, and vice-president of the National Honor Society. In 1982 he received a B. A. degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene College, where he had been named to *Who's Who Among America's Colleges and Universities* and served as Student Body President.

In 1984 Eddie and the former Diane Doran were married at the Paden City Church of the Nazarene. Diane, and her twin Darla, were born in New Martinsville on March 5, 1965, to Fred and Janice (Dyer) Doran, of Paden City. A son, Mike, had been born to the Dorans on June 2, 1961. Diane graduated from Paden City High School in 1983, having also been active in school affairs, including band, cheerleader, and Homecoming Queen.

A few weeks after their marriage Eddie and Diane moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where Eddie pursued a Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary. Their first child, Joshua Lee, was born in Kansas City on April 21, 1987. Eddie received his degree in May of that same year, and in July they moved to Ripley.

The Esteps are expecting their second child in March, 1990. *Submitted by Eddie Estep*

EPHRAIM S. EVANS

Ephraim S. Evans, born circa 1800, was the son of Jonathan and Sarah Fossett Evans. His parents were married in Monongalia County on March 12, 1796, by James Fleming. Later the Evans family moved to Meigs County, Ohio.

On February 1, 1826, Ephraim S. Evans married Rhuami (also written Ruami in deeds and other records) Wright in Mason County, Virginia, now West Virginia. She was the daughter of Benjamin Wright, Sr., and the sister of Benjamin Wright, Jr., the first County Clerk of Jackson County. They settled on a tract of land containing a little over 305 acres lying on Mill Creek at or near what is now the village of Evans. This tract of land was a part of the lands patented to Sarah Province by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On April 5, 1828, Ephraim Evans purchased the land on which they were living from Benjamin Wright. It is said the village of Evans was named in honor of Ephraim S. Evans. Later he purchased additional tracts of land.

Ephraim and Rhuami Wright Evans had three children: Miriam F. (born November 19, 1835, died November 7, 1896), Samuel G. (born circa 1839), who later moved to Evansville, Indiana, and Oliver Perry (born circa 1842), who later moved to San Francisco, California.

Miriam F. Evans married Andrew E. Hopkins (born December 3, 1832, in Rappahannock County, the parent county being Culpepper County, Virginia, died October 10, 1857). This date of death is from County Clerk's records. His marker gives date of death as October 5, 1857. He was the son of John and Rachel Hopkins. Andrew and Miriam were married May 14, 1857, and they had one son, A. D. Hopkins, born in 1858.

On September 8, 1869, Miriam Evans Hopkins (born November 19, 1835, died November 7, 1896) married Major Henry Camden Fleisher (born October 27, 1835, died February 28, 1907), son of John and Minerva Camden Fleisher, and was born in Weston, Lewis County, Virginia, now West Virginia. He was a Major in the 5th West Virginia Cavalry, and was a well-known attorney in Jackson County, with his residence in Ripley. They had three children, Paul, Pearl, and Pauline, born September 16, 1870, May 9, 1873, and January 25, 1879, in the order named.

Ephraim S. Evans was a Justice of the first court of Jackson County, and served on the court for 22 years. The court appointed him to join the Commissioners of Wood, Kanawha, and Mason Counties to run the dividing line between Jackson County and the other named counties. He was Assessor in 1833, Sheriff in 1840, and was also County Surveyor. He was considered one of the most eminent surveyors in his day. To him was assigned the task by the County Court of surveying, platting and laying out the Town of Ripley after the county seat was located here. He was an early advocate of a free school system, and was appointed one of the first school commissioners of the new county. He was recognized as one of the most prominent citizens and officials of his generation.

Ephraim S. Evans died in 1878, and Rhuami, his wife, in 1882. They are both buried in the Staats Cemetery at Evans, as is Miriam Evans Hopkins Fleisher, Andrew E. Hopkins, and Henry C. Fleisher.

(Taken from an article written by Mabel Chapman.) *Submitted by Brian K. Thomas*

CHRISTOPHER FABER

Christopher Columbus Faber was born November 14, 1869, the son of William Franklin and Louisa Boggess Faber. On June 1, 1904 he married Cora Alice Wingett. She was born July 25, 1884, the only daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Sarah Margaret Carney Wingett. Christopher died September 26, 1942 and Cora died June 26, 1958.



Chris Faber family, 1915

They are buried in the Given Cemetery.

Children of C. C. and Cora: Jessie Webster (July 11, 1905) married September 1, 1931 Mary A. Fisher (October 7, 1908); Alva Jerald (March 2, 1907-February 11, 1972) married November 24, 1938 Belva Marie Gordon (August 22, 1922); Belle Louise (December 26, 1908); Marshall Clayton (June 19, 1912-April 5, 1988) married November 17, 1952 Glada L. Lovejoy (March 12, 1928); Versie (August 31, 1914-November 25, 1920); Analene (August 31, 1917-September 26, 1987); Lydia Rosalie (1-17-1920) m. 12-2-1938 Warren H. Miller (3-6-1921); Gustava (March 20, 1922) married December 18, 1938 Basil S. Ashby (March 4, 1920); Youdoris (September 30, 1926). *Submitted by Marvin Faber*

HIRAM FABER

Hiram Faber was born December 19, 1812 in Virginia. He learned the tanning trade, attended school and later worked in a store near Waynesboro. It was here on December 4, 1840 that he married Jane Koiner who was born April 4, 1821 in Augusta County. Shortly after their first child was born they left Virginia, first coming to Kanawha County and later (in 1845) they purchased land in Jackson County near Goldtown. A log barn Hiram built across the road from the original house in 1859 still stands. A descendant, Frank Faber, and his family now live on part of the original tract of land.

Some of Hiram and Jane's possessions still owned by descendants include a Bible, trunk covered with hide, a large basket, a stovepipe hat and a flint lock rifle with powder horn that was supposedly hid in a tree during the Civil War to keep soldiers from taking it.

Hiram died June 6, 1870 of scrofula and Jane remained at home with her younger children until 1894 when she moved in with her son, John Henry Faber and his family, who had built a home nearby on the Charleston-Ripley Turnpike. Jane (Koiner) Faber died February 25, 1908 and both she and Hiram are buried at the Rock Spring Cemetery.

Hiram and Jane's children were: William Franklin (1841-1910) married Louisa Jane Boggess (1845-1939); Louisa Mary (1843-1916) married Lewis H. Shamblin (1850-); Martha Jane (1845-1909) married Andrew Cunningham (1845-1915); John Henry (1847-1921) married Mary Virginia Corbin (1855-1935); Ellen Elizabeth (1849-1918) married Benjamin Franklin Boggess (1847-1904); Diana Magdaline (1853-1855); Peter Whitmore (1855-1856); Rebecca Catherine (1858-1923) married George Withrow (1859-1932); Andrew Summers (1861-1885); Rosa Estelline (1865-1933) married John Delbert Bradley (1867-1962).

John Henry Faber married Mary Virginia Corbin September 24, 1874. She was born April 20, 1855 in Taylor County, the daughter of Oliver Perry and Nancy Ann (Taylor) Corbin. Her mother died when she was one year old and her father remarried and brought his family to Jackson County, where Mary grew up. John and "Mollie", as she was called, lived on the hill above his

parents' log barn until 1891 when he moved his family down in the valley to live with his mother until his new home was completed. It took two years to build and is still standing today. "Mollie" had a large loom and wove rugs for every room. She made bread every day and as many as a dozen pies at one time. The family attended the Watts Chapel Church and regularly had guests for Sunday dinner.

In 1920 John and "Mollie" sold the farm to their son Hiram Oliver and moved to Ripley where John died October 6, 1921, and "Mollie" July 1, 1935. They are both buried at the Grasslick



Hiram Faber's barn at Goldtown, built 1860, still standing

Church Cemetery on Pleasant Valley Road.

John and Mary Virginia's children were: Robert Harley (1875-1959) married Laura Mahan (1880-1970); Dennis B. (1876-1878); Hiram Oliver (1878-1961) married Della Smith (1881-



John Henry and Mary Virginia (Corbin) Faber — 1870

1977); Hubert Cluster (1880-1947) married Ida Fisher (1880-1916); Hedgman Taylor (1881-1962) married Hattie Bailey (1884-1967); Ona Bell (1883-1970) married Henry Slawter (1882-1968); Shellie Oshell (1885-1936) married Excell Fisher (1887-1981); George Bennett (1887-1949) married Geneva Kirby (1897-1975); Linnie Erie (1888-1985) married William Henry Vickers (1889-1967); Hauntie Haden (1891-1974) married Robert Lee Bird (1886-1982); Corbett Lee (1893-1983) married Myrtle Evans (1900-1970); Dovener (1895-1979) married Nellie Chandler (1899-1979); Velva (1900-1956) married Frank Yost (1896-1954).

The first recorded family reunion was in 1912. Very few years have passed that descendants do not come together from near and far to feast and remember their ancestors. *Submitted by Joan Vickers Guthrie and John Henry Faber*

JESSIE W. FABER

My father, Jessie Webster Faber, was born July 11, 1905, the oldest child of Christopher Columbus and Cora Alice Wingett Faber. At the time of his birth they were living on Young Hollow. Later they moved in a house on the home place of his grandparents, William and Louisa Boggess Faber. In 1928, they built and moved to a house on a hill overlooking Dudden Road near Kenna. (The house was later moved due to I-77.)

My mother, Mary A. Fisher, was born October 7, 1908, the daughter of Abraham Franklin and Lona Exel Casto Fisher. At the time of her birth they were living on Divide Hill having moved there from Tug Fork in 1902. My father and mother first met at a pie supper at Cliffside School on Dudden Fork. They were married September 1, 1931. They lived for several years near his grandparents at the mouth of Faber Hollow. Grandpa Fisher deeded my mother fifteen acres on Divide Hill and in 1938 Dad began building a barn on the property. Mom, Dad and their three little children moved into the barn in May 1938. My brother, Marvin, slept in a box in the manger that summer. Dad began building the house and in October they moved into the house, although it was not completed until later.

Dad was a farmer and carpenter. About this time he began building houses for other people and by the 50's was taking contracts to build houses, etc. He and his crew have built many



Jessie and Mary Faber

homes in Jackson and Kanawha Counties. He also worked on many of the churches in the area, built Long & Fisher Funeral Home at Pocatalico and the Jackson County Livestock Market at Fairplain.

We always had cattle, hogs and chickens. Many people in the neighborhood brought their hogs to our place to have them butchered. Dad would shoe horses and cut hair for the neighbors too.

We had a dairy for several years in the 50's. My brothers got up and worked in the dairy before they went to school. Mom helped with the milking and did all the clean up in the milkhouse. She took care of the chickens and sold eggs. She took care of the family garden and the canning and freezing for the winter months.

Dad is 84 and does a little farming. Mom is 81 and takes care of her vegetable and rose gardens.

Children of Jessie and Mary Faber: Herbert Franklin (July 23, 1933) married June 23, 1958 Leota Boggess (April 1, 1942); Dorothy Marie (September 4, 1935) married June 25, 1960 Darrell E. Carney (May 25, 1924); Marvin Marshall (October 23, 1937) married June 10, 1960 Rona Eilene Ray (August 28, 1940); Cody Maxine (October 27, 1941) married July 24, 1964 Charles R. Landfried (November 3, 1941); Juanita Lucille (August 12, 1943) married 1st July 13, 1963 William Douglas Parrish, 2nd May 15, 1987 Richard Collins (8-20-1944); Angela Caroline (8-21-1958) m. 5-17-1986 Craig E. Boyd (October 24, 1959). Two children died in infancy and are buried in the Shamblen Cemetery at Warren Chapel Church, Kenna. *Submitted by Cody M. Landfried*

WILLIAM FABER

William Franklin Faber was born September 4, 1841 in August County, Virginia and came to Jackson County with his parents, Hiram and Jane Koiner Faber in 1845. He served with the 3rd WV Cavalry in the Union Army during the Civil War. On December 13, 1865, he married Louisa Jane Boggess, daughter of Benjamin and Mary "Polly" Spencer Boggess. William and Louisa lived at the mouth of what is now known as Faber Hollow near Goldtown. William died in 1910 and Louisa died on Christmas Day 1939. Both were originally



Louisa (Bogges) and William Faber

buried in the Faber Family Cemetery nearby, but due to I-77 taking the cemetery, were moved to Emma Chapel Cemetery in 1959.

Children of this marriage: Ellen Elizabeth (1866-1905) married Mart Anderson; Peter Franklin (1868-1897) married Elizabeth Barnes; Christopher Columbus (1869-1942) married Cora Alice Wingett (1884-1958); James White (1871-1968) married Florence Edna Hinzman (1875-1961); Mary Jane (1873-1905) married Adam Luther Staats (1873-1903); Emily Ann (1875-1943) married Joseph Frank Miller (1860-1939); Tina Catherine (1877-1922) married William Burdette; Laura Belle (1879-1923) married Otmer Hill (1887-1974); Minnie Dove (1882-1973) married Ed Kennedy; Mamie Amanda (1884-1976) married 1st Ola Maddox, 2nd Bill Barnes. Two children died in infancy. Submitted by Jessie W. Faber

ODELL FARLEY

Odell Farley (October 24, 1871-April 8, 1934) was born in Noble County, Ohio, son of James S. and Mary Ann (Barnes) Farley. James Farley, born February 5, 1842, married at Noble County, Ohio, November 30, 1860, Mary Ann Barnes, born October 24, 1841. James and Mary Ann were also the parents of Henry E., Peter, Harriett, Thomas, Samuel, Nelson and Elisha. Both he and his father, Ezekiel, served in the Civil War. Several years after the war was over, James left Noble County, Ohio and moved to Jackson County. James settled on a farm above Wiseburg, on Farley Run, in Grant District. James died in 1923 and Mary Ann died in 1900. They are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

Columbia (June 9, 1878-August 25, 1959) was born in Jackson County, daughter of William and Eliza (Winebrenner) Thomas. William Thomas (January 2, 1852-June 20, 1926) married at Jackson County, March 30, 1876, Eliza Winebrenner (December 1853-October 9, 1892). William was a farmer, carpenter and a self-taught veterinarian. He and Valentine Cooper built the Lockhart Church. He also built coffins. William was a member of the Lockhart Church for many years. After the death of Eliza, William married Aleinda Finch. Eliza was buried in the Maddox cemetery and William was buried beside his second wife, in the Independence Cemetery, at Sandyville, West Virginia. William and Eliza were also the parents of Robert Hughes Thomas, David Thomas, Maggie (Thomas) Hupp, and a daughter who died in infancy.

Odell Farley married Columbia Thomas, February 15, 1896, in Jackson County. They lived in northern Jackson County, near Providence. They were buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, in Wood County. They had seven children.

1. Hobart (February 4, 1897-December 5, 1985) married Frances Mae Wyers, in 1920. Frances Wyers (July 22, 1899-April 15, 1944) was born in Jackson County, the daughter of David Addison and Martha Ann (Baker) Wyers. David

Wyers (February 20, 1869-1933), son of John Wyers, married Martha Ann Baker (August 2, 1879-1934), daughter of William Baker. David and Martha were also the parents of: Belle, Albert, Edith, Nancy, Henry, Fred, Audra and Clyde. David and Martha Wyers were buried in the McPherson Cemetery, in Grant District. During World War I, Hobart was stationed in Illinois and served with the medical corps. Hobart and Frances lived on the Farley farm awhile and later moved to Rockport, West Virginia. In 1946 the family moved to Little Hocking, Ohio. Hobart and Frances were the parents of seven children. Twin daughters were born and died in 1921. Robert Glenn Farley was born in 1924 and died in 1982.



Hobart Farley

Emma Jean (Farley) Ater was born in 1927. Hobart Ray Farley was born in 1929 and died in 1977. Eskel Farley was born in 1934. Inez (Farley) McClure was born in 1937.

2. Grace Farley (August 1, 1899-August 11, 1973) married Marvin Dowler Sr. (February 18, 1899-February 26, 1981) and lived at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their children: Weldon Dowler, Clement Dowler, and Marvin Dowler Jr.

3. Moody Lester Farley (January 20, 1901)



Bell Wyers and Frances (Wyers) Farley

married, first, Carrie Somerville. After Carrie died in 1923, he married, second, Anna Williams (November 20, 1904-March 31, 1977) and lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their children: Verl Farley, Paschal Farley, and Clement Farley.

4. George Noah Farley (December 17, 1904-April 14, 1982) married Nancy Wyers, daughter of David Addison and Martha Ann (Baker) Wyers. Nancy was born January 16, 1908. She lives at Little Hocking, Ohio. Their children: Olis Dean Farley, Helen (Farley) Blankenship and Melvin Ray Farley.

5. Clara Farley (January 4, 1906) married Carl Chadock and lived at Tustin, California. Their children: Wilbert Lee Chadock, Beatrice Virginia (Chadock) Dowler, and Carl Dean Chadock.

6. Henry Farley (October 23, 1908-October 8, 1950) married Mabel Hart and lived at Akron, Ohio. Their children: Donald Farley, Betty Farley, and Zelma (Farley) Clark.

7. An infant daughter was born and died January 11, 1912. Submitted by Jean (Farley) Ater and Monica (Ater) Huntsman

SAMUEL E. FARLEY

SAMUEL E. FARLEY, born July 22, 1861 in Noble County, Ohio, son of James Farley and Mary Ann Barnes. His father was a Civil War Veteran. Married Virginia Belle Myers, who was born in Wetzel County on March 28, 1865, a few months before West Virginia became a state. She was the daughter of William Myers, a Polish immigrant. Farming and blacksmithing were his trades.

Sam and Virginia lived on Farley Run in a log cabin. Parents of nine children, two died young. Dessie was eight and William Otmer was six. They died two days apart. Glennie Gay married Donald Dowler. They had no children but raised her sister Mary's daughter, Hazel. Farley had a grocery store on old Route 21 for many years. Glennie died November 30, 1949 buried at Limestone Cemetery.

James Garrett served in WWI, Company E, 34th Engineers, with the rank of Sgt. 1st Class. Married to Orpha Kelbaugh had two sons, Victor and Lowell. He died in 1967 and is buried in Akron, Ohio.

Mary Catherine worked in a tobacco packing house at Medina. Married Thomas A. (Alf) Thorn-



Samuel E. and Virginia Belle (Myers) Farley

ton March 25, 1922. They are parents of six children: Ada, Robert, Alma, Ray, Glenna, and Carl.

Gula R. married to Harold Moore, mother of ten children: Virginia, Betty, Opal (died in infancy), Juanita, Charles, Gladys, Carl, Edward, William and Donald.

Jessie Alma attended Mountain State College and was a telephone operator for many years. Married Edward Lundquist; had no children.

Margaret Ruth married Frank Stukey and had three children; one son, Earl died in infancy and is buried at Gate Ridge. Helen and Lawrence (Bud) survive. Ruth operated a beauty salon for years and during World War II she stayed open all night to take care of defense workers.

Lury Mildren married Raymond (Dick) Stukey, brother to Frank. They had four girls: Eloise, Ethel Mae, Mary Margaret, and Virginia.

Sam was an herbalist, gathering yellow-root, ginseng, blood-root, and many other roots to make teas for the sick. In the early 1900s he had a country store at the mouth of Farley Run. Later he moved to East Liverpool, Ohio and ran a boarding house. Two of his daughters, Mary and Gula, worked at the Homer Laughlin Pottery. They moved back to West Virginia and he bought stock cattle. He was one of the first to own a Charolais Bull. It was shipped from France. He owned a large orchard and grafted trees to make a different fruit. He loved to fish and turtle hunt. They were members of Sheppard Chapel Church. They are buried at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Submitted by Hazel Farley Caley

HANNAH FAUVER

Hannah Durst Fauver moved to Mt. Alto, commonly called "Mudsock" then, in 1905, when her son, James Frederick Fauver, decided to buy

the family farm from his mother. The farm, originally owned by Hannah's father and consisting of 123 acres, was located on Little Mill Creek, near the Jackson-Mason County line. The post office for Little Mill Creek was Willow Tree.

Hannah was a descendant of Abraham Durst, who came to the U. S. from Switzerland in 1743 and settled in Pennsylvania and, later in Virginia. Abraham's son, Abraham II, moved to Ohio (Gallia and Meigs Counties) around 1799. Abraham II had a son, David, one of eight children. David served in the War of 1812 but died on March 19, 1814, while on his way home. He left a widow,



Hannah (Durst) Fauver at Mt. Alto home

Christena (Roush) Durst, and seven children. One of the sons was Samuel Durst (1805-1881). Samuel married Mary Taylor. Their children were David, Daniel, George, Reuben, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Mary, Henry, Susan, Christena, and Hannah.

Hannah, the youngest of the eleven children, was born in 1847. On September 19, 1867, she married James Monroe Fauver, who had moved to Mason County from Kanawha County with his parents, Thomas J. and Martha (Guthery) Fauver. James Monroe Fauver had served almost three years in the Union army during the Civil War as a member of Company B, 13th, West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and had fought in the Battle of Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Upon returning home, he had engaged in farming, carpentry, and also served for a while as a circuit preacher.

James Monroe and Hannah (Durst) Fauver had three daughters and two sons. The daughters were: Martha (1870-1890), who contracted typhoid fever and died before her twentieth birthday; Alta Jane (1873-1948), who married Daniel Schwarz and moved to Oklahoma when it was still known as Indian Territory; and Emmaretta (1875-1932), who married Dennis Knapp and lived in Parkers-



Hannah (Durst) and James Monroe Fauver

burg. The sons were: James Frederick (1879-1970), who married Hester Ann Baker on January 27, 1901; and William Elmer (1882-), who left home to work on a boat on the Ohio River and tragically disappeared on January 21, 1906. The family never knew what happened to him.

James Monroe and Hannah lived with their children in an old house on their farm on Little Mill Creek and soon began clearing land and

cutting timber for a new house. They worked for over two years preparing and hand planing the lumber before they began construction around 1887. About this time, also, James Monroe and another farmer decided to build a raft, load it with farm produce, and take the raft down the Ohio River and then down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. There, they would sell both the produce and the wood from the raft. They successfully completed the trip and returned by boat to West Virginia. James Monroe brought with him two small pecan trees to plant on each side of the lawn near his two-story frame house. One of the trees died, but the other one grew to be a giant tree. One of a very few pecan trees in the area, the tree grew to more than four feet in diameter before it was cut in the late 1950s. Most of the Fauver descendants fondly remember the huge tree because of the Sunday dinners which sometimes took place beneath its branches.

Hannah was an energetic person, and she sometimes walked almost four miles from her home in Mt. Alto to visit or help at the farm where her son, James Frederick, now lived. She was a very meticulous person who loved nice things. She took great care of her few possessions. In front of her small house in Mt. Alto, she had a picket fence and a cement walk. When Hannah died in 1921, her house was sold to Dr. D.D. Shinn. He still lives there.

Hannah's son, James Frederick Fauver (known as "Fred"), was also an industrious person. He taught his children the importance of work. He always managed the farm well, and the family never went without necessities. A few years after acquiring the family farm, Fred decided to buy 25 acres of timberland. He promised his family that he would buy a Victrola if they would help cut the timber from the additional acres. The diligent family did their part — and always true to his word, Fred purchased the Victrola. His family spent many enjoyable evenings listening to music, because Fred, a self-taught musician who played the fiddle and the organ, would sometimes buy a new recording when he went to Mt. Alto for supplies.

Fred's wife, Hester Ann (1882-1963) (known as "Hettie"), was the daughter of Von and Ella (Bowers) Baker. Hettie always expected her many children and their families to visit every Sunday. She spent many hours in the kitchen cooking over a hot, wood-burning stove preparing meals three times a day for her family and all the Sunday visitors. All of the garden vegetables and fruits that she prepared had been canned, pickled, or dried, and the meats had been salt-cured, dried, or smoked. Her winter days were spent making quilts and clothing for her children. Often her ideas came from simply looking at the pictures in the catalogs. Every fall Hettie wove a cornhusk rug for the family doctor, Dr. A. Herrenkohl, to use on the front porch of his house in Mt. Alto.

All of Fred and Hettie's grandchildren looked forward to spending part of their summer vacations at their grandparents' home. Hettie was 80 years old when she died. Fred lived for seven more years and died at the age of 91. They left ten daughters and two sons and the following descendants:



Fred and Hettie Fauver

- A. Iva Mae Fauver, born July 20, 1902, died July 12, 1985, married James Yauger.
 1. Mary Ann Yauger, born September 13, 1929, died June 25, 1989, married Paul Lyons.
 - a. Linda Diane Lyons, born August 21, 1950
 - b. Brenda Lyons
- B. James Hollie Fauver, born November 16, 1903, died May 18, 1980, married Arla Flowers.
 1. Birdie Jacqueline Fauver, born April 26, 1931, married 1st Roy Durst.
 - a. Sheldon Durst, born May 27, 1950.
 - b. Larry Joe Durst, born May 12, 1952.
 - c. Alice Deborah, born October 10, 1957.
 - d. Agnes Delia, born July 19, 1960.
 - e. Roy Roger Durst, born February 6, 1965, married 2nd John Sizemore.
- C. Delia Frances Fauver, born August 31, 1932, died in infancy September 5, 1932.
- D. Ethel Ella Fauver, born April 27, 1905, died February 18, 1990, married Hobert Sines.
 1. Anna May Sines, twin, born September 6, 1928, married Charles Stover, no children.
 2. Hettie Fay Sines, twin, born September 6, 1928, married Don Given.
 - a. Billy Given
 - b. Cindy Given
 3. Crystal Josephine Sines, born May 20, 1930, married Lindy Barnette.
 - a. James Lindy Barnette, born 1954.
 4. Henry Hobert Sines, Jr., born October 22, 1931, died December 9, 1982, married Dottie?
 - a. Bobby Sines
 5. Betty Lou Sines, born August 31, 1933, died December 5, 1937.
 6. Richard Ray Sines, born September 2, 1937, married 1st Dixie Kerwood.
 - a. Richard Ray Sines, Jr.
 - b. TimothyMarried 2nd, Thelma Osborne.
- E. Clara Bessie Fauver, born November 28, 1906, died January 17, 1985, married Emmons Thomas.
 1. Mary Maxine Thomas, born April 9, 1939, married Carl Knapp, no children.
 2. Russell Emmons Thomas, born April 9, 1939, married Violet Schultz.
 - a. Lydia Catherine Thomas, born April 20, 1964.
 - b. Larry Russell Thomas, born June 30, 1965.
 - c. David Emmons Thomas, born July 23, 1968.
 - d. Daniel William Thomas, born July 10, 1972.
- F. Alfra Gladys Fauver, born August 3, 1909, married Clarence Stanley.
 1. Clarence Alvin Stanley, born October 4, 1938.
- G. Mary Velma Fauver, born May 25, 1911, died December 2, 1982, married Albert Mason Cooper, Sr.
 1. Mary Magdalene Cooper, born February 18, 1935, married Wallace Martin Goble.
 - a. John Martin Goble, born October 25, 1958.
 - b. Jill Ann Goble, born December 17, 1960.
 - c. Julie Wallethe Goble, born October 3, 1965.
 2. Joan Lee Cooper, born May 16, 1940, married Ralph Raymond Robbins.
 - a. Erick David Robbins, born December 21, 1972.
 3. Albert Mason Cooper, Jr., born September 14, 1943, married Georgina Watson.
 - a. Diana Suzanne Cooper, born October 1, 1962.
 - b. Kimberly Lynn Cooper, born October 2, 1967.
- H. Frederick Raymond Fauver, born April 2, 1913, died August 11, 1988, married Ethel "Peck" Jones.

1. Hester Ann Fauver, born March 12, 1939, married 1st, Denver Yates.
 - a. Debbie Yates, born November 26, 1958.
 - b. Kathy Yates, born March 28, 1960.
 - c. Linda Yates, born August 19, 1962.
 - d. Jerry Yates, born March 30, 1964.
 - e. Larry Yates, born June 4, 1966.
Married 2nd, Feister "Whitney" Benson
2. Clarence Frederick Fauver, born March 19, 1940, married Olive Sayre.
 - a. James Frederick Fauver, born September 27, 1966.
3. Vivian Ruth Fauver, born February 6, 1941, married Jack Pickens.
 - a. Lisa Pickens, born May 19, 1965.
 - b. Beverly Pickens, born March 7, 1968.
3. Stephen Pickens, born September 11, 1973.
4. Wendell Alfred Fauver, born February 28, 1942, died April 22, 1986, married Fay Riffle.
 - a. Alfred Raymond Fauver, born July 8, 1966.
 - b. Ethel May Fauver, born July 11, 1969.
5. Kermit Hollie Fauver, born May 8, 1944, married Belva Baker.
 - a. Kimberly Dawn Fauver, born September 25, 1975.
6. Richard Henry Fauver, born February 4, 1947, married 1st, Rebecca ?.
 - a. Cynthia Sabrina Fauver, born October 24, 1971.
Married 2nd, Jackie ?.
 - b. Richard Wendell Fauver, born November 19, 1973.
 - c. Brent Fauver, born February 23, 1976.
Married 3rd, Robin ?.
Married 4th, Pam ?.
- I. Freda Ann Fauver, born February 8, 1915 married George William Burdette.
 1. Patricia Ann Burdette, born August 22, 1940, married Blaine Thompson.
 - a. Brian Matthew Thompson, born November 20, 1968.
 - b. Teresa Ann Thompson, born November 14, 1971.
 2. Judith Marlene Burdette, born November 13, 1941.
 3. Karen Sue Burdette, born December 19, 1945, married Marvin Richard Austin.
 - a. Marvin Jeffrey Austin, born January 16, 1969.
 - b. Angela Sue Austin, born and died July 1972.
 - c. Kevin Richard Austin, born December 27, 1977.
 4. James William Burdette, born July 21, 1950, married Sheila Thompson.
 - a. Malia Suzanne Burdette, born January 10, 1975.
 - b. Michael William Burdette, born May 8, 1977.
 - c. Ashley Nicole Burdette, born December 10, 1986.
- J. Dicie Pearl Fauver, born September 7, 1917, married Floyd Newell.
 1. Floyd Frederick Newell, born April 7, 1936, married 1st, Mida Maynard.
 - a. Naomi Newell
 - b. Deborah
 - c. Kimberly
Married 2nd, Juanita ? (divorced).
 2. Carolyn Jean Newell, born July 1937, married Earl Spears.
 - a. Earlene (died in infancy).
 - b. Mike Spears
 3. Lloyd Alfred Newell, born December, 1938, married 1st, Shelby Montgomery.
 - a. Billie Jean, born September 16, 1957, married 2nd, Barbara Casto.
 4. Stillborn daughter, born June 1940.
 5. Joyce Ailene Newell, born August, 1941, married Dick Scarberry.
 - a. Tammy Scarberry
 6. James Larry Newell, born July 1944, married Sandy ?.
 - a. Jimmy Newell
 - b. Kelly Newell
 - c. Larry Newell
 7. Stephen Lynn Newell, Sr., born September 16, 1954, married Pam Bush.
 - a. Stephen Lynn, Jr., born September 3, 1978.
 - b. Unnamed infant, born and died January 9, 1981.
 - c. Cassie Leigh, born March 20, 1983.
- K. Lydia Irene Fauver, born March 10, 1920, married Lloyd Durst, no children.
- L. Hazel Maxine Fauver, born March 24, 1922, married Fredrick Thomas.
 1. Fredrick Malcolm Thomas, born March 30, 1943, married Pat Curran.
 - a. Christi Ann Thomas, born July 29, 1964.
 - b. Scott Thomas, born May 3, 1967.
 - c. Shawn Thomas, born October 4, 1971.
- M. Birdie Eunice Fauver, born April 27, 1924, died February 20, 1985, never married.
- N. Stillborn daughter, May 11, 1927. *Submitted by Judy Burdette and Freda Burdette*

JAMES FERGUSON

James FERGUSON, son of Joseph and Mary (CAMERON) FERGUSON, was born in Cleveland, Cuyhoga County, Ohio, on May 8, 1847, and died July 13, 1901 in Cottageville, Jackson County, West Virginia. He married July 24, 1873 at Ripley, West Virginia, Eliza *Virginia* PRICE, daughter of William and Mary (HART) PRICE. Virginia was born November 10, 1855 in Harper District, Kanawha County, Virginia (now Roane County, West Virginia) and died June 22, 1926 at Fola, Clay County, West Virginia.

Their children were:

- (1) Henry *Creed*, born June 21, 1874, died October 1962, married February 7, 1904 Anna STAATS daughter of George and Dianna (WAUGH) STAATS. Creed became an Attorney at Law.
- (2) Joseph Hart, born December 25, 1876, died October 6, 1962, married March 7, 1901 Etta HARRISON daughter of Dr. Benjamin Earl and Louella (RHODES) HARRISON. Joseph became a Medical Doctor and Surgeon.
- (3) Dorma Grace, born January 8, 1880, died July 2, 1942, married November 22, 1903 William *Melvin* McINTYRE son of Enoch and Sarah (KELLER) McINTYRE.
- (4) James, born February 23, 1883, died February 1883.
- (5) Rhoda Bell, born March 9, 1884, died April 19, 1966, married May 15, 1912 Howard KEITH son of Jacob and Rebecca Jane (CLINE) KEITH.
- (6) Clara Ethel, born August 29, 1886, died February 5, 1960, married May 23, 1916 Theodore Hamilton HOLCOMB son of Ezekiel and Margaret Elizabeth (NEAL) HOLCOMB.
- (7) Jessie Lee, born June 28, 1889, died December 28, 1981, married December 31, 1910 Henry *Lockney* KEITH son of Jacob and Rebecca Jane (CLINE) KEITH.
- (8) Lawrence *John*, born January 11, 1892, died July 1972, married September 20, 1920 Hazel MCKINNEY daughter of Jasper Newton and Lydia Jane (QUEEN) MCKINNEY. John became a Colonel in the United States Army.
- (9) Bessie Edna, born May 9, 1894, died April 11, 1900.
- (10) William *Marshall*, born October 14, 1897, died December 7, 1938, never married.

James FERGUSON was a leader in his com-

munity. He was a Justice of the Peace for several years. He was for a time a member of the Union District Board of Education. He had an intense thirst for culture, and encouraged his children to study hard, obtain schools to teach and jobs to do; and through sacrifice, work themselves ahead by hard but character-making effort.

He was a gentleman of high moral character and respect, and had a kind and friendly disposition. He belonged to the Cottageville Masonic Lodge and was a staunch Republican.

He was a stonemason by trade and also a farmer. His farm on Log Lick Run near Cottageville is still in the family.

His wife Virginia was very religious and had a deep faith in God. She had a heart that saw the troubles of mankind as clearly as a Burns or a Dickens.

The children had in them an ambition that could not be beaten down with adverse circumstances. James and Virginia had taught them from early childhood that no matter what the cost, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

Burial for both James and Virginia was in the New Interest Cemetery at the Martin Chapel on Mud Lick Run. *Submitted by Fola (Keith) Brown*

JOSEPH FERGUSON

Joseph FERGUSON, the first FERGUSON to settle in Jackson County, was born in Ballylinney or Ballynure, County Antrim, Northern Ireland January 20, 1820 to James and Mary (McGOOKIN) FERGUSON. He was of Scotch descent and Presbyterian in faith. His ancestors only a few years hence had removed to Northern Ireland from Scotland. He became a stonemason and farmer.

Joseph was married three times. His first marriage was April 13, 1840 to Margaret DAVEY, daughter of Samuel DAVEY of Carrickfergus, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. They had one child, Mary, born November 26, 1840. Both mother and daughter died that same year.

Joseph, age 24 years, and his brother Samuel, age 22 years, arrived in the United States as immigrants on July 9, 1844. Joseph filed his application to become a citizen of the United States in the Common Pleas Court of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on May 1, 1851.

When he came to the United States, he carried the following church letter:

"I do hereby certify that the bearer, Joseph Ferguson, is a man of good character, being sober in his habits, honest in his dealings, and industrious. That he is a regular member of the Presbyterian congregation of Ballylinney, and in full communion with the church in whatever part of America Divine Providence may cast his lot.

Isaac Adams, Presbyterian Minister, Ballylinney, May 29, 1844.

In the winter of 1845 he returned to Northern Ireland and married January 6, 1846 Mary CAMERON, daughter of Hugh and Letitia (BLAIR) CAMERON. Mary was born in 1828 and died in 1849.

They came to the United States and settled in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, near Cleveland. Their children were:

(1) James, born May 8, 1847 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Died July 13, 1901 at Cottageville, Jackson County, West Virginia. Married July 24, 1873 Eliza *Virginia* PRICE.

(2) Isabella, born July 15, 1848 near Albany, New York. Died June 18, 1910 at Cottageville, Jackson County, West Virginia. Married September 29, 1869 Andrew *Hamilton* BOONE.

In September 1848 Joseph, Mary, and their two infants went back to Ireland for a visit and stayed until February 1849. In the latter part of 1849 one of the victims of cholera was the young mother Mary (CAMERON) FERGUSON, thus leaving the two small children solely in the care of the young husband.

In 1850 Joseph met Grace VAUDEN who was born in Exter County, England. She was the governess to the children of a family named Ranny in Cleveland. They were married November 1, 1850.



Joseph and Grace (Vauden) Ferguson

William Montgomery, a blood nephew of Joseph, who had stowed away, then when discovered, worked his way across the ocean from Belfast to Joseph's home in Cleveland, left his Uncle's home in 1852 and found himself a job on a steamboat which ran from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati. Later that year he wrote his uncle in Cleveland telling him that while the boat on which he was working was tied up at a town called Ravenswood, Virginia, he had walked into the country and found land which looked like that of the home country across the sea.

In the early spring of 1853 Joseph came to Jackson County, via steamboat to Ravenswood, and made inquiries about land. After looking at several tracts, he purchased 160 acres on Mud Lick Run. He then went back to Ohio to bring his family to the new home. So it was that in the Spring of 1853 Joseph landed from a steamboat at Ravenswood with his family. Here James, age 6, Isabella, age 5, with their stepmother, and baby sister, Mary Mariah, spent their first night in Virginia (now West Virginia) at the hotel which faces the Ohio River (later known as the Ravenswood Hotel). Soon afterward they settled on the home place by Mud Lick Run below Ripley. Here they farmed and raised their family.

Their children were:

(1) Mary Mariah, born August 7, 1851, died —, married — Sylvester BARNHART.

(2) Elizabeth Merrifield, born July 23, 1853, died March 27, 1927, married November 9, 1874 George W. STONE.

(3) William Robert, born April 17, 1855, died —, married — Margaret PRINGLE.

(4) Alexander Vauden, born January 29, 1857, died January 24, 1906, married — Martha MAHON.

(5) Joseph Charles Knight, born July 20, 1859, died December 4, 1891, married — Ella SAYRE.

(6) John, born February 8, 1861, died —, (never married).

(7) Agnes Grace, born January 4, 1863, died —, married — Joseph MAHON.

(8) Armor Wright, born November 14, 1867, died June 1, 1954. Married January 30, 1894 Carrie King.

Burial for both Joseph and Grace was in the New Interest Cemetery at the Martin Chapel on Mud Lick Run. Submitted by Linda (Brown) Kullman

ANDREW AND ELIZABETH (CASTO) FIELDS

Andrew Fields was born in 1853 to William (Billy) and Jeannie Buckley Fields who are buried at the Casto Cemetery. Some of their other children were Jim, Mac and Cal. On November 9, 1878 he married Elizabeth Casto who was born March 17, 1864 to John and Margaret (Peggy) Anderson Casto.

Elizabeth's brothers and sisters were: Isaac R. (Ike); Matilda (Tillie) born 1844 and married James Fields on October 12, 1871, she died February 4, 1940; Grace born in 1853 and married James Casto on October 12, 1871; and Rebecca (Becky).

Elizabeth's paternal grandparents are believed to be S. John J. and Grace McDade Casto and her maternal grandparents are believed to be D. William and Elizabeth Litton Anderson.

Andrew and Elizabeth were parents of the following children:

(1) Jno. W. (John) was born in 1879 and died November 18, 1880 of cholera.

(2) Mary was born March 28, 1886 and died at 8-12 years old.

(3) Enoch never married.

(4) Martha married Clay Fisher. Their children were Hattie, Dillie, Dennie, Hiram, twins: Virgil and Margie, and Louisa.

(5) Tillie married Park Fisher.

(6) Alfred Sherman was born December 25, 1890 and married Netra Daugherty. He died October 26, 1942.

(7) Leola J. was born February 20, 1898 and first married George Anderson and then Homer Miller.

(8) Willie married Cordie Fields daughter of Henry Rector and Alice Westfall Rhodes. (SEE HENRY RECTOR AND ALICE WESTFALL RHODES).

(9) Fredrick Columbus was born April 26, 1898 and married Virgie Elva Rhodes on April 27, 1924. She is the daughter of Henry Rector and Alice Westfall Rhodes. (SEE FREDRICK COLUMBUS AND VIRGIE ELVA RHODES FIELDS).



Andrew and Elizabeth (Casto) Fields and Della Sherman, grandson

(10) Della Leoria was born April 8, 1906 and married Owens Thomas.

Andrew died November 22, 1939 and Elizabeth Casto Fields died February 21, 1938. They are both buried in the Casto Cemetery, on Grass Lick.

Submitted by Annabelle Carney

FREDRICK AND VIRGIE (RHODES) FIELDS

Fredrick Columbus Fields was born April 26, 1898 to Andrew and Elizabeth Casto Fields. He was a handsome, eligible bachelor of 26 years when he fell in love with the beautiful 17 year old daughter of Henry Rector and Alice Westfall Rhodes, Virgie Elva Rhodes. They were married by Tom O. Powers at Staats Mill on April 27, 1924.



Fred and Virgie (Rhodes) Fields, their children: Annabelle Carney, Rita Casto, Radus Fields, Edith Sneed Buck

Their union prospered and they were blessed with four children.

1. Edith Mae was born May 31, 1925. She first married Woodrow (Woody) Sneed and had four children. She later married Fred Buck.

A. Patricia Janice, born April 2, 1947, married Kenneth Whited on July 6, 1968 and had two children.

a. Tina Denise born August 20, 1969 married Ben Robinson on October 14, 1989 and have one child.

1. Thomas Neil Robinson born October 18, 1988.

b. Tonya Ranae born October 24, 1971.

B. Charles Vega, born September 27, 1948, married Lynn Ellen Ott and had three children.

a. Terry Scott born April 9, 1971.

b. Megan Marie born September 9, 1976.

c. Stephan Michael born April 29, 1980.

C. Helen Eileen, born January 15, 1951, married William Markham Powell and have four children.

a. Julie Ann born November 30, 1975.

b. Charity Lynne born November 14, 1978.

c. William Markham II born July 19, 1981.

d. Evan Alexander born December 14, 1986.

D. Ronnie Lee, was born August 10, 1956 and married Deloris Ann Waggoner on March 30, 1986. Deloris was born January 4, 1958.

a. Jarvis Lee (adopted) born December 8, 1978.

b. Vanessa Ann born July 18, 1981.

c. Anita Victoria born November 26, 1984.

2. Radus Ray was born on December 24, 1927 and married Janet Munday, daughter of Everett and Mildred Munday. They have no children.

3. Dorothy Annabelle was born on September 22, 1930 and married Ira (Jiggs) Albert Carney, son of Virgil and Lucy Carney on October 9, 1948. He was born June 23, 1921. They have six children.

A. Kenneth Kirk Carney was born on June 4, 1949 and married Denese Waybright, the daughter of E. John and Millie Marie Waybright on August 28, 1971. She was born March 6, 1953. They have one child.

a. Jennifer Annamarie born April 5, 1988.

B. Diane Val was born July 14, 1951 and married Daniel Lee Knopp son of Ovie Lee and Dorothy Lee Morgan Knopp on December 10, 1971. Danny was born August 22, 1951.

C. Stevie Blane was born November 11, 1952 and married Patricia Gale McCrady on April 12, 1975. Pat was born October 23, 1956 to Tommy and Anna Lea Mitchell McCrady. They have one son.

a. Richard Steven born July 24, 1979.

D. Gregory Herman was born July 25, 1956 and married Debra Gail Holstein on August 24, 1974. She is the daughter of Elmer and Pauline Holstein and was born October 16, 1957. They have one daughter.

a. Amy Gail born June 17, 1975.

E. Darlene Vel was born December 22, 1959 and on April 5, 1980 married Gary Leon Cummings, son of Darrell Leon and Mayme Belle Jeffries Cummings, of Aplin Ridge.

F. Deena Marie was born July 23, 1967 and on May 25, 1989 married Joseph Quintin Scarbrough who was born September 15, 1969.

4. Rita Marie was born November 9, 1941 and married Glen Foster Casto son of Owens and Cora Christmas Rhodes Casto on June 9, 1962. Foster was born May 25, 1935. They have two children.

A. Glen Shawn born January 10, 1972.

B. Shannon Marie born January 4, 1977. Submitted by Diane Knopp

FINCH

I remember with nostalgia taking the greyhound bus from Nitro to the New Era Store, meeting the horse and wagon, and traveling to my grandparents' home on Copper Fork. The farm animals, the cool spring water, and Grandma's homemade goodies made up for having no electric or indoor plumbing.

The daughter of Clyde F. Finch (1918-1972) and Ada L. Payne Finch (1922 -), I was born in Kanawha county on October 19, 1942. I was named Elsie Louise Finch and my brother, born in 1944, Clyde Leonard. We attended Kanawha County Schools (Cross Lanes Elementary and Nitro High) until 1957, when my family moved to Longview Ridge in Evans. I graduated from Ripley High School in 1961.

My paternal grandparents are Elmer H. Finch (1880-1952), the son of William and Eliza M. Finch, and Elsie F. Sullivan Finch (1889-1962), daughter of Alva Edward and Emma Jane Matheny Sullivan. My grandparents raised ten children to adulthood in their Sandyville home. Velma (1905 -), Cecil (1908-1986), Emma (1910 -), Virgil (1912-1988), Ethel (1914 -), Clyde (1918-1972), Ocic (1920 -), Harry (1922-1988), Burl (1927 -), and Maxcile (1929 -). My maternal grandparents, James Andrew and Helen Emaline Steele Payne, lived in Roane County.

In December 1961, Rev. Frank Stevenson married me to Coy Dwight Cummings of Southall Ridge, Stats Mill. The son of Coy (1918 -) and Myrtle Westfall Cummings (1922 -), Dwight was born February 7, 1942, and graduated from Ripley High School with the class of 1961. His brother, Rodney Phillip, was born in 1944. Dwight's paternal grandparents are Grover Washington Cummings (1888-1977), son of Henry and Meg Stanley Cummings, and Laura Ethel Smith Cummings (1893-1951), daughter of Martin and Kate Hardman Smith. Other children include Herman (1920-1988), Troy (1922-1986), and Dewey (1926-1986).

Dwight's maternal grandparents, of the Harmony-Belgrove area, are Amos Brady Westfall (1889-1966) and Edith Ann Stalnaker Westfall (1901 -), daughter of Robert Hugh and Nora Coon Stalnaker. Their eight children are Arthur, Gertha, Gertrude, Evelyn, Myrtle, Eurada, Glenn, and Veneda.

Dwight and I live on Southall Ridge. Having worked for Collier Construction Company until 1964, Dwight then came to work for Kaiser Aluminum as a slitter operator. In his spare time he coon hunts and fishes for bass. We attend Siniaville United Methodist Church at Stats Mills and are the parents of three daughters.

Recca Dawn, born in Kanawha County in March 1963, graduated from Ripley High School in 1981. In 1985 she married William Scott Dunbar of Elizabeth, Wirt County. Residing in Wirt County, they are the parents of Treska Dawn (1986 -) and Barbara Louise (1989 -).

Tina Louise, born in Jackson County in April 1966, graduated from Ripley High School in 1984 and Parkersburg Community College in 1986. In June 1986, she married Wyatt Carey McClain of the Ripley area, and they now live in Fairfax, Virginia.

Sharon Ann, born in Jackson County in December 1968, graduated from Ripley High School in 1987. She married Johnny Daniel Kay, son of Delbert and Shirley Fisher Kay, in September 1987. All reside in the Stats Mills area. Submitted by Louise Cummings

FISHER

The patriarch of this clan was one William Fisher (born 1762, died 1834), born in Germany. William immigrated to America around 1778. Nothing is known about his wife. He lived in Philadelphia for a time, where his first son John was born. The family moved to Augusta County, Virginia, in 1780, living on a farm. Five more boys were born there, Conard, William Jr., Henry, Leonard and George.

Hearing that the Ohio territory had been opened for settlement, the five brothers decided to seek their fortunes westward. On foot they crossed the mountains into the Kanawha Valley, they came to the salt works in Malden, where they found work. They stayed there only a short while.

Five of the brothers decided to move farther west. Conard remained, married and reared a family there.

Bidding Conard farewell, the five brothers pressed farther west by following the Kanawha River. They came to the little settlement of Charleston. After a few days of resting and seeing the sights of the city, they crossed the Elk River. After a short trip they came to a small stream running north, which was called the Kanawha Two Mile. Following a trail along the creek they came to the forks of Tupper's Creek. Leg weary and discouraged they made camp for the night.

Here they camped several days, hunting and scouting out the land. They found game plentiful in the rolling hills and wide fertile bottoms. John and George liked what they saw. Holding council around the fire one night, John and George decided to end the journey and settle on Tupper's Creek.

The next morning, William, Henry and Leonard bade their brothers adieu and journeyed on to the north fork of Poca River. Here they followed a small stream, running almost east, to its source. This branch was Dudden Fork. Forcing their tired bodies to the top of a hill, they beheld a wide plateau like they had never seen. Their journey to the Ohio Territory was abandoned and here on Fisher's Ridge the three made their homes. Many of their descendants still live on the ridge.

John and George acquired around six hundred acres two or three miles up Tupper's Creek. They soon saw the need of a helpmate.

John married Lucretia Harrison in 1812. Three of their children were Emberson, Mary Anne, and Rebecca. John died in 1872.

George (1792-1876) married Frances Lanham (1796-1893). Their children were Henry, David, Alice, Johnny, Arminta, Dick, Roxy, Elizabeth, Sidney, Emily, Jim, John, and Burlwell Spurlock "Lock" (1829-1905) married Mary Milam (1838-1894), daughter of Ben and Sarah Sisson, daughter of James Sisson and Polly Cartwell.

Their children were: Squire N. (1864-1935) married first, Purlina Ranson (1867-1894), a son and daughter died in infancy. His second wife, Myrtle Wright (1879-1954), their children; Dewey, Opha, Yandle, Aubra, Palford, twins Oral and Oval, John and Faye. Harold B. died in infancy. Benjamin, little is known of him. Marcenia married S. W. Clinton, died 1884. Elsa (1879-1910) married Stella Harrison (1877-1914).

George L. "Buzz" (1862-1917) married first, Letha Young (1866-1889), daughter of John J. and



George "Buzz", Rebecca (Casto) Gatha, Troy and Foy Fisher

Lucinda Fisher Young (1843-1903), daughter of John M. Fisher (1813-1887) and Mary Anne Fisher (1815-1882).

Their children: Dr. Shelly O. (1891-1971) married Alfa Amick (1904-1982), daughter Louise married Dr. Donald Cunningham, another daughter died in infancy.



Shelly Fisher, Lilly Hill, Virge Young — Ora Shinn Owen Fisher (standing) — Layne School 1915-16

Owen (1896-1940) married Goldie Koontz (1903) children: George, deceased, and Loretta.

Ersa (1892-1910) married Allen Bailey (1887-1956), a daughter died in infancy.

Verta (1894-1973) married Vaughn Bonnett (1884-1958) children: Quentin (1918-1981) married Carmen Casto, children: Jerry, Joey and step-daughter, Diane.

Kenneth married Ethel King Ranson.

Helen married Elmer Bullard, children: Karen and Kathy. George's second wife, Rebecca Casto (1876-1952), daughter of Perry Casto (1848-1910), son of Nathan and Margaret Parsons. Rebecca's mother, Melissa Fisher (1848-1927), daughter of John M. Fisher and Mary Anne Fisher.

Their children: step-daughter Golda Boggess (1896-1920) married Warren Fisher, children: Lahoma, deceased, and Halley.

Gatha (1907-1980) married Kenneth Sayre (1907-1979), son of Okey Sayre (1882-1960) and Effie Buckalew (1886-1958), children: Gene, Betty, Gary and Brenda.

Foy (1911-1977) married Lillian Koontz (1919-), daughter of Oshel and Freda Dorsey Koontz, son Larry married Wanda Young, son Mark.

Troy (1911-) married Vesta Johnson (1917-) daughter of Dessie (1892-1963) and Losha Hill Johnson (1888-1978). Children: Lanny married Dottie Bennett; Linda married first, Jerry Cowley, children: Tonya, Shanc, and Terri; second, Stanley McKeny; Patty married Harold Summers, children: Tyra and Ashley; Steven married Ann Higginbotham, son Paul.

When Lock married, he left Kanawha County and acquired a large tract of land in South Jackson and North Putnam County, on the headwaters of Eighteen Mile Creek. Here he eked out a living and reared his family. At his death, the farm was divided between the three boys.

Elsa's tract was in Putnam County, much of it on what was called the Winfield Pike, now Route 34 South. He deeded the ground for the cemetery and Emma Chapel United Methodist Church and sold the remainder.

Squire built on the creek, near the old homestead and reared his family, then sold to Charlie Hill and Cleve Bailey and moved to Charleston.

George's tract lay mostly in Jackson County. He built his home near the county line on the Pike, and made a living by raising cattle and sheep.

Emma Chapel U.M. was the home church and Layne the home school. A large part of the original land is owned by George's heirs.

Dr. Shelly taught school for awhile. He then earned his degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Cincinnati and did post-graduate work in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was the Health commissioner for Kanawha County for several years.

Owens operated a general store near Young's Hollow until his death.

The twins, Foy and Troy, both taught school a short while in Jackson County. Foy went into used car sales, then to the State Tax Dept. from which he retired in 1975. Troy left teaching and was employed at Union Carbide, South Charleston. He retired in 1971. *Submitted by Troy O. Fisher and Tyra D. Summers*

ESTIL FISHER

We are told that one William Fisher came to the U. S. from Germany around 1700s. He first settled at Philadelphia, later moving to Augusta County, Virginia. He had six sons: John, Henry, Leonard, William, Conrad and George. In the early 1800s, these six sons left Virginia (afoot) to go by way of Charleston (a small settlement) and Ripley (which did not exist then) and on to Ohio which was open to settlement or homesteading. Conrad settled at Malden because of the Dickinson Salt Mines. John and George settled on land near Poca River. Henry settled on Dudeon Fork farther north.

My father, Estil Spicer Fisher, born November 9, 1901, at Sissonsville, Kanawha County, was a descendant of two of these men: John and George. Dad's parents were Eldridge and Dollie Humphrey Fisher, Sissonsville, West Virginia. Mother, Bertha Fisher, was born December 9, 1906, on Fisher Ridge, Mt. Tell, West Virginia, Jackson County, a daughter of Leonard G. and Della Cleek Fisher. She is a descendant of Henry Fisher. Dad and Mother met while she was teaching school in Kanawha County. They were married in 1930, Charleston, West Virginia. In 1932, they moved to Jackson County and I was born November 18, 1932. We lived on a small farm south of Ripley.



Estil and Bertha Fisher

The early thirties were "depression" years. They had a cow, raised chickens and sold eggs. Dad worked for farmers for \$1.00 per day to pay house rent of \$7.00 monthly. Banks closed and savings were lost.

In the early years of my life, we made several

moves because Dad was a Construction Iron Worker and went where work could be found. Lived in Dunbar, Charleston and Sissonsville. There we built a small house on land my grandfather gave us. I went my first school year in Sissonsville. Dad worked at Dupont, Belle, and Rubber Plant, Nitro. In 1943, we moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. Dad worked at Happy Valley, Oak Ridge, and helped build the atomic plant. We lived in a government trailer. There were 1,000 other families living in this "Trailer City". I went to school with children from almost every state — a great experience for an eleven year old girl. We were there in 1945 when the first bomb was dropped. We came back to Ripley in fall of 1945. I spent one-half year in school at Ripley, which I enjoyed very much. Lloyd Stone was one of my favorite teachers.

Later work took us to Parkersburg and we were there until I graduated from High School in a class of 600 students. I took Co-Op in school and was able to take a job the day I graduated with the AAA Club, Parkersburg. One year later, I went to Morris Harvey College, Charleston, where I had two years of Business Administration. My folks were now living in Waverly, Ohio, where Dad worked at the atomic plant. I obtained a job there, and met my future husband, Kenneth Ridge, son of Nara and Bernice Wilson Ridge, of Jackson, Ohio. Ken was born June 12, 1928, and is an accountant. We were married in 1956.

Mother and I both were Girl Scout leaders and active in church while at Waverly. My parents loved young people and spent lots of time with them wherever they lived.

In 1956, my parents returned to Ripley, building a house on South Church Street, where my mother still lives. Dad helped build Kaiser Aluminum Plant, Jackson General Hospital and the Masonic Building. He was very active in the Masons. They joined Epworth Methodist Church and were both active. Dad was a Trustee, on property and parsonage committees and did lots of repair work. Mother never could say "no"; she did lots of volunteer work, taught Sunday School, was Superintendent of Children's Department, served on property, membership and evangelism committees, and Administrative Board. She was Vice-president and President of United Methodist Women and was honored with two special pins. In community work, she belonged to Woman's Club of Ripley and Extension Homemakers, serving as President of South Hills Club and President of the Jackson County Council of Homemakers. She is a member of West Virginia Artist's and Craftsman's Guild. Her weaving teachers were Lucy Quarrier and Hazel Wright, taking the first weaving class ever given at Cedar Lakes. Dad did weaving as a hobby. He and Mother exhibited their work at Cedar Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair for many years. Mother was chosen as a Jackson County Belle for West Virginia Folk Festival at Glenville.

My husband and I moved from Jackson, Ohio, to Ripley in the late fifties. We both worked at Kaiser Aluminum Plant. We are the parents of two children: Michael, born 1957, and Susan, born



Betha and Estil Fisher family, 50th Anniversary, 1980

1961. Mike married Rosemary Aronson. They have three daughters, Jennifer, Elizabeth and Victoria. They presently live in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Susan lives near and works in Washington, D.C. at present. Dad died January 30, 1989 and is buried in Fairplain Cemetery. Mother is an active 83 year old and lives at her home in Ripley. *Submitted by Betty Ridge and Susan Ridge*

JAMES K. FISHER

James K. Fisher (1845-1919) was born in Jackson County, the son of Leonard G. and Hannah (Greene) Fisher. He served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War as a Private in Company B, 17th Virginia Cavalry. He married December 20, 1864, Phoebe Rathleader Cleek (1849-1928), daughter of Robert and Ann (Harvey) Cleek. James was a farmer and Methodist Minister. They lived on present day Fisher Ridge Road, Kenna, West Virginia and are buried in the Hammock-Fisher Cemetery.



Phoebe and James Fisher

Robert Cleek born 1819 in Bath County, Virginia, died 1896, married in Jackson County, June 17, 1841 Ann Harvey (1820-1870). They are buried in the Poling Cemetery at Kentuck, West Virginia. Robert was the son of Peter Cleek (1779-1856); in Bath County, Virginia on May 25, 1815 married Elizabeth McGuffin (1779-1859). They are buried in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Ripley, West Virginia. Peter was the son of Jacob (1725-1813) and Christina Cleek (1739 died after Jacob).

Jacob Cleek was born in Germany and came to America in 1732, settled first in Pennsylvania then moved to Rockbridge County, Virginia near Natural Bridge about 1755 and finally settled on Jackson River in what is now Bath County, Virginia in 1790. Jacob Cleek served as a soldier in the French and Indian Wars, government marker at his grave is inscribed: Jacob Cleek — Byrd's Co. 2nd Regt. Ind. War 1725-1813. They are buried in the Jacob Cleek Cemetery, Warm Springs, Virginia.

Their children are:

1. Martha Ann Fisher (1866-1938) married July 6, 1890 Charles Allen "Chug" Bumgardner (1861-1923), children: William Howard, Phoebe Cathern and Hettie Lee.

2. See Robert Lee Fisher.

3. William Edward "Ed" Fisher (1872-1951) first married Anjeronia Boggess (1875-1901). Children: Lillian and Hobart. William second marriage, April 4, 1902, Cora Johnson (1879-1956). Children: Roy, Oma and Rhoda.

4. Dora Belle Fisher (1874-1963) married May 27, 1894, Julius Craton Corbin (1872-1909). Children: Otho, Lois, Wava, James Perry, Inez and Mary.

5. Clara Mae Fisher (1877-1951) married March 20, 1902 William C. "Will" Hammack (1878-1939). Children: Vada, Ursula, Okcy, Talmage and Golda.

6. Icic Dove Fisher (1877-1949) married Herman Hammack (1882-1873). Children: Wardie,

Opie, Shirley, Hokie and Gatha.

7. See Leonard Grealley Fisher.

8. Nellie Myrtle Fisher (1884-1968) married April 7, 1912, Stonewall Jackson "Jack" Slater (1885-1955). Children: Denver Marvin and Arnet.

9. Cora Etta Fisher (1887-1948) married June 9, 1907, George Wesley Burdette (1877-1941). Children: James Cleo, Robert Siggle, Wendell, Dale, Mabel, Velma, Fred Beecher, Marie and Ethel.

10. James Whorley Fisher (1890-1938) married March 22, 1916 Ona Smith (1891-1985). One son, Ernest Denver. *Submitted by Odra Fisher*

LEONARD AND DELLA FISHER

Leonard Greeley Fisher and Della Elizabeth Cleek were married on November 23, 1904 at Pomeroy, Ohio. Because Della's mother did not approve, they "ran off". They drove a horse and buggy to Ripley, West Virginia and then rode a train to Pomeroy.



Leonard and Della Fisher

Della, a school teacher, was the daughter of Francis and Sarah Sophronia Staats Cleek. She met Leonard while teaching at Dudgeon School near Goldtown, West Virginia. Her home was near Ripley, West Virginia. Leonard was a farmer, the son of James K. and Phoebe R. Click Fisher. His postoffice was Mt. Tell, West Virginia.

Two of Leonard and Della's grandfathers were half brothers. One spelled his name Click and the other Cleek.

Leonard's parents gave them a fifty acre hill farm on Fisher Ridge, Jackson County, postoffice, Mt. Tell, West Virginia. On this acreage was a three room log house where they went to housekeeping. Their first three children were born on this farm. They were Bertha Irene in 1906; Okla Amber (Johnson) in 1909; and Glenn Webster in 1913.

Sometime in 1913 they outgrew the log house and built a five room frame house. While building the house, Della cooked for the family and the men building the house in an out building called the smokehouse. They divided up the family and slept at the homes of two neighbors. Jessie Mae was born in the new home in 1915. During a severe cold spell and snow and ice storm in 1917, William Cleek was born, on the last day of the year. It was a rough, winter night. Dr. Fred Casto of Kenna, West Virginia rode horse back and made the delivery.

The Fishers took their children to church and Sunday School. They made the preacher welcome at all times. Once a Preacher Garrison, his wife and children spent a week in the Fisher home. Since it was a slow time on the farm, all they did was cook, eat, and sleep, and go to church at night.

In 1918 Leonard sold this hill farm and bought a farm on Dudgeon Fork, Post office, Goldtown, West Virginia. Since the weather had continued bad since the birth of the new baby, Cleek, they had to move Della and the baby by horse and sleigh. Sophronia, the sixth child, was born in 1922. Dr. Fred Casto of Kenna, West Virginia delivered all

six of the Fisher children.

All the children but Cleek and Sophronia attended the Dudgeon School in Jackson County. They had the following teachers: Carrie Smith Skidmore, Ethel Duff Mundy, Ed Tolley, Freda Parsons Johnson, Sybil Skeen Winter, Norma Cleek Hoffman (Della's sister), and Avah Fisher Higginbotham. Up to this time, the children had walked two miles to school. They missed only if they were ill.

In 1921 Della rode horseback to Kenna, West Virginia where she took an examination and renewed her teaching certificate. The next fall they sold the farm. Their plans were to move to Dunbar, but Della got a school at Kelley's Creek, Kanawha County and she and the children moved there. Okla "baby sat" for the new baby, Sophronia. Bertha was what is now called a teacher's aide for her mother. She had received her elementary school diploma and was ready to enter high school. Leonard stayed on the farm until all his crops were harvested.

The next Spring the family did move to Dunbar, West Virginia. Bertha was graduated from High School there in 1927. She went to college in Spring and Summer and taught school in Winter. In 1930 she married Estil Spicer Fisher. They have one daughter, Betty Fisher Ridge, born in 1932.

Okla never graduated from high school. She worked at Dunbar Glass Plant, and for 29 years at The Diamond Department Store, Charleston, West Virginia. She married Trell Roscoe Johnson in 1929. He worked and retired from DuPont, Belle, West Virginia. They made their home in Dunbar and still reside there.

Leonard worked at Fletcher Enamel plant and Della taught school. She also went to high school and college. Because of bad health, Leonard had to leave the plant. He was an ice man for awhile. Della said all the children belonged to the ice man, even if some had red hair and some had black hair.

The Fisher family returned to Jackson County where they bought another farm and built a house on Route 21, South of Ripley, on waters of Mill Creek. Della taught a few years in Jackson County and Leonard went back to his first love, farming.

Glenn, Cleek and Sophronia were graduated from Ripley High School. Glenn attended college and was a high school teacher in Kanawha County. He married Beatrice Bennett of Ravenswood. They had two children, Kenneth Paul and Ellen Fisher Horner. W. Cleek married Bernice Harpold of Fairplain, West Virginia. Cleek has been an employee of Save Supply Company in Charleston for fifty years. They have two children, William Cleek (Bill) and Mary Fisher Basham. Sophronia attended college and worked as a bookkeeper at Save Supply and other firms in Charleston, West Virginia and as a teller at Ripley National Bank. She married Robert D. Morris of Dunbar, West Virginia. They had one daughter, Debbie (deceased). Because of a handicap, Jessie Mae never worked or married. She is deceased.



Leonard and Della Fisher and family 50th Anniversary

Leonard and Della had six grandchildren, previously mentioned. Their great grandchildren are

Mike and Susan Ridge, Matthew and Allison Horner, Ryan and Justin Basham, and Laura and Andrew (deceased) Fisher. Their three great, great, grandchildren are Jennifer, Elizabeth and Victoria Ridge.

Leonard and Della retired and moved back to Dunbar. They kept their farm and homeplace in Jackson County. Leonard died in 1959 and Della died in 1969. They are buried at the Fairplain Cemetery. *Submitted by Mrs. Estil (Bertha) Fisher and W. Cleek Fisher*

LEONARD FISHER

Leonard G. Fisher (1800-1880) was born in Virginia, a son of Henry I. Fisher. Tradition has he settled in the southern part of Jackson County, then Kanawha County about 1820. His household is listed in the 1830 Kanawha County census and 1840 Jackson County census. Leonard G. Fisher married August 3, 1826 in Kanawha County, Hannah Greene (1802-1885). Hannah was the daughter of John and Jemima Smith Greene, who were married in Botetourt County, Virginia, May 3, 1795. Jemima was the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Smith.

Leonard owned about 1,690 acres of land, and between 1868 and 1872 he and Hannah deeded all but 70 acres to their children. They lived on present day Dudgeon Road, Kenna, West Virginia and are buried in the Fisher Memorial Church Cemetery. Their children are:

1. Perry Fisher born about 1827 and died before 1870, married May 15, 1850 in Putnam County, (West) Virginia, Cornelia Ann Smith. Their children:
 - a. Caroline Fisher married February 13, 1868, Joseph Shamblin.
 - b. Evermont Ward Fisher married December 31, 1872 Louvisa Monday.
 - c. Julia Ann Fisher married Okey Davis.
 - d. James "Buck" Fisher married February 1, 1883 Mary Carney.
 - e. Perry D. Fisher married January 16, 1886 Ann Eliza Casto and after her death he married Cora Staats.
 - f. Denize Fisher married July 26, 1883 John Crites.
2. Emsey Fisher born 1830 and died before 1870, married October 2, 1849 Mary Fisher.
 - a. Samantha Fisher married November 11, 1869 Elihugh Comer.
 - b. Norris Fisher married Dyanie Hazrvey.
 - c. Hattie (Hester) Fisher married Pritt Harvey.
 - d. Wilbur Fisher married November 27, 1879 Alice Perkins.
 - e. Annazetta Fisher married October 22, 1890 Timothy Jones.
3. Martha Fisher born ca 1833, married November 15, 1849, George Washington Boggess.
 - a. Leonard F "Lenny" Boggess married April 21, 1875 Sarah Perkins.
 - b. Ephriam Webster "Web" Boggess married December 28, 1886, Mollie Florence Casto, and after her death he married April 23, 1893, Harriet Sophia Bumgardner Milam.
 - c. George Washington Boggess Jr., married June 11, 1885, Emily C. Wolfe, and after her death he married June 28, 1891, Josie Iman.
 - d. Lena Boggess married January 12, 1882 Charles Clendenin.
 - e. Hannah V. Boggess married June 14, 1891 James Perry Fisher.
4. Christena Fisher (1835-1912) married January 4, 1858 Leonard S. Fisher.
 - a. Amos Parker Fisher married, August 17, 1860, Effie Morrison.
 - b. Adelia "Della" Fisher married January 26, 1886 William M. Slaughter.
 - c. Cora Alice Fisher married September 23, 1885, George W. Pringle.

- d. Hannah Bell Fisher married September 15, 1887 Charles S. Moore.
- e. Susan R. Fisher married April 8, 1886 John O. Harpold.
- f. Christena R. Fisher married July 23, 1890 Charles L. Reynolds.
5. Samuel Fisher (1838-1919) married November 25, 1860, Mary Magdalene Dawson (1839-1907).
 - a. Charles W. Fisher married January 18, 1882, Louise V. Shamblen.
 - b. Rebecca Alice Fisher married September 22, 1889, John "Wash" Greene.
 - c. Minerva Jane Fisher married December 6, 1896, Pleasant C. Davis.
 - d. Eli Cluster Fisher married April 10, 1892, Anna Ganes.
 - e. Letha Ann Fisher married August 26, 1888, James S. Ganes.
 - f. Alexander Clark Fisher married February 20, 1898, Mary "Mollie" Sayre.
 - g. Florence Hester Fisher married August 6, 1907, Charles Nichols.
 - h. Samuel Austin Fisher married August 1, 1897, Minita Mae Wolfe.
 - i. Phoebe Caroline Fisher married May 1, 1901, Clayton E. Ranson.
 - j. Simon Grant Fisher married October 18, 1903, Corda Ethel Tinch.
6. See James K. Fisher (1845-1919).
7. Andrew D. "Andy" Fisher born about 1849, married June 5, 1867 Lorenda Dorsey.
 - a. James Perry Fisher married June 14, 1891, Hannah V. Boggess.
 - b. Mary Elizabeth Fisher married May 30, 1888, William Ganes.
 - c. Daniel D. Fisher married Pauline Rollins.
 - d. John G. Fisher married Sidney Casto.
 - e. Lou Emma Fisher married an Asbury.
 - f. Christena Fisher.
 - g. Herford Fisher married Docie Burdette.
 - h. Kenton Fisher married a Ganes.
8. Phoebe Evelyn Fisher (1852-1940) married July 22, 1871 Elben G. Koontz (see Koontz).
Submitted by Sue Boggess and Phoebe Good

MARTIN FISHER

Martin Fisher was born February 15, 1841 at Skidmore, the son of Leonard C. and Barbara Crites Fisher. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War as sergeant Co. "A" 7th Regiment West Virginia Cavalry. After the war, he returned home and on December 28, 1865, married Mary A. Price, daughter of Hiram and Temperance Casto Price. They had three children: Rosa born April 27, 1867 and married October 19, 1893 to George J. Casto; Abraham Franklin and one son who died in childhood.



Martin Fisher with Abraham and his family, 1909

Abraham Franklin "Bub" was born April 25, 1869. He married Exel Lona Casto on October 20, 1895. She was born June 30, 1876, the daughter of Jacob and Martha (Casto) Casto. They lived with his parents on Tug Fork as his mother was an invalid due to a kick from a cow. Mary Fisher

died October 3, 1900. In 1902, Martin, "Bub", Lona and their three sons moved to Divide Hill at Kenna where they had bought 65 acres. The house which was originally log is still standing and daughter, Orva Redman, lives there. In 1907, "Bub" and Lona bought an additional 107 acres. Much of this land is owned by descendants today with two families having four generations presently living there. Grandpa Martin died April 12, 1917. "Bub" continued farming until his death January 20, 1937. Lona died June 18, 1947. They are all buried in the Casto Cemetery at Fairplain.

Children of Abraham and Lona Fisher: George Hobert (August 12, 1896-April 9, 1986) married April 8, 1917 Nellie Cunningham (August 3, 1896-March 16, 1964); Cleo (March 4, 1898-September 4, 1937) married October 2, 1921 Mina Wandling; Okey Jacob (March 25, 1900) married December 19, 1923 Ellen Skeen (May 11, 1905); Oshel Asbury (January 12, 1903) married December 3, 1924 Sybil Skeen (July 27, 1902) sister of Ellen; Clara Ellen (November 4, 1906) married April 23, 1933 Obel Lewis (August 27, 1901-June 30, 1985); Mary A. (October 7, 1908) married September 1, 1931 Jessie Faber (July 11, 1905); Orva Ester (October 31, 1910) married November 8, 1934 Wilmer Redman (January 10, 1912-November 30, 1980). *Submitted by Denzil Redman*

R. L. FISHER

Robert Lee "Bob" Fisher was born January 2, 1869, and died February 5, 1943, the son of James K. and Phoebe (Cleck) Fisher. He lived in Jackson County all his life. He was a farmer and stockman, owning approximately 600 acres. He would purchase livestock and poultry from area farmers and drive them to Charleston, West Virginia to be sold. Odra stated one of the hardest drives they had, was taking a flock of turkeys to Charleston. In later years Robert had a dairy.



Robert L. and Cora Fisher

Robert married April 17, 1895, Sophronia Boggess (1870-1903), no children. After the death of his first wife, he married January 2, 1904, Cora Spencer, daughter of Ahaz and Nancy Jane (Meadows) Spencer. Cora was born in Kanawha County, April 24, 1881 and died January 10, 1936. They lived on present day Duddeon Road, Kenna, West Virginia and are buried on the home place.



Robert L. Fisher home

1. Shirley Fisher, born November 6, 1904, died December 5, 1904.

2. Rector Fisher, born November 6, 1904, died November 6, 1904.

3. Lessie Lee Fisher born October 1, 1905, died August 3, 1956, married June 20, 1931, Charles S. Elliott. One daughter, Elaine.

4. George Fisher, born September 22, 1907, died March 4, 1908.

5. William Odra Fisher, born February 10, 1910 and married, December 12, 1931, Loraine Pritt. Two daughters: Juanita Sue and Delores June.

6. James K. Fisher, born March 11, 1912, died December 7, 1979, married November 28, 1931, Pauline Dooley. One son, William R., and one daughter, Patricia.

7. Phoebe R. Fisher, born October 23, 1915 and married August 26, 1935, Meredith Good. One son, Thomas, and three daughters: Janet, Jo Ann and Joyce.

8. Nancy Jane Fisher, born June 27, 1917 and married March 27, 1937, Wilbert C. Chancey. One son, Charles Eugene.

9. Ahaz Fisher, born March 22, 1919, died October 29, 1986, married May 23, 1946, Mildred O'Dell.

They lived in Worthington, Ohio. Two sons: John Robert and Frederick Lee and three daughters: Nancy Marilyn, Mary Ann and Janette. *Submitted by Delores Ranson*

VIRDIE L. FISHER

Virdie was one of two children of James M. (1858-1919) and Nancy J. Casto Fisher (1862-1919). James was son of William Fisher, Jr. and Susana Fisher. Nancy was daughter of Joel and Mary Margaret Bradley Casto.

James' other son, Edgar, moved to Akron, Ohio where he raised his family.

Virdie Lee married Alice Polsley, daughter of Walter and Nancy C. Ridenour Polsley. They lived on Grasslick and attended Ephesus Church. He was a farmer, dairyman and carpenter. Alice was a capable partner. They had nine children: Velma, teacher in Jackson and Kanawha County schools; Georgia (deceased) married Arvel Shamblen; Burton (deceased); Weston married Garnet Williams; Wilma married Blaine Beeghly; Edwin married Mary Louise Lewis; and Kermit (deceased) married Mary Janet Poling (deceased). The first child was stillborn in 1906 and the fifth, Paul, born 1916 and died 1921.

All children attended the local schools. Velma, Georgia, Wilma, Edwin and Kermit were graduates of Ripley High School. All are moved away now except Weston, who lives near their old home. His son, Roger, was a member of the Jackson County Commission for a number of years. *Submitted by Wilma Fisher Beeghly*

WILLIAM FISHER

The Fisher family began in the United States when William Fisher (1762-1884) traveled from Germany to Augusta County, Virginia in 1779. He raised six sons who traveled to the wilderness of the Kanawha Valley. William Jr. settled at the salt mines near Malden. Henry, Conrad, and Leonard settled in Jackson County. John and George settled in Kanawha County on the Poca River. George Fisher's (1792-1876) son David married Henrietta Newhouse and raised a son, Johnnie. Five children, Bertha, Wilbur, Emit, Ica, and Effie were born to Johnnie and his wife Mary Martin.

Emit married Icy Westfall. They had two sons, Harold, March 21, 1917 and Howard, February 20, 1915. In 1918, Emit died of the Spanish Flu. Icy married again to Melton Pritt who had several small children of his own, Charlie and Vella; and had five children together, Pat, Andrew, Ed, Sidney, and Phyllis.

Howard remembers living through the depres-

sion when he caught rabbits and carried them to Charleston to sell for twenty-five cents a piece. He also tells of putting horseshoe nails in his pocket so that when he walked it would sound like coins.

He walked some fifteen miles to a church on Second Creek. There Howard met Dessie Witt, the daughter of Albert. They married and had seven children: Delos, Delores, Darlene, Dorsel, Gene, Dean, and an infant girl. Darlene died at birth. Dessie died in childbirth with her unnamed infant daughter in 1949. Howard served with the Navy at Great Lakes Naval Center during World War II.



Howard Fisher

While there he gave haircuts, made trinkets and sent the money to Dessie. Not trusting banks, since losing \$24.00 in the bank failures of 1929, Howard hid the money in a glass jar in a hole under the house. When he finally deposited this money he told the teller that the moldy money was in good shape considering how long it had been buried.

Howard worked for United Carbon during the day and for himself evenings and weekends. He plowed gardens, mowed hay and did everything he could to make and save money. In 1949, Howard married Myrtle Skeen, daughter of Harvey. They had two children, Janice and Connie. After being laid off by United Carbon, Howard purchased the old Harpold farm at Given, Jackson County in 1954. He began trading cattle and pigs, raising veal calves and farming full time. With the help of his sons he performed custom farm work. In 1968 Howard built the Fisher Quality Meats, a custom slaughter house at Pocatalieo, Kanawha County. He sold the slaughter facility in 1970 and began plans to build the Jackson County Livestock Market. He purchased the franchise of the old market located behind the old railroad depot in Ripley. The new market was built near Fairplain. He later founded the Jackson County Speedway, the Jackson County Jamboree and the Giant Fourth of July Flea Market, all on the grounds of the Livestock Market. He also built fish ponds at the market and on his own farms. In 1986 Howard sold his original farm to his daughter, Connie, and in 1988 he sold another one to Larry Welling. He and his wife, Myrtle now reside on a section of his farm at Given. *Submitted by Dean Fisher*

WILLIAM LUTHER FISHER

William Luther Fisher (September 20, 1888-1965) was the son of Isaac M. and Laura Casto Fisher and was born at Staats Mill, Jackson County. On October 17, 1913 he married Loretta Payne (April 5, 1895-1985) in Akron, Ohio by the Justice of Peace with Mrs. Joe Cornell as witness. Loretta Payne Fisher was the daughter of William and Mahala Jane Lowe Payne of Red Knob, Roane County, West Virginia.

The Fishers had four children: Ralph Clarence Fisher was born September 30, 1914 at Fairplain, West Virginia and married Dollie O. Moore; Lena Mae Fisher was born April 10, 1916 at Rockcastle and married Okey Morrison; Irene Josephine Fisher was born September 19, 1920 at Rockcastle and married Leon Wells; Ruth Marie Fisher was



William "Bill", Loretta (Payne) Fisher

born at Rockcastle, August 13, 1929 and married Dave Johnson.

William Luther Fisher was employed in Akron, Ohio as a streetcar conductor, a mail carrier on the Rockcastle Route, and at one time operated a general store at Rockcastle. In 1945 Bill and Loretta Fisher moved to Medina and remained there the rest of their lives. Bill and Loretta were both members of the Warden Chapel Church and are buried in Independence Cemetery at Sandyville. *Submitted by Ralph Fisher*

HENRY FITZHUGH

Henry Fitzhugh, son of George and Mary (Digges) Fitzhugh was born at Bunker Hill, Fauquier County, February 12, 1783. In 1811 he married Henrietta Sarah Fitzhugh, his cousin, the daughter of Judge Nicholas and Sarah Ashton Fitzhugh. She was born at Bedford in 1789. Their home was Fenton, on a beautiful hill a few miles from Warrenton. In 1834 Henry Fitzhugh and his family moved to Charleston on the Kanawha and resided in that town for three years.

He had intended to go into the salt business but on the desertion of most of the slaves he had brought with him, his plans changed. He moved to an estate on the Ohio River, which they named Ravenswood. It was the property bequeathed to Anne Washington Ashton and her heirs by her uncle George Washington.

The Ravenswood home was the center of a large family of children and grand-children, and outside its gates a small town gradually grew up, also called Ravenswood. About 1852 Henry Fitzhugh built the first Episcopal church in that part of the country, named by his wife, Grace Church.

Henry Fitzhugh died in 1855. His family's monuments may be found in the Ravenswood Cemetery, having been moved there in 1900 when the first Grace Church burned to the ground and the decision was made to build the new church a few blocks away. Henrietta Fitzhugh died in 1879 at the home of her daughter, Sarah Ashton Cotton, in Charleston, West Virginia.

Complete details of the family may be found in *The Fitzhugh Family in America*, treating in particular the West Virginia Branch. Privately printed in Charleston, West Virginia in 1928 by Nannie Cotton Woodman. The book is based on an unfinished history of the family written by her grandmother Henrietta S. Fitzhugh, the mistress of Ravenswood. Copies of the book may be found in the Jackson County Library. *Submitted by Ed Rauh*

FLESHER

The ancestor, Henry Flesher, settled Flesher-ville (now Weston), West Virginia. His wife Elizabeth, bore him: Anna (born 1761); Peter (born 1763); Adam (born 1764); Elizabeth (born 1766); Mary; Andrew (born May 1, 1771); Henry Jr. (born circa 1775); Susannah (born 1778); John (born 1782); William (born 1785). The diary of Andrew Jackson Flesher says that Henry and Elizabeth were born in Germany and married

in America. He was an ensign in the American Revolution and died 1802.

Andrew Flesher, Henry's son, was born Harrison County, West Virginia, moving in 1807 to old Town Bar, Mcigs County, on the Ohio River. Then he and his wife went to one mile of Ripley. He was a cooper. He died September 6, 1850, Ravenswood; married February 21, 1793, Lewis County, West Virginia to Elizabeth Bibbee, daughter of John. She was born 1778. They had (13) daughters and (5) sons — some not yet known. They are: son (born 1793/4); Melissa (born 1795) married John Bennett; Isaac Newton (born November 22, 1796, Harrison County); Elizabeth (born October 20, 1801) married Jacob Bush?; daughter married C. B. Fanning; daughter; Lydia (born January 27, 1802) married Gilbert McKown; daughter; Andrew Jr. (born August 4, 1806) married Anna Hughes; daughter; daughter; John B. (born 1810) married Margaret; Nancy married John Hyde; Henry drowned; Wesley (Presbyterian minister); William; Samantha married Jessie West; daughter married Isaac West?.

Isaac Newton Flesher married July 4, 1817, Ripley, West Virginia to Elizabeth Bonnett, daughter of William and Barbara (Harpole) Bonnett. The Bonnetts are buried in Ripley. She was born October 4, 1802, Harrison County; died March 3, 1880, Reedsville, Ohio; he died June 29, 1841, Goose Island, Jackson County. Both were buried Letart Falls Cemetery. He was drafted into Captain Michael SEA's Company, Colonel John Henderson's Regiment, Virginia Militia, in the War of 1812. He enlisted February 17, 1815, Pt. Pleasant, discharged March 7, 1815, Greenbrier County. His enlistment occurred after the War of 1812 treaty was signed, but news of it didn't reach the area before his drafting. His children: Tabitha H. (born June 3, 1820) married David Sayre; William Bonnett (born September 9, 1822) married Elizabeth McKown; Eliza K. (born January 2, 1827, Goose Island) married October 2, 1843, Jackson County, to Benjamin Sayre, son of Thomas and Martha (Sams) Sayre; Francis Marion (born May 30, 1829) married Mary Frances Thorn; Andrew Jackson (born January 2, 1827) married first Sarah Melissa Weaver; then Sarah Barrett; Barbara M. L. (born February 4, 1831) married Rev. Benjamin Taylor; Elizabeth (born March 26, 1833) died single; Benjamin Franklin (born August 1, 1835) married Caroline H. Hall; Isaac Newtown Jr. (born February 17, 1839) died young; Henry Harrison (born March 4, 1841) married Catherine Batey.

Eliza K. Flesher died October 28, 1883, Letart Township, Mcigs County, Ohio. Benjamin Sayre, her husband, born March 22, 1821; died August 4, 1889, Letart Township. They are both buried Letart Falls Cemetery. He married second Sarah Melissa (Reed) Barringer. All children were by his first wife.

Benjamin and Eliza are my great great grandparents. *Submitted by Keith D. Ashley*

FLETCHER

The engagement and marriage of Faye Ruby Barnett to Kermit Gail Fletcher was "sparkle and bless" to both of them. The future held many hopes for them during a time of world unrest, there was an Utopia in Jackson County, West Virginia, on March 20, 1937. Their union of love gave life to Camden Wayne (December 5, 1937), Curtis Lee (June 16, 1939), Calvin Arthur (April 16, 1941), Judy Marlin (February 23, 1944), and Calvert Roger (July 19, 1946). Their romance was interrupted but never lost with the tragic death of Faye on June 15, 1947 due to a brain tumor.

Faye (1913-1947), whom God has blessed, was the daughter of Cam Barnett and Birty Pickens. She provided her children with what was available. She sewed, gardened, and gave her all to us.



Faye Ruby (Barnett) Fletcher

Kermit is the second son of General Boyd Fletcher and Margie Della Litton. Kermit was born June 6, 1910, in Roane County. Kermit spent most of his childhood in Reedy learning the blacksmith trade and later a living at Rockcastle. Later he became a carpenter to support his family. He remarried on March 19, 1949, to Freida Maxine Nessleroad, third child and daughter of Charles David Nessleroad and Clara Belle McMurray of Ravenswood. Together they gave birth to Patricia Belle (June 24, 1952).

Wayne, being the oldest, was the first married. On September 25, 1959, his wedlock to Hellen Marie Sullivan, second born and daughter of Henry John Sullivan and Bertha Virginia Bates of Murrysburg. Her enduring love for Wayne gave life to David Wayne (August 18, 1960) and Deborah Lynn (October 17, 1964). David has taken as his wife Amy Mae Beer, daughter of Frank and Helen Marie Beer of Wood County, on April 19, 1986, and now are expecting their first child. Debbie is single but looking.

Curtis joined the Navy (retired after twenty-four years) to see the world and on March 16, 1968, married his wife Tenu Wong, oldest daughter of Wong Tsae Suang and Wong Chin Bae of Leelung, Taiwan. Her love gave us Elizabeth Faye (November 12, 1968), John Kermit (December 31, 1969), and Suzie Wong (July 22, 1971). All attending college in Washington state.

Arthur joined the Navy and twenty-three years later retired. Even though he roamed the world he returned to West Virginia and on September 3, 1966, married Irine Pearl Harding, the oldest child and only daughter of Elmer Harding (deceased) and Ica Eulah Tignor of Aaron's Fork, Kanawha County. Their marriage ended by divorce, but the adventure and romance brought Charles Arthur (November 17, 1967) and Carroll Bruce (May 27, 1971). On September 3, 1987, Charles married Rosalie Lane, oldest daughter of Richard Edsle Lane and Virginia LeLynn Martin, and has a daughter Ica Mae (June 20, 1988) and Christina Lynn (February 3, 1990). Bruce has not found his mate.

Judy has always been the homemaker and seeker of the peaceful life. She took for a husband, on March 26, 1967, Arnold Eugene Townsend, only son of Marvin Townsend (deceased) and Audry Bishop of Charleston. Their marriage ended in divorce, but not without child. Scott Allen (March 7, 1970) gave them harmony.

Roger joined and gave twenty-three years to the Air Force. His endeared wife is Dollie Rebecca Tignor, the eleventh child and youngest daughter of John Wesley Tignor and Martha Myrtle Strickland of Aaron's Fork, Kanawha County. Roger and Dollie were joined on May 14, 1972. Their love brought forth Rebecca Dawn (September 23, 1974), Christina Robbin (January 3, 1978), and Clayton Rodger (November 12, 1982).

Patty's marriage to David Lester Barker, the third child and second son of Earl Barker and June Slater of Williamson on April 26, 1968. Their bond gave us Eulas Gail (December 9, 1969).

Submitted by Calvert R. Fletcher and Kermit Fletcher

WILLIAM "CAP" FLINN

William "Cap" Flinn was born in August 1845 in Jackson County, West Virginia, the son of William and Mary Polly (Staats) Flinn. He married Nancy Elizabeth Hoselton on December 27, 1868 in Jackson County. She was also born in Jackson County in June of 1850, the daughter of Peter and Perlina (Coleman) Hoselton. Cap and Nancy Elizabeth lived on a farm on Meat House Fork in Grant District in Jackson County. Cap Flinn died in 1924 and Nancy Elizabeth Flinn died in 1925. They are buried in the Flinn Cemetery located on Little Sandy in Grant District. Their children are: I. Elmer H. Flinn, II. William Marshall Flinn, III. Artie B. Flinn, IV. Edward Flinn and V. Bird Flinn.



William "Cap" and Elizabeth Flinn, early 1900's

I. Elmer H. Flinn (1869-1948) married Celia E. McBride (1870-1945) on December 25, 1894 in Jackson County. They lived in Ravenswood where he was a prominent educator. He is noted as one of the outstanding principals of Ravenswood High School where he served for twenty-nine years. He spent a total of forty years as teacher and principal and is known as the "Father of Ravenswood Schools". Ravenswood's "Flinn Field" was named in his honor. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children are Virgil Flinn, Ershel Flinn and Marie Flinn.

II. William Marshall Flinn (1872-1913) married Lydia Sayre (1875-1952) on June 21, 1896 in Jackson County. Lydia was a school teacher in Jackson County. She later remarried Charles R. Buffington. William and Lydia are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children are: A. William Roscoe Flinn, B. Margaret Thelma Flinn, C. Edwin Paul Flinn and D. Walter Glenn Flinn.



William Marshall and Lydia Flinn, children: Margaret, Paul, Glenn, 1909

A. William Roscoe Flinn (August 5, 1897-October 25, 1988) married Edna Marie Lehigh (April 8, 1902-February 25, 1962) on June 6, 1919. Roscoe bought Cap Flinn's farm on Meat House Fork in Grant District where he raised his family. He raised livestock, operated a grist mill, saw mill, thrashing machine and blacksmith shop. He served as Jackson County Road Supervisor, County Commissioner and was on the Board of Education for many years. Roscoe and Edna are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children are: 1. Harold Roscoe Flinn and 2. Margaret Mildred Flinn.

1. Harold Flinn (March 18, 1920 -) married Agnes Thompson Smith (November 9, 1922 -) on September 4, 1942 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Harold graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1940. He moved to Pittsburgh where he worked as a mechanic for United States Steel for 34 years. He served as an infantryman in the United States Army during World War II from October 1941-September 1945. Agnes worked as a secretary for the Social Security Office in Pittsburgh. They had one child: a. Beverly Jean Flinn.

a. Beverly Jean Flinn (July 6, 1948 -) married Jerry Miller (September 11, 1946 -) on April 11, 1969 at Homestead United Methodist Church in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Beverly was certified as an X-ray Technician at McKeesport Hospital in Pittsburgh. Jerry graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in math/psychology. He is employed by Westinghouse and is residing with his family in Columbia, South Carolina. Their children are: Scott Allen Flinn Miller (March 21, 1972 -) and Shawn Robert William Miller (March 22, 1976 -).

2. Margaret Mildred Flinn (April 2, 1921 -) married David Lee James (June 12, 1913-August 31, 1977) on March 1, 1942 at Ravenswood. Margaret graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1939 and Riggs Lemar Beauty School in 1941. She was guard at West Virginia Ordnance Works in Point Pleasant during World War II. She later owned and operated Margaret's Beauty Salon in Ravenswood. She then was employed at Berns Beauty Salon and Vivians Beauty Salon where she retired in 1988. During World War II David served in the United States Navy as a machinist and heavy equipment operator with the Sea Bees. Following the war he worked for many years with Boso and Ritchie Construction in Ravenswood and eventually became a supervisor for the Department of Highways, where he retired. David is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children are: a. David Leon James and b. Marilyn June James.

a. David Leon James (November 20, 1942-December 21, 1970) married Gene Ann Cottrell in December 1962 in Mason County. David graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1960 and was a member of the Ravenswood High School State Championship Football Team of 1959. He worked at Kaiser Aluminum. David is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. They had one child: (1) Dwight William James.

(1) Dwight William James (October 29, 1963 -) married Trina Sue Gardner (December 1, 1969 -) on February 6, 1989. Dwight graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1981 and is employed as an assistant manager at Nationwide Auto Parts at Gallipolis, Ohio. Trina graduated from Kyger Creek High School in 1988. They live on the old "Cap" Flinn farm on Meat House Fork.

b. Marilyn June James (November 20, 1951 -) married Robert James Strobbe (November 29, 1948 -) on June 12, 1971 at Ravenswood. Marilyn graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1969 and is an active homemaker. Robert graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1967, the United States Naval Academy on June 9, 1971 and received a Masters Degree from George Washington University in 1979. After seven years active service he returned to West Virginia where he joined the West Virginia State Police. He is currently a sergeant in that organization and a Commander in the Naval Reserve where he has been commanding officer of several reserve units in the Parkersburg/South Charleston areas. Their children are: Katherine Marie Strobbe (June 10, 1975 -) and Michael David Strobbe (May 12, 1978 -).

B. Margaret Thelma Flinn (September, 1902) married Creed Shutts. She graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1920. Their children are Glen Shutts, Creed Leon Shutts and Mona Margaret Shutts.

C. Edwin Paul Flinn (October 18, 1904-September 15, 1973) married Clarestine King. Their children are William Flinn, Phyllis Flinn and Edwin Flinn.

D. Walter Glenn Flinn (August 7, 1907-October 8, 1986) married Audel Wetzell. Their children are Walter Glenn Flinn Jr., James F. Flinn and Linda Sue Flinn.

III. Artie Bell Flinn (1876-1953) married William Gibbs (1871-1940) on May 24, 1893 in Jackson County. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

IV. Edward "Brood" Flinn (1884 -) never married. He was killed by Lennie Sands in a fight at a political meeting at the Mountain Flower Schoolhouse shortly after 1900.

V. Birdie Flinn (1887-1973) married Ernest Dunham (1884-1971) in 1906. They lived in Parkersburg and are buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Wood County. Their children are Gladys, Josephine, Jean, Pearl, Flinn, and William. Submitted by Margaret James and Marilyn J. Strohbe

FLOWERS-HUNT

Our Flowers history begins with Thomas Jefferson Flowers that married Mary Hall, daughter of Joseph Hall of English descent who came to Warths Bottom about 1802.

Thomas Jefferson and Mary Hall Flowers lived on Cow Run. Their son Thomas Jefferson, married January 22, 1845, Emily Jane Sayre, daughter of Ezekiel and Hannah Gilman Sayre.

Our roots are from their son Thomas Jefferson Flowers, born 1847; married August 2, 1868, Cynthia Alice Anderson, born October 5, 1843, died June 5, 1934, daughter of William and Charity Shinn Anderson.

Thomas Jefferson and Cynthia are buried in the Flowers home cemetery between Angerona and Cow Run. Children of Thomas Jefferson and Cynthia: Thomas Richard (1878-1946), Viola, and one infant are buried in the home cemetery. Other known children of this union are: Prudy, married William Scarberry; Rosella, married Ulysses Cariens; William Asbury married Lena Griffith; Georgiana married Charles Sayre; Emily married Willard Burtram; Bertha married Charlie Howell; Myrtle married John Zamdt; Nancy married William Kay; Dora married Early D. Casto; and our HANNAH VICTORIA born December 28, 1869, died May 26, 1948, married November 15, 1889 BENJAMIN WESLEY HUNT, born October 10, 1869; died June 16, 1941; son of Job Lewellyn and Sarah Barnett Hunt. Job Lewellyn was a son of Abijah and Mary Jane Hughes Hunt. All of these Hunts are buried in Antioch cemetery and have markers.



Hannah (Flowers) Hunt and granddaughters, (baby) Gladys Hunt and Thelma Miller

Benjamin and Hannah have two boys buried at Danstown, two boys and one girl buried in Flowers home cemetery, and two boys buried at Antioch. Other children of Benjamin and Hannah are: GERTRUDE (1889-1987), married Virgil Miller (1889-1973), both are buried in Sunset Memory

Gardens, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Children of Gertrude and Virgil: Clara, Pearl, Herbert, Thelma, Lawrence, and Zelma.

JOHN W. HUNT (October 20, 1895-November 26, 1970), married Grace Sines (1901-1956) daughter of James and Anna Stover Stines. John and Grace had two sons, Delbert Martin (1924-26), and Rutherford who died in Hawaii. John and Grace, her parents, and Delbert Martin are buried in Bethel Cemetery, Mason County.

WALDO HUNT (January 7, 1901-June 17, 1970) married August 23, 1920 Beatrice Velma Sayre, (March 14, 1902-December 28, 1987). Daughter of Elijah Sayre Jr. and Alpina Margaret Anderson Sayre. Waldo, Beatrice, and one son Everett Raymond (1925-27), and parents of Beatrice are buried in Longview Cemetery. Other children of Waldo and Beatrice: Robert Eugene (March 9, 1924-July 30, 1986; buried in Jackson Memory Gardens); Gladys Opal, Garnet Corene, Kathryn Lorene, Beatrice Elinora, and Waldo Jr.

LAWRENCE OTHO HUNT born April 15, 1907, married October 20, 1928, Clara Baier, daughter of Floyd and Polly Moore-Baier. Children of Lawrence and Clara: Lawrence Alvin, Clinton Commodore, and Glenva Evelyn.

ROY CLIFFORD HUNT (July 3, 1909-May 13, 1981), married February 28, 1940, Phyllis Thornton, daughter of Grover Cleveland and Mary Bell Bennett Thornton. Roy is buried in Antioch Cemetery. Children of Roy and Phyllis: Lloyd Arnold, Richard Lee, Hershel Ray, Martin Lewis, Roger Wayne, and Brenda Sue. Submitted by Gladys Hunt Fox

J. C. FLOYD

Jackson County! What nostalgic memories that evokes!

My parents, Ira Floyd and Bernice Floyd, took me as a child and teenager, nearly every summer to visit Grandmother Floyd and Aunt Georgia Floyd Coast at the old Floyd homestead near Sandyville. How I delighted in playing with cousins Willa Coast (McGinley), Ruth Coe (Fisher), and Bobbie Coe (Fisher)!

One of my fondest childhood memories is listening to my Grandmother Annie Regnaud, who lived with us, tell stories of her girlhood on famed Blennerhassett Island. Their farmhouse stood on the site of the historical mansion where Harmon Blennerhassett and Aaron Burr conspired to form a southeastern empire.

Federal troops arrived only to find that the conspirators had fled. Disappointed and drunk, they burned the mansion, destroying valuable imported furniture and masterpieces of art. Grandmother told how tourists came to the island and chipped pieces of stone from the sidewalks which still surrounded the house — like modern souvenir hunters.

While reading the novel, *Blennerhassett*, for a book report in Alliance (Ohio) High School, I felt a personal involvement in the unfolding plot.

Grandmother related how soldiers from a Union Army encampment near Parkersburg came to the island and stole her mother's fowl, cows, pigs, and produce. Being a Confederate sympathizer, Great-grandmother Piercy protested vehemently at the repeated thefts which took food from the family table. It seems she had a fiery temper which she unleashed at them. Finally, the commanding officer visited her and warned her, "Ma'am, you have two beautiful daughters here. I warn you to stop your abusive talk to the soldiers." After that, she fumed silently, but was no less angry!

Grandmother Regnaud also told of ferrying the farm animals across to higher ground when floods threatened. House and barns were roped to nearby trees to possibly prevent their being torn loose to float down the river. She described how her father raised broom corn and made brooms to augment

his income. Interesting that this craft is currently popular as we nostalgically look to our past.

Another facet of the area illustrates to me the colorful character of West Virginia. Since that area was along the Mason-Dixon Line, my father's family were Union sympathizers, northern Methodists, and Republicans. Only two farms apart, mother's family were Confederate sympathizers, southern Methodists, and Democrats. Grandfather Arthur Regnaud was a Confederate soldier, and was wounded at Gettysburg.

In June, 1988, while driving through Jackson County from our home in Greensboro, North Carolina, to Pittsburgh, my husband and I visited my cousin, Willa Coast McGinley. She and her daughter graciously drove us around to the places I remembered so well — Sandyville; Independence Church and Cemetery, burial place of the Regnauds; and Ravenswood, where the Floyd and Cole families are buried. After spending a delightful and all too short evening with my cousins, Bobby and Vernon Fisher, we continued on our way with a wonderful feeling of warmth and love, having touched again my family roots.

Thank you, Jackson County, for a rich heritage. Submitted by Faith Floyd Markey

PHILIP C. FOURNEY

Philip C. Fournery born May 19, 1929 and Betty Jean Jolliffe born February 5, 1930 were married in Ravenswood, Jackson County, West Virginia in October 1957. Phil is one of 13 children born to William Lawrence Fournery (born November 25, 1891-died May 9, 1980) who was of Canadian-French descent and born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and Edna Marie Lynch (born June 14, 1895-died December 25, 1971). She was born in Corry, Pennsylvania.

Betty Jean is one of two children of Glenn Amos Jolliffe (born December 19, 1908-died March 28, 1988) and Martha Rocovich (born April 13, 1911) of the Wetzell County Jolliffes.

The children of Phil and Betty Jean's union were: Edward Louis (June 21, 1958), Conrad (July 14, 1959), Andrew Michael (April 9, 1961), James Todd (September 15, 1962), Paul Amos (August 19, 1965) and Martha Jean (August 23, 1967).

After graduation from West Virginia Tech, Phil came to Jackson County from Fayette County where he had worked for the Montgomery Herald and Fayette Tribune. He managed The Ravenswood News and Star Printing and Publishing Company for Charles Hodel, publisher of the Beckley Newspapers. Later, when Mark Ethridge Jr. purchased the properties, he was business manager for the company. In 1961 he became editor and general manager and in 1972 purchased the company.

In 1958 The News became the first newspaper in West Virginia (and one of the first 100 in the nation) to be set by cold type and printed by offset. In 1975 Fournery began publishing The News twice weekly, the first in Jackson County to bring a paper out more often than weekly.

After the sale of his company in 1987 and retirement in 1989, he and three other retirees were named life members of the West Virginia Press Association, the first in the history of that group so honored. In 1968 he had been selected to the West Virginia Printing Hall of Fame, and in 1988 was named West Virginia Tech's Printing Alumnus of the Year. He was honored by West Virginia Tech's printing school and West Virginia University's Journalism school upon his retirement.

Betty Jean graduated from West Virginia University-worked for the West Virginia Library Commission Bookmobile in Doddridge, Ritchie, Roane, Calhoun and Jackson Counties. She was then 4-H Agent in Jackson County from March 1956 to September 1957. Submitted by Betty Jean Fournery

FOX

Our FOX history in America begins with the coming of ADAM FOX born 1834 in Germany. Provisions were made for two small sons John and Pete to join him here.

ADAM FOX first located at Pomeroy, Ohio. He later married a German born girl, Kate Wink, and they migrated to ANGERONA, Jackson County, West Virginia.

ANGERONA was laid out by Nathan Ong in 1847, situated west of Evans on the south side of Big Mill Creek in the best section of the valley.

The grave plot of Nathan Ong has been preserved on the south hill above the town.

ANGERONA had two stores, a millinery shop, a tannery, a blacksmith shop, a post office, a saw and grist mill, propelled by both water and steam, and a covered bridge over Mill Creek. Angerona was an important center in early days.

Later there were two churches and two school houses. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad passed through the town making it a real trading post and a once thriving town.

ADAM and KATE FOX had one girl and six boys, Frances, Doc Joe, Jake, George, Bill, Earl and C.E. (Ed).

Frances and her mother, KATE, both died at ANGERONA and were taken to Hinton, West Virginia, for burial in a Catholic Cemetery.

ADAM FOX died at the home of his son Dr. J.A. Fox, Hinton, West Virginia, March 29, 1920. He is buried at Hinton as well as some of the other members of the ADAM FOX family.

Our family roots are from JOHN FOX, son of ADAM FOX, born in Germany 1867, died 1948, Jackson County.

John married Ella Bell Hughes born 1868 died 1946, Jackson County. Both are buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason County, West Virginia.



John and Ella Fox

Ella Bell Hughes was a daughter of William Hughes and Margaret Herdman Hughes, both buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason County.

Her father William Hughes was the son of Job Hughes and Anna King Hughes, both buried in Antioch Cemetery, Jackson County.

John and Ella had eight children. One son, Otho, died young, buried in Creston Cemetery.

EDGAR FOX (1888-1940) married Clara



Edgar and Clara Fox

Sayre (1887-1945) both buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Jackson County. Clara was a daughter of Oscar and Eliza Jane King Sayre. Edgar and Clara had four children, Glenmer, C.O. (Buss), Mabel and Joseph.

Glenmer (1911-1969) married Mila Baier, a daughter of Levi and Elizabeth Stewart Baier. Glenmer and Mila had one son, Ernest, one daughter, Barbra June, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

C.O. (Buss) (1913-1980) married Gladys Hunt, a daughter of Waldo and Beatrice Sayre Hunt. Buss and Gladys had two sons, Herman and Ivan, one granddaughter, Terri Fox Adams, presently residing at ANGERONA at the once upon a time residence of her great-great-grandfather, ADAM FOX.

Mabel (1915-1984) married Luster Sayre, a son of Fred and Nellie Pauline Sayre-Sayre. Mabel and Luss had seven children, one infant deceased, four sons, Delbert, Everette, James and Darrell (who was killed in an accident in 1970), two daughters, Sandra and Shelia, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Joseph (1917 -) married Ethel Ankrum (1920-1963) a daughter of Clyde and Myrtle Stewart Ankrum. Joe and Ethel had one daughter, Carolyn (who died at age three), three sons, Jerald (Sonny), Alvin and David, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

THEODORE FOX (1890-1961) married first Flora Cossin, Flora and one infant buried in Creston Cemetery, one daughter Laura (1913 -) married Russell Donohew, a son of Charles and Lou Verna Sayre Donohew. Laura and Russell had ten children.

THEODORE married second Mary Sayre (1893-1966), both buried in Akron, Ohio. Mary was a daughter of Abijah and Ellen Hartley Sayre. Theodore and Mary had one son Carl, one daughter Phylis.

LOLA MARGARET (Maggie) FOX (1892-1968) married Virgil Sayre, both buried in Longview Cemetery, Jackson County. Virgil was a son of Jasper and Martha Barnett Sayre. Maggie and Virgil had seven children, three of them died young.

Arnold (Ted) married Lena Sayre, a daughter of George Thomas and Corda Miller Sayre. Ted and Lena had two daughters Reta and Kitty, one son Dwight and five grandchildren.

Cletis Wayne (Pete) (1919-1983) married Hazel Livingston, a daughter of Labon and Eva Devault Livingston. Pete and Hazel had two daughters Delores and Eva, one son Wayne and five grandchildren.

Virgil Ledford (Babe) married Naomi Shinn, a daughter of Hosea J. and Nancy Sayre Shinn. Babe and Naomi had one daughter Charlotte, one son Van, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Lola Ardella married Ralph Click, a son of Philip and Marie Durst Click. Ardella and Ralph had three daughters, Wavie Katherine, Brenda Ardella, Mila June, one son Ralph William II and seven grandchildren.

DENCIL FOX (1895-1968) married Velva Sayre (1896-1977) both buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Jackson County. Velva was a daughter of Adam Wesley and Leodice Brooks Sayre. Dencil and Velva had three sons, Blake (1917-1988), Ray Adam (1919-1983) and Darrell (1926-1976).

Blake married Claudette Parsons, a daughter of Marion and Ruby Thomas Parsons. Blake and Claudette had two sons Jeffrey and Wesley, one daughter Malissa and three grandchildren.

Ray Adam married Lillie Pearl Appleton (1920-1962). Ray and Pearl had one son Kenneth Ray and two grandchildren.

Darrell married Doris Wayne, a daughter of French and Ethel Wayne. Darrell and Doris had one son Michael.

CHARLES EVERETTE FOX (1900-1965) married Mary Roseberry. Everette buried in

Creston Cemetery, Mason County. Mary was a daughter of Homer Lee and Dora Hughes Roseberry. Everette and Mary had three sons, Danna, Freeland (Bud) and Colter, three grandchildren.

JESSE WILLIAM FOX (1904-1970) married Wavie Sines (1908-1972) both buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason County. Wavie was a daughter of Henry and Doshie Stover Sines. Jesse and Wavie had two infants, deceased.

JOHN RAYMOND FOX (1912-1977) never married, buried in Longview Cemetery, Jackson County, West Virginia. Submitted by Terri Fox Adams and Tonja Jean Fox

JOHN FOX

JOHN FOX, son of Adam and Kathryn Wilhelm Fox, was born June 6, 1867 in Germany. His brother "Pete" in 1865. Soon after Kathryn died, Adam left the boys with relatives and came to the United States and settled in Pomeroy, Ohio. Worked at Mason City Salt works, saving his money to send for them. The boys were six and four when they were given name tags and put on a boat to come live with their father. Grandpa Fox told the story many times how a kind lady on the boat looked after them during the long trip, and took care of Pete who was seasick. Their father had arranged for them to be met at the boat and brought to Pomeroy.

Adam Fox married Katy Wink and settled in Angerona, Jackson County, where they raised their family. Their children were: Joe, Edgar, Earl, William and Frances. John and Pete made seven.

Our grandfather John Fox left Angerona when very young and went to stay with Davy Sayre, who owned a large acreage of land on Cow Run. Here he learned to do all kinds of farm work and do carpentry. From his small wages he saved enough money to buy his first few acres of land from Davy Sayre on upper Cow Run. He could not attend school regularly while working for Davy, but he finished the eighth grade at Beech Grove after he was married.



John and Ella Fox

On October 3, 1888, John Fox married Ella Belle Hughes, daughter of William and Margaret Herdman Hughes. William was the son of Job and Annie King Hughes. Margaret was the daughter of Peter and Nancy Flowers Herdman. Ella's great-great-grandfather Joseph Hughes was a brother to Jesse Hughes. Her great grandfather Job Hughes donated the land for "Cherry Grove" Church and Cemetery on Cow Run. The children of John and Ella Fox: 1. EDGAR (1888) married Clara Sayre; 2. THEADORE (1890), married Mary Sayre; 3. MARGARET (1892), married Virgil Sayre; 4. DENCIL (1895), married Velva Sayre; 5. EVERETT (1900), married Mary Roseberry; 6. OTHO (1903), died in infancy; 7. JESSE (1904), married Wavie Sines; 8. JOHN (1912) unmarried; 9. LAURA FOX lived with them from age 8.

Grandpa John Fox was very industrious and soon acquired more land; building a new house and added a second story to it later on as the family



Home that John Fox built

grew larger. He kept a general store and Post Office for several years. John sold fire insurance and paint, part time, going into surrounding communities on horse back. The boys did the farm work while he was away.

John and Ella Fox were both members of Long Bottom Church and he was one of the main carpenters when "Long View" was built. Their home was on the ridge between both churches and was handy place for the preachers to stay. Grandma kept a spare bed ready and Grandpa a place in the barn for the horse. Both John and Ella had a strong faith in God that sustained them when they lost their home during the depression. They moved to the farm on Cow Run, where with undaunted spirit he farmed with son John several more years. He was never happier than when tackling some big job such as building fence, cutting sprouts or changing a creek to flow around the foot of the hill, instead of down through the bottom. He was always looking ahead, always giving thanks whether a big dinner or his favorite supper of corn bread and milk.

Ella Fox died suddenly of a stroke, February 25, 1946 at age 77. John Fox died November 8, 1948. They are buried at Creston, Mason County. Submitted by Ardella Click and Brenda (Click) Mounts

SAMUEL FRANKLIN

Samuel Franklin (1851-1939), son of John and Hannah (Horton) Franklin, married Eva Dailey (1862-1940), daughter of J.H. and Ann (Brooks) Dailey. They lived in Noble County, Ohio before moving to Jackson County in the early 1880s. They bought a farm at Beatysville (north of Medina), in Grant District. Samuel had a brother, George, who also moved to Jackson County. George (1856-1942) married Lydia Jenny Archer (1861-1941), daughter of Michael and Sarah (Young) Archer. They lived on Nesselroad Run between Medina and Lockhart. George and Lydia are buried in the IOOF Cemetery, in Wood County, West Virginia. Samuel and Eva are buried in the Simpson Cemetery, in Grant District. The children of Samuel and Eva:

1. John B. (1884-1973) married Ethel Alexander (1887-1970), daughter of George and Martha (Archer) Alexander. They lived at Waverly, West Virginia. Their children: Clyde Franklin



Pearl Franklin, Minnie (Franklin) Alexander, Samuel Franklin, Rae (Franklin) Stallings, Eva (Dailey) Franklin, John Franklin, Lena Franklin (in front)

(1913-1919). Lloyd Logan Franklin (1917-1989), Inez Wingrove, Evelyn Childers, Virgil Franklin.

2. Pearl Walter Franklin (1886-1971) married Emma Matilda Thompson (1893-1970), daughter of Lindsey and Cemilda (Sill) Thompson. They lived near Beech Grove, not far from Medina, in Grant District. Their children: Bernice Jeanet Shafer, Paul Edsel Franklin, Ned Edward Franklin, Ralph Eugene Franklin.

3. Rae (1888-1971) married James "Henry" Stallings (1883-1963), son of William and Matilda (Swain) Stallings. They lived at Beatysville, near the foot of the Cavin Fork Hill. Their children: Bert Stallings, Rex Stallings.

4. Minnie (1891-1938) married Carl Alexander (1888-1981), son of William and Cynthia (McKee) Alexander. They lived near Cavin Fork. Their children: Freda Lane, Corrine Alexander, Hobart Alexander, Opal McKee.

5. Lena Franklin (1902-1963) never married. Bernice Jeanet Franklin (1920) married Thomas "Tom" Edwin Shafer (1918-1988), son of Thomas Edward and Goldie Ellen (Brown) Shafer. They lived at Wheeling, West Virginia, several years, where Tom was employed by the C and P Telephone Company. After he retired, they moved back to the farm where Pearl and Emma had lived. They tore down the old farm house and built a new one near the site of the old one. Tom was a member of the Beech Grove United Methodist Church where he was a Sunday school teacher. Bernice is still a member there. They had one son.

Thomas "Tommy" Edwin Shafer Jr. (1951) married Linda Sue Chevront (1955), daughter of Lloyd and Twila Mae (Bookman) Chevront, in 1981. They also live on a section of the family farm. Tommy is employed by the DuPont Company at Washington, West Virginia. Submitted by Bernice (Franklin) Shafer

JOHN W. FREEMAN

The Freeman family of Jackson County had its beginning when John Wesley Freeman migrated from Virginia. The family's original roots stretched back to England. John W. Freeman (March 25, 1824-August 3, 1888) was a timberman and helped build the railroad from Huntington to Parkersburg. At that time the forest lands engulfed all the river bottom lands. John W. Freeman was hired to hew crossties for the railroad from Point Pleasant to Ravenswood. His wife and family lived in shanty towns that moved along as the work on the railroad progressed. Millwood in Jackson County was their last shantytown as their crew and the crew from Parkersburg met and finished the last link of the railroad in the Ravenswood area.

John Wesley Freeman married a half Cherokee Indian named Many Feathers. Their children were Willy, Henry, Mary, Maggie and John Wesley Freeman II. After their mother died the children were farmed out to live with families in the Jackson County area. John Wesley Freeman II was born April 28, 1874 and died July 9, 1972. He married Mary Evalina Jackson who died October 1943 in New Cumberland, West Virginia of cancer. They raised eleven children: Anvil, Romie, Russel, Eddie, Elda, Gerlie, Erma, Rotha, Euba, Gaynell and Concella. He worked as a sawyer and a farmer throughout his life. He helped build the original Joe's Run Church, the Rader Church at Gay and several more local churches. Romie married Alma Carder in March 1922. He worked as a sawyer. He sawed and shaped the paneling for the Kessel Clinic in Ripley. He also was a very talented builder. He often worked away and left his wife and children to take care of his farm. He worked several years at the Crescent Brick factory at New Cumberland doing mining of coal and clay as well as other tasks. Romie didn't care much for his father because of the terrible treatment he and his siblings



John Wesley Freeman and Mary Evalina

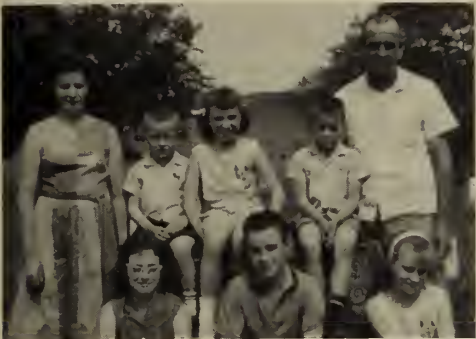
as well as his mother received. He lived for a time at Parrish Hill Road near Frozencamp. He lived also at Ohio River Lock Number 25 near Point Pleasant. His last working years were spent with his wife in Gallia County, Ohio where he worked in the strip mines. The last few years of his life were spent with Alma in a mobile home located on the site of her childhood home on Joe's Run. Romie enjoyed telling stories and generally spending time with friends and family. He died August 24, 1977 and is buried in the Board Cemetery at the mouth of Joe's Run. Prior to his death he requested that his grave be dug only part way up the hill because he didn't think he could walk all the way to the top each night after his haunts. He always said this with a twinkle in his eye and a chuckle in his voice. His wife Alma died in February 1985 and is buried beside him.

Their children are Evelyn, Clarence, Geneva, Lenora, Lorena, Gerald, Linda and Melvin. His daughter Lenora married Eddie Waggoner and settled on Joe's Run. She and her husband assisted Romie and Alma during their last few years. Submitted by Joyce Fisher

FRENCH

James Allen French, son of William M. French and Rhoda Caperton (born December 25, 1840 died June 6, 1926, laid to rest Given Cemetery, Given, West Virginia) born Mercer County, Virginia, now West Virginia. Followed his state of Virginia enlisted on the South side in the Civil War. Moved to Jackson County in his early years. United in marriage March 1, 1864 to Minerva A. Bennett, daughter of J. and S. Bennett. To this union were born ten children: Eva, Ballard, Rhoda, John W., Perry Andrew, Della M., Levi, Dona, Elzena and James F. Minerva died September 11, 1884 age thirty-six. March 5, 1885, he united in marriage to Esther J. Howell French daughter of Edward and France Howell. Esther died February 5, 1928, age 85, buried Given Cemetery, Given, West Virginia. James Allen was cared for in his last days by son Perry and Wife. Perry, born 1873, died 1950, married Ora Rosella Hanning October 22, 1900 daughter of Samuel and France Howell Hanning, born January 10, 1884, died January 14, 1967 both at rest Given Cemetery, Given, West Virginia. Perry was a member of the Given Church, superintendent several years. He made wooden handles for various tools and sold them, also farmer, lived up Frog Hollow in Given. Unto this union were born three children: Foster Oren, Mary Opal, Howard Austin. Foster moved to Ohio died April 1956, Mary now lives in Ohio, and Howard (since 1968) has lived in Ripley. Howard drafted into the United States Navy 1943, SC/Cook, stationed on Treasure Island, California six months, transferred to Albany, California. Discharged November 16, 1945. Married Katherine Rosalee Casto, daughter of Luther and Oma Casto, November 16, 1946. Lived with Perry and Rosella until their second child was thirteen months old, moved into a three room house in Given. Unto this union were born six children: Howard Steven, Darlena Rae, Jeanette Kay, Teressa Jo, Edwin

Royal, Andrew Floyd, all were delivered at home by Dr. C. Royal Kessel of Ripley. Thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Howard was a farmer, carpenter, worked at the FMC Plant in South Charleston. Rosalee, housewife many years, 1967 decided to get a job, went to work for the Jackson County Board of Education as a cook.



Howard French family

As children growing up in a three-room house there are wall-to-wall memories, bath time was in a zinc wash tub, rolling little girls hair with rags, going to Ripley School instead of Given School, laundry using a wringer washer, line dried or freeze dried in the winter months you might say! Meal time, all eight around the table. Moving to a larger house in Given so Mom could have running water!

Frog Hollow was empty of Frenchs for many years, brush grown-up not even a path to be seen, house torn down, the cellar stands with great dignity, barn leaning holding its own, the wood shed has fallen in, the chicken coop shadows the hill now the same as then. This old Hollow is alive again with this generation of children and grandchildren along with one named James Allen French, playing on the hills, grapevine swings and the parents yelling "stay out of the stream".

Dedicated to Mom, Dad, Steven Michael, Carrie Jean, Laura Leigh, Mary Jeanell, James Allen, Abigail Lynn, Melissa Dawn, Edwin Allen, Jeffrey Austin, Jacob Andrew, David Ray, Sarah Danielle, Emily Dawn, Michael Burton, and Tiffany Brook. Submitted by Howard S. French

JOHN FRENCH

The French family ancestors were originally natives of Scotland, but they later moved to Wales. Just prior to the American Revolution, one branch of the family settled in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on the Potomac River. This was all within the grant of Lord Fairfax. About 1735, John French married a Welsh lady named Martha. In 1750, John took his wife and four children to present-day Hampshire County, West Virginia where they settled Frenches Neck. John died soon afterwards. His widow married Captain Michael Cresap. John and Martha's eldest son, Matthew, later sold his interest in his father's estate to Captain Cresap and moved to Culpeper County, Virginia. In 1758, he married an Irish girl named Sarah Payne. They had seven children. The family moved to Narrows in Giles County, Virginia. Matthew served in Colonel William Preston's battalion of Montgomery Co. Militia during the Revolution.

One of Matthew's sons, David, married Mary Dingess in 1797. They had nine children. They lived in Airy Mount, Giles County. One of their children, William, became a Confederate Colonel. After the formation of Mercer County in 1837, Colonel French was one of the most prominent citizens in the county. He served as a delegate to the Virginia Assembly and was also a candidate to the Convention of Secession. Also, Colonel French donated the land for what would eventually become Concord College. Colonel French's

brother, James Harvey French, was the first principal of Concord Normal School. He eventually became known as "the Father of Concord College". He had also been a Captain in the Confederate Army.

The oldest of Matthew's sons, John, served with his father in the same company during the Revolution. John married Obedience Clay in 1787. They had fifteen children. Their oldest son, William Madison, married Rhoda Caperton in 1839. They lived in Mercer County and had seven children. Shortly after the Civil War, all of their children came to Jackson County, Rockcastle area. There is no record of William's death, but his wife is buried in the French #1 cemetery at Rockcastle. Two of their sons, William Owen and James Allen, bought property on Thirteen Mile Creek, Ripley District, Jackson County on November 13, 1871. William Owen is buried on his farm, now known as the Clinton Brotherton farm, in the French #2 cemetery.

Another of William Madison French's sons, Andrew Jackson, married Nancy M. Miller in 1867. They had four children. Nancy died in 1881. Andrew later married Ruth Jane Hill and together they had six children. Andrew, a veteran of the Confederacy, died on Independence Day, 1934. One of his sons, John Madison, married Stella Blanche Unrue in 1910. They bought property on Clendenin Creek, Putnam County, c. 1914. They built a house and established a general store there in 1921. They had six children. In 1954, they bought property and built a new store on Bowles Ridge. John died in 1957. His widow operated the store until 1976, when ill health forced her to close the business. Blanche died in 1986.

One of their children, Jesse Woodrow, married Maurine Clendenin in 1938. They had six children. Their son Larry P. married Sharon Smith in 1965. Larry, Sharon, and their two daughters, Denise and Dena, have been actively researching the French family tree for a number of years. This family history is a compilation of their findings. Submitted by Larry P. French

WILLIAM MADISON FRENCH

The earliest record of the FRENCH family in Jackson County was the year of 1871 with the purchase of land together by William Madison French and his son James Allen French on Thirteen Mile in the Ripley District.

William had married Rhoda Jane CAPERTON January 2, 1839 in either Giles County, Virginia or Mercer County, West Virginia. They both were born in Giles County, Virginia, William in 1813 and Rhoda January 17, 1817.

William's parents were John and Obedience CLAY French and Rhoda's were John Stodghill Caperton and Margaret SHUMATE. His ancestors originated in Scotland, settled in Westmorland County, Virginia. John French (William's Great Grandfather) born about 1715 married in Westmorland County in 1735 to Martha Upshire of Welsh extraction, his Grandfather Matthew, born 1737 married Sarah PAYNE (who was Irish) in Culpeper County, Virginia in 1758 and his father John married in Montgomery County, Virginia January 16, 1787, but raised his family in Giles County, Virginia.

William and Rhoda had seven children born in Mercer County and the oldest, a daughter died while there at a young age. Three of their children had already grown and married before coming to Jackson County and the others married and raised their families here except for one, daughter Sarah Elizabeth who lived at Liberty, Putnam County, West Virginia.

William's children were: James Allen born December 1840 married Minerva A. BENNETT about 1864 and after her death married Ester Jane HOWELL, in 1885, Sarah Elizabeth born March 17, 1843 had married William W. WOODALL,

January 16, 1861 in Giles County, Virginia, Andrew Jackson born October 20, 1846 married Nancy M. MILLER April 21, 1867 in Mercer County and after her death to Ruth Jane HILL about 1882. William Overton French married Mary M. WARE November 8, 1875 Jackson County and second to Estella BLANKINSHIP, Julia A. born December 22, 1851 married William Lester BOSWELL February 10, 1872 in Jackson County and George William born July 28, 1859 married December 21, 1882 to Minerva Brown French in Jackson County (daughter of James Henderson and Nancy MARTIN).

Rhoda CAPERTON French the mother, died in Jackson County, December 13, 1882 and is buried on Thirteen Mile, Rockcastle Road, Given, West Virginia and some twenty years later William joined her there, although he had married again after her death.

William married Matilda PERKINS in Jackson County October 1883 at the age of seventy, but they separated and must have divorced about the year of 1885 Jackson County Deed Book 28-52 mentions this. A death date for William has not been found, he last shows in the Putnam County Census living with his daughter Sarah and husband William Washington Woodall. Submitted by Marieta Derrick Edens

BEAT FREY

Beatus Frey (1858-1936), son of Xavier and Katherine Binder Frey, was born in Oberehrendingen, Canton, Aargau, Switzerland. He married Mary Catherine Frey (1864-1951) on January 21, 1883. She was from Baden, Switzerland, and no relation. They left immediately for the United States on their honeymoon. And what a trip it was — rough seas, and more than a week spent in third class bunks! They no doubt wondered if the journey was an indication of what lay ahead.

They landed in New York City, carrying their belongings in a parcel, and took the first available train to Ripley, West Virginia, where Beat (pronounced Bee-ATT) became known as a skilled worker in wood and stone and was engaged in that work for several years in the town of Ripley. Mary Catherine often said that first year her meals tasted salty from shedding tears, lonely, and in a strange land. Folks in Ripley were very kind and they attracted the attention of the most substantial citizens by their frugality and honesty. It wasn't long before the Freys felt at home in Jackson County.



back row: Katherine, Pauline, Anna, Lolita, Frances; front row: Beat, Dewey, Mary Catherine

Five daughters and two sons were born. In 1900, the family moved from a small house in Ripley to "Swiss Cottage Farm", designed and built by Beat. Some of his grandchildren have visited his birthplace in Switzerland, still owned by grand-nephews, and say "it is interesting that he chose a site for his farm house that is very similar to the location of the farm house in which he was born". Mary Jean's mother, Katherine, often said that "on moving day, I walked barefoot to the farm carrying

a box of chickens".

The farm, overlooking a scenic wooded valley, was the center of family life. In the next many years, Beat planted a large garden and grew an apple orchard. Pigs, cattle, horses, and chickens were scattered around the farm. Having little money didn't dampen family spirits. Each of the girls had a corncomb doll (a corncomb with a handkerchief wrapped around it for a dress). Hand-me-down clothes were the order of the day.

Lolita (1884-1908) married Fred Hogsett of Ripley, and died in childbirth when their daughter, Marie, was born.

Pauline (1886-1961) married Claude Davis of Fairmont. They had one daughter, Martha Lee. When Claude died (1919) Pauline taught in Fairmont grade and high schools.

Anna Virginia (1891-1970), a nurse, married Earl Dancer of Fairmont who operated a hardware store. They had one daughter, Mary Ann (1926-1987).

Mary Katherine (1893-1962) taught in Ripley and Fairmont schools. She married Clyde Lynn of Fairmont, and they had two children: Mary Jean (born 1929) and Clyde Lewis (1935-1979).

Frances (1895-1978) taught school in Fairmont until her marriage to Dale Miller. They had two children: Carl Stanley and Frances Louise.

Dewey (1898-1976) married Golda Balser of Ripley. They had one son, Dewey, Jr., and farmed for awhile in West Virginia, then moved to Ohio.

Adelbert was born July 1, 1900, and died when 18 days old.

Shortly after Beat's death, Mary Catherine left the farm and lived with her daughters in Fairmont until her death. Beat, Mary Catherine, Lolita, Pauline and the sons are buried in Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley.

The Freys were devout members of St. Johns Episcopal Church in Ripley. The altar rail at this Church was handcrafted by Beat Frey and was moved from the old Church to the new one that is built in West Ripley. It stands as testimony to his skilled workmanship and his love for his adopted land. *Submitted by Mary Jean Lynn Mollard and Carl S. Miller*

GARNES

According to family oral history, the Garneses of Jackson County are descendants of Joseph Garnes, a native of Wales, and Lady Sarah Tapley, the daughter of a wealthy Irish nobleman. Joseph came to Ireland and worked as a groomsman for Sarah's father. Despite wide social class differences, Lady Sarah and young Joseph fell in love, and much to the disappointment of Sarah's parents, the young couple eloped, married, and came to America in pre- or early Revolutionary war times. It is believed that Joseph fought for the colonies in the Revolutionary War.

It is not known how many children were born to the couple, but records have been found for two. One son was probably Benjamin Tapley Garnes who married Elizabeth Scanland, a daughter of Keene Scanland, in Botetourt County, Virginia, on January 27, 1813. No further information on this couple has been located.

Another son was Joseph Garnes II, born about 1785. A record of his early years has not been found. On January 4, 1810, in Montgomery County, Virginia, Joseph II married Peggy (Margaret) Minnick, a daughter of Jacob Minnick. In December of 1810 Joseph and Peggy purchased 80 acres of land on Spruce Run, a tributary of New River, in Giles County, Virginia. It is assumed that Joseph and his wife established their home on this tract of land where several of their children were born. Throughout his life Joseph followed the occupation of farming.

By 1820 the young Garnes family had moved to Grasslick in Mason County, Virginia (now part of Jackson County, West Virginia). In 1823 Joseph received from the Governor of the Commonwealth

of Virginia two land grants of one hundred acres each in what is now Jackson County. One grant was located on Grasslick and the other on Stonelick.

Joseph died in Jackson County in 1851. It is not known when his wife Peggy died, but she was still living in 1836 when she and Joseph returned to Giles County, Virginia, and sold their property purchased in 1810.

Whether Joseph remarried at some point in his life is not known. Some references refer to a Susan as his wife. Susan may have been a second wife or Susan and Peggy may have been the same person with Peggy's full name being Peggy (Margaret) Susan.

Since all of the known children of Joseph Garnes were born by 1830, and since Joseph's wife Peggy was definitely living in 1836, it seems safe to assume that Peggy was the mother of all of Joseph's children and that the maternal ancestor of the Garneses of Jackson County was Peggy Minnick Garnes.

Known children of Joseph and Peggy Garnes were: (1) Mary married John Lanham, (2) Tapley married first Anna Parsons and second Annis King, (3) Susan married Joshua Parsons, (4) Adam married Mary (Polly) Boggess, (5) Eleanor married Thomas Wolf, (6) George married first Nancy Crane and second Caroline Pearson, (7) Jackson married first Elizabeth Burdette and second Harriet Shamblin, (8) Joseph married Anne Elizabeth Parsons, and (9) James with no record of marriage.

The last three children, Jackson, Joseph, and James were triplets, born May 30, 1830. Fighting for the Union, both Jackson and Joseph were in the third Regiment of the Virginia Cavalry during the Civil War. While a prisoner of War, Joseph died in the Second Division Rebel Hospital, Danville, Virginia, on November 5, 1864. Jackson survived the war and died in Jackson County on February 4, 1910. Oral tradition says that James was also in the Civil War, but no record of this has been found. The last official record referring to James was dated 1851.

A lasting reminder of the early Garneses of



Roy and Ora Jividen

Jackson County is Garnes Knob, the highest point in the county, and named for some of the early Garneses who once lived in the vicinity of the Knob. Garnes Knob is located in eastern Jackson County near the Putnam County line, and can be seen from Route 34. *Submitted by Chester E. Bartram*

TAPLEY GARNES

Tapley Garnes was born in 1812 on Spruce Run, a tributary of New River, in Giles County, Virginia, and was the second child and first son of Joseph and Peggy (Margaret) Minnick Garnes. His paternal grandparents were Joseph and Lady Sarah Tapley Garnes, who are said to have arrived in America from Ireland shortly before the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Tapley Garnes is one of about eight descendants named Tapley in honor of Lady Sarah Tapley, the daughter of an Irish nobleman.

About 1819, when Tapley was seven or eight years of age, the young Joseph Garnes family

moved to the Grasslick area of Mason County, Virginia (now part of Jackson County, West Virginia). Tapley grew up on the farm which his father had received as a land grant from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1823.

On January 18, 1836 Tapley married Anna Parsons, who was reared on Stonelick in Mason County (now part of Jackson County). Her parents were John and Mary Greathouse Parsons. Anna's paternal grandparents were Charles Sr. and Elizabeth Chestnut Parsons, prominent early pioneer settlers in the Frozen Camp area of Jackson County.

As was typical of many pioneer families in the late 1830s, Tapley and Anna's early home, located in the vicinity of Garnes Knob near Kenna, consisted of a one-room cabin with kitchen, bedroom, dining room, and parlor all combined in one. Anna cooked for her family over an open fire in the large fireplace at one end of the room. Definite progress was made when the family was able to build a larger home and to acquire its first cookstove.

Tapley was a life-long farmer, and he and Anna reared their family on Grasslick. During the Civil War Tapley served the Union as a private in the Home Guard in Jackson County. His son, Doctor Franklin, was a first lieutenant in the same Home Guard unit.

The Home Guard, under the command of Captain Henry C. Hunter, was organized at Ripley, August 1, 1863, to assist in the capture of several hundred Confederate soldiers who had escaped across the Ohio River into Jackson County following the Battle of Buffington Island in Meigs County, Ohio, on July 19, 1863. The Home Guard also operated against the various bodies of Confederate guerrillas and bushwhackers in the county known as "Moccasin Rangers".

At age 64, Anna Garnes died on June 16, 1877, and is buried in Garnes Cemetery near Kenna. Tapley was remarried in Kanawha County, on November 5, 1879 to Annis King, a resident of Kanawha County. After their marriage, Tapley and Annis resided in Jackson County, probably in his old homeplace. The date of Tapley's death and the place of his burial are unknown.

Children and grandchildren of Tapley and Anna:

1. Doctor Franklin Garnes, born November 1, 1836; died January 10, 1899; married Amanda C. Miller.
 - a. Emma Jane Garnes (1859-1862).
 - b. Joseph William Garnes married Jennie M. Bush.
 - c. James Anderson Garnes married (1) Leatha Fisher and (2) Mollie Rollins.
 - d. George Garnes (1868-1870).
 - e. Ann Garnes married Eli C. Fisher.
 - f. Lewis Garnes, born 1873; died young.
 - g. Launa Christina Garnes married Lovie Pierce Bush.
 - h. Arthur Holley Garnes married Mary Adelaide Kiser.
 - i. Ada Garnes married (1) Hollie Board and (2) Clarence Baker.
2. Mary Jane Garnes, born January 9, 1839; died June 15, 1906; married (1) Samuel Thomas Hill and (2) Robert P. Casto.
 - a. Ella Ann Hill married — Peters.
 - b. Daniel Franklin Hill married Eddie Josephine Stalnaker.
 - c. Oscar Preston Hill married Annie Maria Wandling.
 - d. Flora May Hill married Wooster "Beech" Stalnaker.
 - e. Charles Festus Hill married Alice Estell Maddox.
 - f. Richard Early Hill married Cora Elta Redman.
 - g. Ira Ward Hill married Alwilda Katherine

Harrison.

h. Dora Bell Hill married William Nathan Casto.

3. Sarah E. Ganes; born October 2, 1843; died 1920; married Dr. Joseph M. Ray.

a. Walter Frederick Ganes married (1) Addie Logue and (2) Elizabeth Lutz.

b. Zuba Ray married Charles Freeman.

c. Mary Ray married Lewis Bailes.

d. Rupert Ray married Fannie Kimberling.

4. Nancy Catherine Ganes, born October 17, 1850; died April 9, 1933; married Anthony Jividen.

a. Anna Alice Jividen married Edgar Warner.

b. Ida Tapley Jividen married Minor Ervin Pickens.

c. Bertha Edna Jividen married George William Sayre.

d. Glenn Jividen married Baylus Harmon.

e. Roy Clare Jividen married Ora Catherine McCoy.

f. Audrey Belle Jividen married Glenna Lee Shinn.

5. William H. Ganes (1853-1860).

6. Lucian M. Ganes (female) born 1854; died



Anthony and Nancy (Ganes) Jividen

young.

7. Martha Launa Ann Ganes, born October 3, 1857; died December 1933; married John Daugherty.

a. Edgar Vane Daugherty married Malinda May Wolfe. Submitted by Eva Jividen Bartram

GARRISON

Coonrod Fisher, Peter Fisher's descendant, arrived from the Rhine River Region of Germany in the early 1700s. Coonrod Fisher first appears on Jackson County records with a deed dated May 4, 1814, when he purchased 200 acres from Bedford Foster for \$100.

He married Rachel Miller November 5, 1805 in Monroe County, and in 1814, moved to Jackson County. They had six boys and two girls. One, Rebecca Fisher, married William Hill. To this union were born: George, John, William Perry, Daniel, Roxy Ann, Sarah Belle, and Rachel.

On June 30, 1872, Roxy Ann Hill married John Allan Garrison, who was the son of Addison Garrison and Isabel Dillon of Mercer County.

Addison Garrison served in 8th Regiment Company "D", Virginia as a volunteer during the Civil War. He died in the Military Hospital in Parkersburg, West Virginia and was buried in the military cemetery there. Isabelle, his wife, moved with her son to Peru, Nebraska, and died there in February, 1900.

To John and Roxy Garrison were born: William Thomas, John Wesley (Reverend J.W. Garrison), Barnett Martin, Jacob Addison, Sarah Canzadie, Rebecca Isabelle, Rachel Belle, Roxie Ellen and Mary Elizabeth. On July 4, 1903, John Wesley Garrison married Gertrude Newell. To this union were born: Hazel (deceased), Jacob Luther, Minnie Belle, Macel Margaret, Earl Wesley and Agatha May. The two boys died before age one.



back row: Minnie, Hazle;
front row: Agatha, Gertrude, Wesley and Macel

Gertrude Newell was the daughter of Jacob Newell, Jr. and Margaret Elizabeth Stewart, who was a sister to George Stewart of Evans, West Virginia.

Preacher Wes Garrison (called by many, Uncle Wes) was born May 21, 1877 and died December 6, 1947. He entered the ministry in July 1897. He spent the next 50 years preaching the Word of God, and serving the Lord by helping all those in need in sickness and death, and those needing counseling. My earliest recollection are of people coming to our home at all hours, day or night.

Most of his ministry was in Jackson County, where we lived and received some schooling. He was pastor to many churches. Some I remember well are: Emma Chapel, Rock Spring, Allen's Fork, Hickory Grove, Stone Lick, Fishers Chapel, Mt. Alto and others. There were also churches in other counties he pastored.

Preacher Garrison was a great storyteller; he could take a small incident and weave a very interesting story. Some of my favorites were the ones he told about the Cowboys and Indians during the time they lived in Nebraska in the late 1880s.

He preached his first sermon the first Sunday of July, 1897 and in celebration of 50 years in the ministry, he preached his last sermon using the same Bible and text, on the first Sunday of July, 1947 from his wheel chair and the porch of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Stover. His text for this occasion was "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved". Submitted by Agatha May Garrison and Macel Margaret Garrison

F. H. GERLACH

Frederick Herman Gerlach was the eighth child of John and Dorothea Schramm Gerlach and the grandson of Kasper and Elizabeth Kraz Gerlach, immigrants from Hesse, Germany (now West Germany). Frederick was born on the home place near Jackson Chapel Church July 7, 1870 and died June 21, 1952, just short of his 82nd birthday. Fred, as he was commonly known, had a brilliant mind, and it remained so until his death. He was greatly loved by all his grandchildren, and he returned that love with his ever-present humor. He was active in community affairs when he was raising his family, but age found him relaxing those efforts.

Frederick married Czarena Elberta Parsons, a daughter of Mary Bell Williamson and James Tanner Parsons and a granddaughter of John Williamson. Czarena was born October 31, 1872, and died June 26, 1961, age 88 years.

Czarena was a petite woman but was full of energy as she conducted her daily affairs. She and Fred had their share of trouble as they nursed several of their children through many illnesses including diphtheria at which time they lost "Little Loia". They almost lost another child of "cholera

infantum", but Audrey survived and lived until 1988. Another time, three of the children had typhoid fever and were very ill.

After seeing two more children die, Czarena remarked that she hoped that she would never live to see another of her children die, even though they were now grown. However, she did live to see her daughter, Frances, buried. Czarena died three days later. She had attended the funeral and was thought to be bearing up well. It seems that her heart just couldn't take losing another child.

A fire almost claimed their house, but it was later remodeled with a new kitchen and two new bedrooms.

Czarena cooked three large meals a day, baking fresh biscuits and serving home-churned butter, homemade jelly and applesauce for each meal.

Their children and grandchildren remember with fondness how Czarena would instruct them when Fred entered the room to "give Fred your chair." Fred always was the center of her universe, and everything she did concerned his comfort.

Czarena added to the family income by raising chickens and turkeys to sell and trade for groceries, etc. Every Sunday would find one or several of her chickens in the pot for family members and friends who came to spend the day. One Sunday she cooked for fifty-six people. She didn't seem to get flustered over it. She was used to cooking and a "few" more didn't make that much difference. Czarena, also, separated milk and sold milk, butter, and cream, as well as eggs.

Czarena had an eye for pretty things and would sometimes buy them from peddlers who came by to sell their wares. She would store them in a drawer and proudly show them to visitors, but she seldom used them, often giving them away.

Fred and Czarena often opened their doors to the less fortunate. They raised a grandson, Ralph McDermott, and became foster parents to Glen Kerns, who later married Ella Clark from New Haven. He is buried in Louisville, Ohio. Several others passed through their doors, but their stays were not as long.

After Fred died, their daughter Audrey Barr and husband, Addo, moved into the home place to make a home for Czarena. After Czarena died, they sold the farm to James L. Jordan and bought a place on the new Route 2 bypass, where they lived until their deaths.

Fred and Czarena are buried in the same Jackson Chapel Cemetery across from the church by the same name for which Fred's father donated the land and where John and Dorothea Gerlach are buried.

Fred and Czarena became the parents of ten children, three boys and seven girls. Two are still



back row: Edith, Audrey, Frances, Carl,
Margaret and Beulah; Fred and Czarena Gerlach

living, Beulah Knapp and Carl Gerlach. They reside in Point Pleasant only a few minutes from each other.

Hallie Bell Gerlach (September 25, 1891-June 4, 1912) was their first child. She married Oak Grimm and lived less than a mile from her parents on Chestnut Ridge. When she was twenty years old, she died in childbirth. The daughter was stillborn and is buried beside Hallie at Jackson

Chapel Cemetery in the family plot with her parents. The child was unnamed.

Wilbur Willard Gerlach (December 9, 1893-March 21, 1967) was their second child. In 1917 he went to Iowa to find work, met and married Blanche Mac Dumbald. They had four children, Audrey Mae, Paul Vernor, Willard Franklin, and Dwayne Russell. They owned a farm and are buried in a cemetery overlooking their farm. Audrey Mae, their first child, married Royce Strong, and they had four girls, Karen Eileen, Sandra Jeanne, Ovida Sue, and Debra Ann. They live in Iowa. Their second child, Paul, lives in Houston, Texas with his wife Betty. They had two children, Paul Richard and Douglas Wilbur. Willard Franklin, their third child, married Lois June Brooks, and they had two boys and two girls, Michael Willard, Denise Kay, Pamela Jean, and Kevin Wayne. They all live in Iowa. Their fourth child, Dwayne Russell, married Geraldine Paulette Mead, and they had Randy Dwayne and Stephanie Ann. They live in Iowa.

Margaret Ethel Gerlach (March 10, 1896-December 5, 1976) Fred and Czarena's third child, married Floyd Orlan Boyer and lived in Middleport, Ohio. They had three children, Hazel Loia, Willard Franklin, and Thelma Josephine. Hazel Loia married Walter Friend, and they had Mary Elaine, Janet, June, Walter Ray and Winchell Roy. Willard Franklin married Nettie Bowers, and they had Arthur Barry and Brenda Darlene. Thelma Josephine never married and lives in the home place in Middleport, Ohio.

Charles Frederick Gerlach (May 19, 1898-July 5, 1948) Fred and Czarena's fourth child, married Edna Flowers. They had seven children, Frederick Bertram, Florence Alberta, Edna Katherine, Dallas, Luella Jane, Floyd Glenver, and Wanda Lee. Dallas and Wanda Lee died when they were very young. Frederick Bertram (died August 30, 1957) married Ruth Jackson. They had three children, Frederick Bertram, Jr., Robert L., and Wilma Ilene. Florence Alberta married a Robbins and had Gary Kay Gerlach, Larry Ray Gerlach (deceased), and Kevin Wayne Robbins. Edna Katherine married Hokey Hammack, and they had Helen Irene, Dorothy Ann, Herman Lec, Larry Allen, and David Wayne (deceased). Luella Jane married Marvin Johnson and had two boys. Floyd Glenver married Viola Devore, and they had five children, Debra Lynne, Karen Louise, Teresa Ellen, Floyd Charles, and Nancy Jane.

Beulah Vesta Gerlach born October 24, 1900, is still living. She is the fifth child of Fred and Czarena Gerlach. She married Carl Herbert Knapp, and they had three girls, Agnes Arrietta, Zelda Vesta, and Elberdie Imogene. Agnes Arrietta married Harry Click, and they had three boys Nelson Lee, Karl Blaine, and Keith Dwayne (deceased). Zelda Vesta never married, and her mother, Beulah Knapp, lives with her. Elberdie Imogene married Gay Herdman. They have no children.

Frances Elberta Gerlach (January 18, 1903-June 20, 1961) the sixth child of Fred and Czarena, married Wade Mitchell. They were married twenty years and lived in Canton, Ohio. Frances was a school teacher, graduating from Marshall College (now University). Previously she had worked at Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, Ohio, and for the Hoover Company. She returned to Mason County after World War II where she married Russell Barr and later married Albert Sisson. They had no children. She is buried in Jackson Chapel Cemetery.

Loia Jane Gerlach (April 3, 1905-December 7, 1910) the seventh child of Fred and Czarena, died of diphtheria when she was five years old. Beulah remembers that the family did not celebrate Christmas that year as "Little Loia" was a favorite of them all, and her death left Fred and Czarena devastated and exhausted from the diphtheria episode.

Audrey Esta Gerlach (August 20, 1907-May

10, 1988) was the eighth child of Fred and Czarena. She married Addo Barr and lived near her parents' home on Chestnut Ridge all of her life. She had one son Ralph Osborne McDermott, who with his wife Dorothy cared for her in her last days. She is buried in the Baden Presbyterian Cemetery on Route 87 with her husband Addo.

Edith Elizabeth Gerlach (December 31, 1908-October 10, 1979) was the ninth child of Fred and Czarena. She married Henry Nash and lived in Middleport, Ohio, the rest of her life. Henry died soon after her last child was born, and she raised her four children by herself. She suffered with an ailing heart for several years before her death. Their children were Betty Jo, George, Ethel Aretta, and John. Betty Jo married Ralph Martin, and they had one daughter, Judy. George married Martha Webb, and they had one son Jeffrey. Ethel Aretta married Scott Shank, and they had Michael, Bryon, Jeff, Todd, and Stacy. John married Mildred Gilkey, and they had Lisa and Trent.

Carl Woodrow Gerlach, born October 4, 1912, was the tenth and last child of Fred and Czarena. Carl married Violet Thomas, and they had one daughter, Geneva Mae. Carl lives in Point Pleasant where they moved to be near his work and Violet's school where she taught. Carl suffered a heart attack in 1967, and both he and Violet are retired. Carl was the baby of the family and was a favorite of everyone, especially Czarena. When he was still at home and dating, you could often see Czarena washing and shining his car. Nothing was too good for Carl, but he never let all of the attention spoil him. *Submitted by Zelda Knapp, Beulah Knapp, and Carl Gerlach*

JOHN AND DOROTHEA GERLACH

John Gerlach, son of Casper and Elizabeth Krasz Gerlach, was born in Hesse, Germany (now West Germany), on July 23, 1828, and immigrated to the United States in the 1830s. In 1852 John married Dorothea Schramm from Alsace, France, who had also immigrated to the United States.

John and Dorothea finally bought a farm on the Old Clarksburg Road on the Mason and Jackson County line. They would later donate enough land for a church, Mt. Hebron, which later became known as Jackson Chapel. Across the road from the church is the Jackson Chapel Cemetery in which John and Dorothea are buried, as well as many of their descendants.

John and Dorothea were prosperous farmers and were thought of as being good neighbors. John served in the Civil War and would later draw a monthly pension due to minor injuries he received which caused complications as he became older. He walked with a cane and suffered from what he called "rheumatism." John Gerlach died in May, 1897, and Dorothea died February 4, 1912.

More is remembered about Dorothea because some of her grandchildren were born after John died and are still living. Beulah Knapp, who was born in 1900 and was eleven years old when her grandmother Dorothea died, remembers that she rode in her dad's sled to go to the home and to the funeral. Although the road was usually muddy after a rain, at the time that Dorothea died the road was frozen with snow on the ground. The casket was placed in a back bedroom, and visitors and family would go there to view Dorothea. Her funeral was "preached" at the Jackson Chapel Church just up the hill from the house.

Beulah remembers one time when she and some other girls were at Grandmother Dorothea's. The girls were singing some songs when they began laughing about something. When Grandmother walked into the room from the kitchen where she was cooking a meal, she admonished the girls by saying, "Girls, when you sing, sing; when you laugh, laugh."

Dorothea's home reflected the frugality which

she and John practiced. Much of the furniture, quilts, rugs, and curtains were "homemade." There were very few, if any, luxuries, despite the fact that the John Gerlachs were thought to be one of the most prosperous families in the area. The thriving 225 acres of farm land, the Civil War pension, and the Willow Tree Post Office, which was operated from their living room, made a lucrative income.

Beulah remembers a wooden rectangular table next to a wall in the kitchen. Under this table was a copper boiler which leaked water but proudly held Grandmother's homemade loaves of bread, protected by a clean, white cloth. Dorothea also owned and used a very large dough board. Beulah remembers it as "the largest one I've ever seen."

Dorothea also had a pie safe in which she stored her dishes. After she died, her son, Ed, held an auction. Beulah sent her husband, Herbert, with instructions to buy the pie safe. He did, and Beulah and her family used it for many years for food storage. Beulah's daughter, Imogene, now is its owner. Beulah believes that this pie safe crossed the ocean when the Gerlachs came to the United States.

The largest piece of furniture in the kitchen was the "eating" table with chairs. It was covered with an oil cloth.

A bench against the wall held a bucket of water, crocks, pots, and skillets.

The floor was bare, with well-scrubbed boards. The windows were hung with crisp, white curtains.

This property is now owned by a great grandson, Ross Gerlach. A fifth generation great, great grandson, Jimmy Gerlach, lives there now.

John and Dorothea had 11 children, two girls and nine boys:

1. Eva Margaret Gerlach Ridinger, March 21, 1853-March 21, 1933.
2. Elizabeth Gerlach Lanfried, September 1, 1854-September 14, 1882.
3. John F. Gerlach, September 23, 1856-February 20, 1857.
4. William Gerlach, December 23, 1857-December 9, 1933.
5. Edward Gerlach, December 29, 1860-February 22, 1931.
6. John Kasper Gerlach, January 26, 1866-July 23, 1928.
7. George Washington Gerlach, February 12, 1868-November 4, 1936.
8. Frederick Herman Gerlach, July 7, 1870-June 21, 1952.
9. Alberto Curtis Gerlach, April 28, 1873-July 30, 1915.
10. Harvey Adam Gerlach, March 10, 1875-June 15, 1952.
11. Charles Vernor Gerlach, November 15, 1877-May 6, 1967.

Frederick Herman Gerlach's family is told elsewhere in another story. *Submitted by Zelda Knapp and Beulah Knapp*

JOHN AND DOROTHEA GERLACH

John Gerlach was born July 23, 1828 in Kreis Schlucter, Hesse, Germany and came to the States in 1838 landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents were Kasper and Elizabeth Krasz Gerlach. John died on May 17, 1897.

Dorothea Schrumm was born March 17, 1831 in Alsace, France, the daughter of Theobalt and Anna Katarina Greiner Schrumm. Dorothea died on February 12, 1912.

John and Dorothea were married on March 11, 1852 in the Evangelical Protestant Church, New Swickley Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania by the Reverend F. Winters.

In 1852 they bought 40 acres of land in Gallia County, Ohio and lived there until September 2, 1859 when they bought 169 1/2 acres from Jackson Smith and moved to their Willow Tree farm in Mason and Jackson counties, West Virginia. The

house is in Mason while the other buildings are in Jackson County. It is located two miles from Mt. Alto on what was then called the Clarksburg Turnpike. The Willow Tree Post office and telephone exchange were operated from the home by John and Dorothea. Also the school teacher stayed the winter and the mail carrier stayed over night during bad weather.

Between the years of February 6, 1862 and July 6, 1865 John was in the Union Army after enlisting in Jackson County. He took part in eight major battles.

John and Dorothea were the parents of 11 children who are listed below with their children:

1. Eva Margaret Gerlach (1853-1933) married Alexander Ridinger. Children-Dorothea, Ida, Elizabeth, Mary, William, Harriet, John, Karl, Cordelia.

2. Elizabeth Gerlach (1854-1882) married Henry Landfried. Children-Rena, Homer, Hattie and Dorothea.

3. John Gerlach (1856-1857).

4. William Gerlach (1857-1933) married Alice Jane Lloyd. Children-Oden, Dorothea, Adelpheia Jane.

5. Edward Gerlach (1860-1931) married Lottie Friese. No children.

6. John Kasper Gerlach (1866-1928) Single.

7. George Washington Gerlach (1868-1936) married Elizabeth Jane Ridenour. Children-Dorothea, Harley, Lona, Oscar, Edward, Amy, George, Ralph, Elsie, male, Lawrence, Joseph, and Pearl.

8. Frederick Herman Gerlach (1870-1952) married Cerena Parsons. Children-Hallie, Wilbur, Margaret, Charles, Bulah, Francis, Loia, Audrey, Edith and Carl.

9. Alberto Curtis Gerlach (1873-1915) married Sarah Yauger and Emma Thornton. Children-Dorothea, Gladys, Mabel, Esther, Nannie, Alma, Willa and Alberta.

10. Harve Adam Gerlach (1875-1952) married Rosa Virginia Click. Children-Clyde, Homer, Myrtle, Earl, Edna, Roy, Benny, Glen and Hugh.

11. Charles Vernor Gerlach (1877-1967) married Ora Keisling. Children-Zelda, Lucia and Charles.

John and Dorothea lived on their Willow Tree farm until their death and are buried in the Jackson Chapel Cemetery which is located on their farm. The Mt. Hebron or Jackson Chapel Church is located near the cemetery. The land for the church was given by John and Dorothea with John being one of the first trustees. This farm is still in the Gerlach family and is presently owned by Ross Gerlach, a great great grandson of John and Dorothea. *Submitted by Velma Gerlach Burris*

JAMES GILES

In the early records, this family name was sometimes written as Gyles, Guiles or Guyles.

James Giles (ca. 1788-March 20, 1875) was born in Rhode Island. He was a soldier during the War of 1812. He served in the Ohio Militia and fought in the battle of Maumee against the British and Indians. Later he served in the Pennsylvania Militia.

James Giles and Elizabeth Flesher (born ca. 1800 and apparently died before 1870) were married May 12, 1817, on Mill Creek near Ripley. They were living in Lebanon Township, Meigs County, Ohio, in 1820. However, they are said to have been living in what is now Jackson County, West Virginia, when their son Benjamin was born in 1822.

Rebecca Giles was probably a daughter of James and Elizabeth Giles. They are known to have had at least five other children: Benjamin, Susan, Elizabeth, Annie and Violette.

Rebecca Giles (born ca. 1820) married Nelson Hughes on August 12, 1838. Their children were: Squire, Dilila, Levina, Lorena, Irvin, George and William.

Benjamin Giles (October 21, 1822-October

19, 1862) married Mary Jane Campbell (May 28, 1827-March 8, 1905) on October 5, 1849 and they lived at Hemlock. She was a daughter of James and Jane (Cooper) Campbell. Her parents were Irish immigrants and Mary is said to have been born aboard the ship the family sailed over on. Benjamin and Mary had one son: William Nicholas Giles (September 19, 1850-February 13, 1923). Mary's second marriage was to William Hughes on November 14, 1870. They had one son: James D. Hughes (born ca. 1871).

Susan Giles (born ca. 1830) married James Hughes on July 23, 1851. Their children were: Elizabeth, William, Emma, Ulysses, Charles and Myrta.

Elizabeth Giles (born ca. 1832) married Edward W. Grant (1820-1880) on August 2, 1855. She apparently died before February 1857.

Annie Giles (born ca. 1835 and probably died in April 1857) married William Jeffers (1828-1904) on June 15, 1852 and moved to Lewis County, West Virginia. He was a Union soldier during the Civil War. Their children were: James, born 1853; Elizabeth, born 1855; and William, born 1857.

Violette Giles (ca. 1837-April 10, 1892) married Joshua K. DeWeese (1834-1915) on May 17, 1860. Joshua served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Their children were: George, born 1861; James, born 1863; Perry, born 1867; Charles, born 1870; Ellen, born 1872 and Horace, born 1874.

William H. Giles (January 29, 1848-July 18, 1918) was probably a grandson of James Giles and an illegitimate son of Susan Giles. However, this is disputed by one source, which records him as a son of James. William, despite the fact he was underage, served in the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1870, he moved to Roane County, and married Evaline Hess on November 17, 1870. Their known children were: O.B., born August 22, 1871; Benjamin H., born October 10, 1873 and served as a soldier during the Spanish-American War; and W.P., born March 14, 1883.

William Nicholas Giles, son of Benjamin and Mary (Campbell) Giles, married Sarah Elizabeth Wells (May 4, 1853-February 12, 1936) on December 14, 1869. Sarah was a daughter of Catherine Wells, who married Daniel Rice in 1880. William and Sarah's children were: Emy (1870-1891); Ida (1872-1945) married first Robert Murray, second Edward Stanley; Thomas (1875-1962); William "Bert" (1877-1970) married Malissa Holcomb; Mary "Molly" (1880-1951) married Zane Holcomb; Minnie (1883-1927) married Johnny McCourt; John (1886-1964) married Florence McCourt; Everett (1888-1972) married Myrtle White; Homer (1891-1954) married Bertha Taylor.

William Nicholas Giles moved his family to Webster County in 1893. However, his grandson, Delbert Giles, son of John, has since moved back to Jackson County and lives in Ravenswood. *Submitted by Roger B. Stanley*

JAMES WALLACE GILLASPIE

James Wallace "Wall" Gillaspie (1869-1952) was the son of Michael and Mary Elizabeth Harpold Gillaspie. He married Addie Mae Jones in 1903. Addie was the daughter of Charles Andrew Jones, II, and Mary Jane Battrell Jones, who lived in Mason County, West Virginia. "Wall" and Addie settled on a farm near Cottageville in Jackson County and had four children.

William Franklin Gillaspie (1903-1981), buried in Ravenswood Cemetery.

Freda Virginia Gillaspie (1905-1969) married Raymond Ross Warth (1899-1976) in 1926. They had three children: Ona Jean, Claude Wallace and Margaret Ann.

Lettie Marie, born 1908, married Hyman Weinberg (1908-1982) in 1960. Lettie is the author of "The Generations", a family history book that can

be found in Jackson County Libraries. Information about some of the Gillaspie, Harpold, Kay, Shinn, Weinberg, Jones, Battrell, Minturn, Rosenberry, McDermitt, Smith, Edwards, Lewis and related families may be found in her book. In it she states, "My home for more than fifty years was at the 'Wall' Gillaspie farm . . . about twenty-five miles from Point Pleasant, where we went often and visited family members in the Mason County area . . . I studied Elementary Education at Marshall College and taught eight years in the country schools of Jackson County. In 1936, I enrolled at West Virginia University where I received a BS degree in Vocational Home Economics. Taught five years at Gilmore High School, and at Ravenswood High for twenty years. We moved to Ohio, where I taught in Meigs and Guernsey counties another five years, teaching a total of thirty-eight years before retirement in 1971."

Robert Wallace Gillaspie (1915-1979) married Berniece Isabell Benson in 1948. They had one child, James Robert, and lived in Cresco, Iowa, where Robert is buried.

James Wallace and Addie Mae Gillaspie are interred in Ravenswood Cemetery. *Submitted by Claude W. Warth*

JAMES SCOTT GLADWELL

Lanta Gatewood Potts married Anna Waugh (no dates). Child: Maggie Sue.

Maggie Sue Potts married James Solomon Isnor (no dates). Child: Anna Marie.

Henry Quick married Pauline Strickland (no dates). Child: Alice Maude.

Alice Maude Quick married Jarrell Scott Gladwell (no dates). Child: Cecil Forrest, born March 31, 1893.

Cecil Forrest Gladwell, born March 31, 1893. He married Anna Marie Isnor, born September 27, 1901. Child: James Scott, born April 12, 1925.

James Scott Gladwell, born April 12, 1925. On December 26, 1953, he married Phyllis Jean Campbell, born December 1, 1932. They had three children: (1) James Scott, Jr., born January 18, 1957. On December 5, 1981, he married Teresa Lynn McClung, born June 11, 1958. (2) Diane, born March 13, 1955. On April 2, 1977, she married Paul Dollison, born October 14, 1953. They had twin girls: Jaclyn Marie and Natalie Christine, born January 8, 1982. (3) Janean, born



James Scott and Phyllis Jean (Campbell) Gladwell and daughter, Janean

October 17, 1958. On June 27, 1987, she married Franklin Eugene Hayes, born February 26, 1948. They had two sons: Ross Frank, born July 15, 1988 and Cody Forrest, born June 17, 1989. For further reference, see genealogies, Hayes, Taylor, Porter, Wade and Campbell. *Submitted by James S. Gladwell*

EDWARD AND LILLY GODBEY

The surname Godbey is a rare name comparatively speaking, and appears to be locational in origin. Research indicates that it can be associated with the English, meaning "one who came from Goadby (Goutis Village)." Spelling variations of the Godbey surname to be Godby, Goadby and

Goadbey.

The Godbeyes are direct descendants of Yeoman Thomas Godby, the first to come to America, leaving England in 1607. Arriving in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1609 due to a shipwreck of the "Sea Venture." Thomas and his shipmates reconstructed another vessel from available materials to make the "Deliverance" then left Bermuda Islands to America.

Edward Jackson Godbey 1871-1946 was born in Kanawha County, son of Jasper and Margaret Trout Godbey of English and Dutch ancestors. Edward married Lillie Mae Reed (1872-1963) who was born in Roane County, daughter of Alvin (1840-1922) and Margaret Randolph Reed (1846-1913) of Scotch and Irish ancestors. They were married on January 27, 1889 in Jackson County. They attended the Elk Fork Methodist Church at Gay.

Edward died October 31, 1946 at the age of 75 years in Weston Hospital; Lillie died on February 2, 1963 at the age of 90 years. Lillie lived with her daughter Ethel Rogers at Gay until her death. Both are buried at Holbert Cemetery, Gay.

Edward was a carpenter and a farmer, which was needed to raise a large family and to educate his family. Lillie took pride in her quilts which were made on a loom; among other homemaking chores.

To this union were born ten children, Bertha Ann 1890-1971 married Samuel Marion Pickens;



kneeling: Ethel Rogers, Bertha Pickens, Mary Shannon;
middle: Lillie and Edward J. Godbey;
back row: Clarence, Kenna, Esta Ayward Godbey

children Thelma, Belma, Edward (blind), Ira, Shirley, Gussie, Audrey, Naomi, Lodores, Darrell, and Parmallee. Second marriage Marion Lanham and third marriage John Bodkin.

Ethel Clair (1892-1982) married William Arthur Rogers, children are Herbert and Dorsa.

Willis Esta (1893-1956) married Erma Matheny; children are Glen, Reva, Dale, Vera, Norma, Marion, Hubert, Wanda, and Delbert.

Kenna Bryan (1896-1958) married Pearl Silket; children are Inez, Ivy, Irene, Florence, Waldo, and Walter.

Dennis M. (1899-1902).

Mary Jane (1903-1974) married Homer Waybright, son Carroll. Second marriage Everett Shannon.

Ayward Addison (1906-1966) married to Altha Pring; children are Wanda, Phyllis, Ayward Junior, Betty, Robert, Peggy, Aliee, and Brenda.

Amos Truman (1909-1909).

Orville Ray (1910-1922).

Clarence Edward (1913 -) married Marie Leiving; children are Larry, Barbara, Delores, Gale, William, and Lillie. Second marriage Katheryn Freeman.

Bertha and Sam Pickens had a son Edward that lost his eyesight at nine years of age due to cataracts. He attended school at Rommey for the blind, where he was taught braille, typing, tuning pianos, making brooms and eaning chairs. He was the first blind person to graduate from Ripley High School-1936. Received a bachelor degree in edu-

cation from Glenville State College in 1942. Edward operated a snack bar stand which was built by three Charleston area businessmen in 1951. Later years he moved to Pennsylvania to be a secretary for Burlingame Book Agency.

The Godbey and Pickens family reunion is held each year on the Sunday before Labor Day in Jackson County. Submitted by Lucille Flesher Carney

GORDON HUSTON GODBEY

Gordon was born at Newbern, Pulaski County, Virginia, January 20, 1841. The seventh child and fifth son of William V. Godbey and Rhoda (Miller) Godbey. There were 12 children born into this union. They lived in Pulaski County for a number of years before William moved his family to Raleigh County, Virginia (now West Virginia) sometime in the 1850s. In the 1860 census of Virginia, Raleigh County list Gordon living at home and his occupation as being a farm laborer.

On June 3, 1861, at the Raleigh County Court House, Gordon and his brother James H. Godbey enlisted in the Confederate Army. They were assigned to the (1st) Company E, 36th Regiment Virginia Infantry. This unit later became the (2nd) Company C, 36th Regiment Virginia Infantry and was nicknamed the "Raleigh Rangers." Both brothers served with the 36th through 1863 and were participants in many battles and skirmishes. Gordon was transferred to the 23rd Virginia Infantry Battalion in April 1864 and later to Company C, 26th Virginia Infantry Battalion. Gordon fought in many battles, before being captured by the Union forces on September 23, 1864. Gordon was taken to point lookout Prison Camp in Maryland on October 3, 1864, and was assigned to the prisoner section known as Company A. Division 9. Gordon was kept at the prison camp until March 17, 1865, when he was exchanged for a Union prisoner. He signed his Parole of Honor at Charleston, West Virginia on May 15, 1865, ending his military service.

Gordon married Delila Ann Woods, the daughter of John J. and Elizabeth W. Woods, on December 23, 1869, in Kanawha County, West Virginia. There were three children born to this marriage.

Saura B. born 1871; Virginia M. born 1873; James W. born 1875.

Gordon's second marriage was to Ann Florence Upton, the daughter of Alpheus H. Upton and Elizabeth (Howell) Upton. They were married October 23, 1879 in Roane County, West Virginia. There were ten children born into this union.

Rhoda Gordon born August 25, 1880; Greek Elizabeth born May 25, 1882; Corda M. born



Gordon Huston and Anna Florence (Upton) Godbey

September 1884; Cora Myrtle born July 6, 1887; Lara M. born September 16, 1889; Robert F. born September 19, 1891 (stillborn); Sophronia Blanch born August 9, 1893; Gomer Griffith born April 11, 1895; Fredrick Odell born August 30, 1898; Dexter Loyd born June 20, 1901.

The first record of Gordon owning property in Jackson County, West Virginia, was November 15, 1897. He purchased 65¼ acres from Edward C.

Perkins, for \$358.88. Gordon then bought 45¼ acres on October 10, 1900, this property was adjacent to the first tract and was bought for \$226.25. He must have been in Jackson County before that because, their daughter, Cora Myrtle was born in 1887 at Staat Mills in Jackson County, West Virginia.

On August 4, 1890 Gordon was baptized into the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The baptism took place in Straight Run, near Staats Mills, West Virginia. In 1891 Gordon was ordained a priest, an elder in 1893 and a high priest in 1896. When the West Virginia District was organized, he was elected president and continued in that position until his death. Gordon received the "Patriarchal Blessing" and became a member of the "Quorum of High Priests" on April 11, 1904, at Kirkland, Ohio. His preaching took him away from the family for weeks at a time, so his wife had to attend to the farm and children. Gordon was a dedicated person, who gave the last years of his life to God's work.

Gordon passed away at the family home in Belgrove, Jackson County, West Virginia, on March 19, 1908. He was buried on top of a hill, (now called Deer Knob Cemetery) behind the family home. Anna Florence (Upton) Godbey died May 31, 1945 at Dunbar, Kanawha County, West Virginia. She joined her husband on the hill behind the family home.

THOMAS GODBEY, of Elizabeth City, Virginia, reached Jamestown, Virginia on the ship Deliverance in 1608. Born in England in 1587. Married Joanne, died in December 1628 leaving a son.

THOMAS GODBEY, Planter, of Elizabeth River, Lower Norfolk, Virginia. Born 1623, married Anne Bain (Beane). Died February 1653, naming his wife Anne executrix.

His son, THOMAS GODBEY, of Elizabeth River, Lower Norfolk, Virginia. Married Ann Jacob.

His son, EDWAAD GODBEY, Christ's Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia. Died ca 1707, leaving his youngest child, JOHN GODBEY, large landholder in Caroline County, Virginia. Baptized April 2, 1705, died ca 1761.

His son: WILLIAM GODBEY, born between 1725-1730, Caroline County, Virginia.

His son, WILLIAM GODBEY, born September 29, 1750 in Caroline County, Virginia. Married Zannah in 1768. Died 1833 Montgomery County, Virginia.

Their children: John G. Godbey married Neomi Banc; Patsy Godbey married Thompson Farmer; William Godbey married Nancy Dickerson; Gabriel Godbey married Sarah Crouch; Luey Godbey married James Hedge; Francis Marion Godbey married Rhoda Whitt; Sarah Godbey married John Gunter; George Godbey (Rev.) married Nancy Ellswick; Susannah Godbey married William Covey; Benjamin Godbey married Nancy Elkins.

Their son, FRANCIS MARION GODBEY, born June 24, 1786 Montgomery County, Virginia. Married March 3, 1806 to Rhoda Whitt, daughter of Archibald Whitt. Died in 1867 in Pulaski County, Virginia.

Their children: William V. Godbey married Rhoda Miller; Archibald W. Godbey married Susanna M. Taylor; Suanna Godbey married Andrew Biggs; John C. Godbey married Regina; Hanna Godbey married Ike Carpenter; Amanda Godbey married James Rankin; Reason V. Godbey married Julian Ann Whitt; Rhoda Godbey married Andrew Miller; Regina Godbey; Mary Godbey married John Linkons.

Their son: WILLIAM V. GODBEY, born 1807 in Montgomery County, Virginia. Married October 4, 1825 to Thoda Miller, the daughter of Daniel Miller. Died June 3, 1894 in Raleigh County, West Virginia.

Their children: Anderson F. Godbey married

Anna Newbey; William Jasper Godbey married Hanner M.; James S. Godbey; John N. Godbey married Martha Hurt; Preston M. Godbey; Clementine Godbey; Gordon Huston Godbey married (1) Delila Ann Woods (2) Anna Florence Upton (Amy); James H. Godbey, died in the Civil War, unmarried; Cynthia Ann Godbey married John H. Adkins; Andrew Godbey; Alexander C. Godbey married (1) Elizabeth C. Pettry (2) Susan Dickens.

Their son, GORDON H. GODBEY, born January 20, 1841 in Pulaski County, Virginia, married Delila Ann Woods, December 23, 1869 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. The daughter of John J. and Elizabeth W. Woods.

Their children: Laura B. Godbey married Snodgrass; Virginia Godbey; James W. Godbey.

Gordon's second marriage was to Anna Florence Upton (Amy) on October 23, 1879, in Roane County, West Virginia. The daughter of Alpheus H. and Elizabeth (Howell) Upton.

Their children: Rhoda Gordon Godbey married Wesley Skeens; Greek Elizabeth Godbey married Charles E. Jones; Corda M. Godbey, died young; Cora Myrtle Godbey married Henry Holly Skeens; Lara M. Godbey, died young; Robert F. Godbey, stillborn; Sophronia Blanch Godbey married Elton Meeker; Gomer Griffith Godbey, unmarried; Fredrick Odell Godbey married Laura Conley; Dexter Loyd Godbey married Ivan Fern DeGarmo.

Their daughter, CORA MYRTLE GODBEY, born July 6, 1887 in Staats Mill, Jackson County, West Virginia. Married Henry Holly Skeens September 6, 1903, in Jackson County, West Virginia. The son of James Harlan and Elizabeth (Fields) Skeens.

Their children: Ona Pearl Skeens married Boyd MacDonald Francisco; Flo Ann Skeens married William Burdette; Lawson Skeens married Estel Ray; Woodrow Wilson Skeens, died infancy; Orlie Elizabeth Skeens, died young; Wilma Skeens married Orville Bowen; Ada Skeens married Edward Burdette; Clinton Skeens married Naomi Sans; Grover Cleveland Skeens, died in World War II; Houston Skeens married Betty Bailey; Alfred Skeens married Doris Jones; Lorena Skeens married Russell Bowen.

Their daughter, ONA PEARL SKEENS, born April 30, 1905 in Jackson County, West Virginia, married Boyd MacDonald Francisco, December 22, 1927 in Kanawha County, West Virginia, the son of Clifton J. and Florence D. (Leffel) Francisco.

Their children: Ruby Pearl Francisco married (1) Chancy E. Thomas Jr., (2) Ernest Ivan Riffle; Maxine Francisco married Leslie E. Huffkan; Roy MacDonald Francisco, died in infancy; Ernest Carl Francisco married Audrey Washington; Dexter R. Francisco married (1) Pat Muriel, (2) Pearlene.

Their daughter, RUBY PEARL FRANCISCO, born August 12, 1928 in Kanawha County, West Virginia, married Chancy E. Thomas Jr., October 25, 1947 in Pomeroy, Ohio, the son of Chancy E. and Herma (Peirson) Thomas.

Their son, Harold Dwaine Thomas married Gladys R. Wynn.

Ruby's second marriage is to Ernest Ivan Riffle on April 25, 1953, in Gallipolis, Gallia County, Ohio, the son of Ernest A. and Nina L. (Plants) Riffle.

Their children: Diana Kay Riffle; Jerry Wayne Riffle.

Her son, Harold Dwaine Thomas, born March 6, 1949, in Leon, Mason County, West Virginia, married Gladys R. Wynn September 2, 1967, in Grove City, Franklin County, Ohio, the daughter of Pete and Wilma (Howard) Wynn.

Their children, Ronald Allen Thomas married Julie Foreman; Boyd Andrew (Andy) Thomas.

Submitted by Diana Riffle, Harold Thomas and Jerry Riffle

GOLLEHON

The Gollehon family has been residing in Jackson County for 30 years, since John L. Gollehon Jr. came to work in the Kaiser Aluminum Plant in Ravenswood, West Virginia. He moved his wife and two children from Beckley, West Virginia to live temporarily in Evans, until they bought a home of their own in Ripley where they now reside. John L. Gollehon, Jr. is the son of J. Luther Gollehon, Sr. and Essie Craven Gollehon, born at Seven Mile Ford, Virginia August 26, 1920. He grew up in Raleigh County, West Virginia where he graduated from High School and attended Beckley College. Completed a welding course and was employed at the Ship Yards in Baltimore, Maryland until World War II began. He was inducted into the Army three weeks before he married October 28, 1942 to Marie Deck, daughter of Stewart and Louvenia Davis Deck of Sophia, West Virginia. He was sent overseas October 11, 1943 with the 3rd Army and returned in 1945.

John and Marie started housekeeping in a small apartment in downtown Beckley, where their first son, John L. Gollehon III, was born November 12, 1946. They then moved to Pulaski, Virginia where they lived for the next ten years while John worked in the Construction Industry. There their second son was born, Joe Wayne Gollehon, born May 9, 1951. These two children were the only children born to Marie and John Gollehon.



John L. and Marie Gollehon

The Gollehon boys, John III and Joe W. both graduated from Ripley High School. John attended Beckley College and West Virginia University Branch in Parkersburg. He married February 14, 1976 to Brenda Guinn Larkin. John adopted her daughter Tia and they had a daughter of their own, Courtney. They lived in Parkersburg for eight years before the marriage ended in divorce. Their two daughters are a great pleasure to the Gollehon family.

Joe Wayne Gollehon graduated from West Virginia University and married June 1971 to Deborah Harmison, daughter of Charles Carlton and Jean Higman Harmison of Berkeley Springs and Ravenswood, West Virginia. Their home is in Barboursville, West Virginia.

Although the Gollehon family is not a native family of Jackson County, living here 30 years makes them feel like one. Many natives that first welcomed us here are now deceased, and our thoughts often go back to those wonderful people and realize what a blessing they were to us, a newcomer.

John Gollehon, Jr. retired from Kaiser Aluminum August 31, 1982 after 23 years of employment. His wife Marie retired from Jackson General Hospital January 1, 1980. *Submitted by Marie D. Gollehon*

ALPHA GOOD

A tract of 358 acres of land issued to Francis Good on January 1, 1859 by Henry A. Wise, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, started a farm home for the Good family along the

waters of the middle fork of Pocatalico in Jackson County. Unfortunately for Francis it was later found that the patent was invalid as the land was owned by the Bruen family of Connecticut causing him to have to purchase the land and reducing the tract to 288 acres. His son, Alexander deeded ½ acre to the Francis Good heirs for a cemetery which still exists today in a 55 acre tract owned by great, great, great grandson, Rex Leon Good.

Alpha Good (born January 12, 1880, died July 8, 1959) and Icy Pearl Rhodes (born October 11, 1887, died April 14, 1954) were married on January 14, 1904 and became the parents of ten children: Glen Edmond; Bertha Mae (Carihfield); Gladie Ann (Little); William Ivory; Ova Roscoe; Judy Ethel (Casto); Perry Stanton; Orville Alpha; Arnold Dudley and Monid Larry.

Alpha's mother was Sarah Fields Raines, his father, Perry Stanton Good, a son of Alexander Good who was married to Nancy Booth of Tazewell County, Virginia. Alexander served in the Home Guard during the Civil War. His parents were Francis and Malinda Good.

Icy Pearl Rhodes Good was a daughter of William A.H. Rhodes and Senabeth Rhoades. The Rhodes homeplace is known today as the Hayward Rhodes farm. Icy was sister to Wartman, G. Washington, Dan, Brady, James, Cecil and Ester Rhodes. Her ancestors were primarily German.

Alpha Good claimed to be "black Dutch." He was a farmer, hunter and woodcutter. He told of logging days, cutting trees and floating them down the streams to the Poca River in the Spring. He would visit his family for a week or two in the fall, "after the work was done", and when he left there would be two to four cords of firewood, neatly stacked, enough to last the winter. He and Icy lived on a small, primitive farm at Kentuck. The unpainted frame house stood on a slope of the rolling hills. The older grandchildren can remember that an animal skin would be tacked to the shed, and that there would be a wood rain barrel at each end of the house, and a leather string attached to a wooden latch that opened the front door of the house.



Alpha Good

Icy Pearl cooked huge meals of golden brown fried rabbit, stewed squirrel, green beans in summer, pinto beans in winter. All were cooked in large cast iron pots and skillets on an iron, flat-top wood range.

Alpha and Icy's home was a warm and inviting place. Alpha never ran short of a story whether it was his visit to the last public hanging in Ripley in 1897 or a handed down ghost story. Their home was filled with music as all the sons played a variety of instruments from spoons to fiddle which would bring Alpha to his gumbooted feet to dance a jig. His style of dance is similar to what is known today as clogging. *Submitted by William R. Good*

ROSCOE AND BESSIE GOOD

In the 1920s many of the farms in Jackson County could no longer support the growing families. Bessie Wilma Thomas (born September 14, 1908) of Aplin/Gay, found herself in this

position as her father, Samuel Robert Thomas had died at an early age leaving her mother, Corda Duffield Thomas and her two brothers and five sisters to find ways to support themselves. Bessie found work at the Kelly Axe Factory in Charleston, West Virginia.

Ova Roscoe Good (born April 28, 1908, died September 17, 1970) of Kentucky also found work at Kelly Axe Factory where he was smitten by the beautiful, golden, red-haired Bessie. They were married on April 30, 1927 and lived briefly on the west side of Charleston until shortly before their son, Rex Leon was born in 1930. Previously, a daughter, Betty Jo, died at birth.



Ova Roscoe and Bessie Wilma (Thomas) Good

Roscoe and Bessie had an opportunity to take over and manage a farm for Willie Casto in Jackson County adjacent to Perry Casto's farm on Bear Fork near Belgrove. This was more suited to their growing family. Leona Mae (Fisher) (born 1932), Loretta Fae (Shuster) (born 1934) and Phyllis Imogene (Burdette) (born 1937, died 1987) were born at this home with Doc Lance riding horseback from Ripley to attend the births.

Roscoe and Bessie worked very hard to raise sheep, cattle, chickens, corn, hay and garden crops. During the depression years they had plenty to eat. When they had saved enough money they bought the Herman Casto farm at Staats Mills in 1939. It was located on a hill near the United Brethren, Vista Church, where they attended.

At this home, Thomas Rondall Good, was born in 1941. The family made many friends on nearby farms such as: Fred and Vergie Fields, Willie and Corda Fields, Otha and Ina Price and the Owen Casto's.

The World War II years, 1941-1945, brought new stresses to farm families. Sons and fathers were being quickly drafted for military duty. Roscoe had returned to work at Kelly Axe in Charleston, coming home on weekends. The combination of a large family and a defense job gave him a 4-F military rating and he did not have to go into military service.

In 1944, the eldest son, Rex Leon, started to Ripley High School, walking several miles to reach a school bus. This, plus Roscoe's continued work in Charleston, led the family to move to Kenna in the fall of 1944, where daughter, Lorene Kay (Postlethwait) was born. Two years later the family found a permanent home, a farm in Putnam County where Jackson and Kanawha Counties join. The children continued to attend high school at Ripley due to the long distances to travel to Putnam County schools. Three additional children were added to the family; twins, Judith Ann (Cleary) and Jerry Allen (February 24, 1947), and David Wayne on December 24, 1951. When David graduated from Ripley High School in 1969, it was found that the family had a record of having at least one child enrolled in that school each year for 25 years.

While none of Roscoe and Bessie's children and 39 grandchildren lived in Jackson County in 1989, they enjoy tracing their ancestry to the Staats Mill Bridge, to Aplin Ridge, Laurel Run and

Kentuck; and, to the loggers, the farmers, the teachers, the grocers, and to the justices of the peace that pioneered this country. *Submitted by Lori Shuster*

GOODMAN-PARSONS

Ethlyn and Sunny are the children of Frederick Wade Don Parsons and Marion Ethlyn Goodman, and grandchildren of Clarence Marion and Edna Mae Vollmer Goodman.



Edna and "Tan" Goodman and grandchildren Ethlyn and Sunny Parsons

Marion is the daughter of Clarence Marion and Edna Mae Vollmer. Marion was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia. She graduated from West Virginia University where she met F.W.D. Parsons and they were married in 1930. They built a house on Maple Street in Ripley and set up housekeeping.

Clarence Marion was a salesman and regional manager for the Colonial Biscuit Company. Edna was a homemaker and they lived in Clarksburg, West Virginia. After C.M. passed away Edna spent time between her son John in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and daughter Marion in Sutton and Ripley, West Virginia. Edna became known to her friends as "Teddy."

While living in Ripley, she made many friends, attended Epworth United Methodist Church and was active in civic organizations, playing cards with her friends and helping with the grandchildren (Ethlyn and Sunny) and great grandchildren (Rick, Mike, Greg and Craig.) *Submitted by Rick Parsons and Lindsey Hughes*



Lindsey Hughes

ABRAHAM AND SAMANTHA GORRELL

My ancestral trail really begins with Moses and Margaret (Ward) Gorrell who tradition says brought their family down the Ohio River by flatboat to the Murraysville area around the latter 1840s. Moses was born in 1801 in Richmond, Ohio (Jefferson County) and died sometime before 1860 in Jackson County. Margaret was born in 1813 in Pennsylvania. They had eight children:

Sarah (born 1831 married John LaRue); Thomas (1835-1893 married Nancy Willet); Jeremiah (born 1836 married Susan Keyes); John (born 1837, no wife); Abraham (1839-1915 married Samantha Holdren); Stephen (1843-1919 married Eliza Jane Murphy then Nancy Willet Gorrell); Rachel (born 1846 married J.L. McMurray) and David (1847-1924 married Mary Jane Fisher).

My great grandfather was Abraham. He and Samantha were married May 25, 1876 in Athens County, Ohio by someone named Lawson and had six children living somewhere in the Sandyville area: Albert (married Laura Archer); Nancy (married Lindsey Seckman); Carrie (married Abe Willet); Melissa (married Oda Dragoo); Mary (married Harm Waggner); and Tom (married Elsie Finch). Abraham along with brothers, Stephen, Thomas and Jeremiah enlisted in the army during the Civil War. Pension records list Abraham in company H 3rd Regiment of (then) Virginia Voluntary Cavalry. He enlisted at Parkersburg May 2, 1863 and was honorably discharged at Wheeling June 30, 1865. He was described in these papers as 5 feet 10 inches, of light complexion with blue eyes and sandy hair. He tells in a letter to the Commissioner of Pensions (written by someone else-he signed with an X) that his birth records burned "with the contents of my father's house when I was nine years old."



Abraham and Samantha (Holdren) Gorrell

His son Albert (1886-1942) and Laura (married November 23, 1912) were my grandparents. Their seven children: Rex (1913-1981 married Betty ?); Charles (born 1915 married Betty Carmichael); Kenneth (1919-1985 married Sarah Ann Worley); Lawrence (born 1923 married Willadene Rominger); Maxine (born 1929 married Jim Gates); Pauline (born 1934 married Clay Boggess); and Kathryn (born 1934 married Laco Anderson).

Kenneth and Ann were my parents. They were married in Pomeroy, Ohio October 24, 1948. Their children: Karen Rosalind (born 1953 married Frank Bowers-children: J.T., Kenny, Sarah, and Trevor); Thomas Albert, named after both grandfathers (born 1957); and myself, Kendra Ann (born 1958 married Charles E. Johnson). Chuck and I were married at the Sandyville Church of Christ (Jackson County) May 3, 1986, our marriage license is recorded in Pleasants County and we now live in Ritchie County. As I pondered my own records I realized why it is so difficult to trace my ancestors. Chuck and I have three children (my step-children): Michelle (born 1969); Charles, Jr. (born 1970) and Yvonne (born 1972). We lost a baby girl, Celina Rochelle February 25, 1989 who is buried at the Independence Cemetery in Sandyville beside her grandfather, Kenneth and not far from her great grandparents, Albert and Laura. Her great, great grandparents, Abraham and Samantha, are buried down the hill in the middle of the older section of the cemetery. Chuck and I are expecting another baby in June to join the lineage.

I am in hopes of compiling a comprehensive history of the Gorrells in Jackson County to be kept in the libraries for future generations. In the

meantime, I apologize to those members that I have had to "skim over" in this writing. If anyone wishes to contact me, please do so by writing my "home address" on Copper Fork Road: Rt. 2, Box 7, Sandyville, 25275. Submitted by Kendra Gorrell Johnson

BRIGITTE AND RON GORRELL

Mom and Dad were married in beautiful Hawaii in a military wedding at Schofield Barracks thus bringing together a union which began thousands of miles away and many more thousands of miles apart.

Dad (Otmer Ronald Gorrell) was born in Ravenswood, West Virginia, on July 24, 1931, to Harry David and Georgia Minnie (Kelbaugh) Gorrell. After graduating from Ravenswood High School in 1949, he left for college at West Virginia University. In 1951, he enlisted in the Army and soon found himself serving on the Korean peninsula. After discharge from the Army, and another two years at West Virginia University (1954-56), Dad reenlisted in the Army. After attending Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he graduated a second lieutenant in 1958. Dad's first assignment was at a combat experimentation center in sunny California. After two years at Fort Ord, Dad was reassigned to Hawaii.

Mom (Brigitte Stehr) was born in Breslau, Germany, on August 10, 1939, to Bruno and Elfriede (Pelz) Stehr. Mom's father, who was serving in the German Army, was reported missing-in-action during the 1942-3 Stalingrad campaign. In 1944, Grandma Stehr moved Mom and the rest of the family to Ludenscheid to avoid Russian occupation. Mom graduated from high school at St. Mary's Catholic School in 1957. The next year, she immigrated to Chicago, Illinois, where she lived with relatives and where she met Dad in 1959. After a couple years, including several visits and many letters, Mom flew to Hawaii where she and Dad were married on May 7, 1961.

Before leaving Hawaii in 1963, Mom and Dad had their first child, Byron Jay. Byron graduated from West Point in 1985 and is now a captain at Fort Polk, Louisiana. And, just like Dad, Byron had a military wedding this past May (1989) in Lafayette, Louisiana, where he married Peggy Welsh, daughter of a retired Navy officer.

Dad and Mom moved to Fort Gordon, Georgia, where in 1964 number two child was born: Pamela Joan. Pamela graduated from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, in 1987, and is now working as a certified public accountant in San Antonio, Texas.

While Dad was attending Special Forces school at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in early 1965, Mom was having their third child, Debra Kay, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Debbie, married to Stephen Shead in 1986, now lives near Orlando, Florida. They have one son: Christopher.

Dad then had two one-year tours to Vietnam where he served with the "Green Berets," while



front: Debra, Brigitte, and Pamela Gorrell; back: Aaron, Ron, and Bryon, 1985

Mom and we kids lived in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Between these two tours, Dad attended a couple Army courses at Fort Benning, Georgia. After Dad's last Vietnam tour, we all went to Bad Tolz, a small Army post in southern Germany. In 1971, our younger brother, Aaron Kent, was born near there, in Munich, Germany. Dad was reassigned to Thailand for a year (1972) while the family moved to Santa Barbara, California. Dad had a final short tour at Fort MacArthur, California, before retiring in 1973 with the rank of major.

Following retirement, Dad returned to college, graduating from the University of Southern California in 1976 with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. He immediately left for Saudi Arabia to work for Arabian American Oil Company while we stayed in Santa Barbara. In 1977 we joined him and spent the next seven years in SUNNY, AND HOT, Saudi Arabia.

In 1984, we returned to the United States to live at 2617 Scorpio Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dad and Mom still live there with Aaron who is now in college, majoring in pre-medicine. Submitted by Pamela Gorrell

CHANCEY HOWARD GORRELL

Chancey Howard "Rube" Gorrell, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Jane Murphy Gorrell, was born October 21, 1890, at Copper Fork, Jackson County, West Virginia.

Lottie McCauley, born March 6, 1894, daughter of William and Arminda McCauley, became the wife of C.H. "Rube" Gorrell, November 20, 1916.

"Rube" and Lottie Gorrell began housekeeping at the "Seckman farm," near the present location of Carl Smith Construction. In 1919, they lived near the present location of the Gilmore School, then moved to Copper Fork in 1920. March 21, 1921, they purchased a seventy acre farm on Beatys Run, where they lived 52 years, working their farm and raising their family of nine children.

Dorothy Revie, born 1917, married William O. Cole, 1941; Robert Stephen, born 1919, married June Boggs, 1951; Jack, born 1921, married Pauline Moore, 1951; Margaret Jane, born 1924, married Robert Shaw, 1953; James Denver, born 1927, married Louise Staats, 1948; Chancey Hal, born 1929, married Betty Jane Kulla, 1955; Olive Ruth, born 1931, married Robert E. Yohey, 1952; Billy Eugene, born 1933, married Donna Faye Waggoner, 1961; Joe Lewis, born 1935, married Karen Casto, 1959, divorced, married Helen Perky, 1972.

Chancey Howard "Rube" Gorrell died April 7, 1969. Lottie McCauley Gorrell died December 28, 1976. They are buried at the Drift Run Cemetery. Submitted by Margaret Gorrell Shaw

HARRY DAVID GORRELL

Harry David Gorrell, a well-known and highly respected business and civic leader of Jackson County, was born on March 24, 1903, to John Wesley and Fannie Jane (McKinley) Gorrell. He was educated and raised in his place of birth, Skull Run, six miles north of Ravenswood.

Harry's early jobs took him out of Jackson County, to Akron, Ohio, and other places where employment was more plentiful. Ultimately returning to the place he loves most, he has lived in Jackson County continuously since January 1, 1928, and now resides on Bedford Street in Ravenswood. In 1928, Harry successfully completed the federal postal examination that was to begin his career for 33 years.

Almost as old as the 20th Century, Harry sometimes recounts the nation's achievements since his birth, including birth of winged flight the year he was born. Yet, early in his new career, he often delivered mail in rural Sherman by the most

unsophisticated means: on foot, on horseback, and even by row boat when the Ohio flooded its tributaries. Harry epitomizes the old postal slogan: "Neither rain, snow, nor hail will stop delivery of the United States mail."



front: Georgia and Dolores Gorrell;
back: Dayton, Harry, and Ron Gorrell, 1954

In the late 1920s, Harry also met the gal of his dreams, Georgia Minnie Kelbaugh, a young elementary school teacher who was teaching in Harry's home hollow, Skull Run. Georgia, the third child of George William and Minnie Isadora (Dennis) Kelbaugh, was born at Wiseburg, Jackson County, June 10, 1903. On September 2, 1930, Harry and Georgia exchanged wedding vows at the home of Georgia's sister, Norma, on Washington Street in North Ravenswood.

First born to the new couple was Otmer Ronald who was born in North Ravenswood on July 24, 1931. Soon after, Harry moved his little family to "a little farm" in Sherman. There, Arnold Dayton was born on October 1, 1932. In 1935, on Valentine's Day, Harry and Georgia had their third child: Dolores Vallee.

Moving to Ravenswood in 1936, the Gorrells went into business with Mr. Kelbaugh, Georgia's father. After moving a building to set diagonal to the corner, they opened a grocery store/gasoline station on June 1, 1936, at the corner of Sand and Race Streets in Ravenswood. About six years later, the Gorrells bought Mr. Kelbaugh's interests in the store.

The Gorrells moved to North Ravenswood about 1938. Harry and Georgia sold their first business to Harry's brother and sister-in-law, Holbert and Blanche Gorrell, and built another grocery store/gasoline station on the corner of Washington and Ann Streets in North Ravenswood. The new business opened in March 1947. Since Harry was still delivering mail, now out of the Ravenswood Post Office, most store operations were left to Georgia. After six successful years, they sold this second store to Garland and Norma Jean (Gorrell) Cope on June 1, 1953.

In 1957, Harry and Georgia decided on new careers, real estate. First a salesman then a broker, Harry founded the Gorrell Realty on June 1, 1965. Now under new ownership, that business still overlooks the Little Sandy in Ravenswood.

After retiring from the post office on March 31, 1961, Harry built many fine homes in the Ravenswood area over the next several years, including the one in which he currently lives. In addition, he supervised construction of the North United Methodist Church on the corner of Washington and Brown Streets of Ravenswood. That church, one of the finest structures in the county, was completed in August 1965.

Not satisfied with just being a businessman, Harry accepted appointment to the Jackson County Court in 1961. In 1962, he was elected to a full term in the Court. Harry also has held other civic positions including head of the Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce in 1972-3.

On August 14, 1965, Harry lost his wife. Georgia is buried in the Ravenswood cemetery.

Harry remarried on November 12, 1966, to Phnelma Evelyn (Bennett) Evans.

The first Gorrell family in Jackson County was headed by Moses M. Gorrell, Harry's great-grandfather. Moses was born in Richmond (Jefferson County), Ohio, in 1801. About 1830, he married Margaret Ann Ward, probably in Pennsylvania. Their children were: Sarah Ann (born 1831), Thomas (1835-1893), Jeremiah (born April 1836), John (born 1837), Abraham (July 30, 1839-February 9, 1915), Stephen (1843-February 11, 1919), Rachel (born 1846), and David Daniel (August 20, 1847-July 3, 1924). Sarah Ann was born in Pennsylvania; the rest in Jefferson County, Ohio. Moses and Margaret moved their family to Jackson County about 1849.

David Daniel, Harry's grandfather, married Mary Jane Fisher (born May 8, 1854, in Meigs County, Ohio) on November 1, 1870. Their children included John Wesley (February 17, 1872-August 7, 1958), Mosell (February 8, 1875-1954), David Selby (February 19, 1877-1962), Anna Marie (July 15, 1879-August 17, 1909), Thomas Irwin (January 23, 1881-July 21, 1930), Sarah Belle (July 30, 1884-June 20, 1928), Elmer (August 12, 1885-June 18, 1889), James Albert (March 6, 1887-March 8, 1887), Susan Eva (August 15, 1890-May 5, 1933), Otho Edwin (born June 2, 1893), and Oliver Sherman (September 23, 1897-September 24, 1897). All were born in Jackson County.

Harry's father, John Wesley, married Fannie Jane McKinley (born February 8, 1873, in Jackson County) on May 27, 1894. Their children included William Holbert (October 4, 1896-August 21, 1954), Helen Lucinda (August 27, 1899-April 24, 1988), Harry David, Ethel Jane (January 8, 1905-May 28, 1988), Lelah Gertrude (February 28, 1909-February 15, 1984), Oscar James (born June 29, 1912; now living in Ravenswood), and Denzil Dayton (March 8, 1915-August 13, 1965). All were born in Jackson County.



seated: John and Fannie Gorrell; standing: Denzil, Oscar, Lelah, Ethel, Harry, Helen, and Holbert, 1953

Harry's and Georgia's children and grandchildren are spread throughout the nation. Ronald married Brigitte Stehr in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, on May 7, 1961. Ron completed twenty years with the army in 1973, retiring with the rank of major. Ron and Brigitte have four children: Byron Jay living at Fort Polk, Louisiana; Pamela Joan in San Antonio, Texas; Debra Kay in Orlando, Florida; and Aaron Kent with this parents in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dayton married Donita Newland in Columbus, Indiana, on November 26, 1955. Their children are Suzan Renee living in Florida and Gregory Scott in Corpus Christi, Texas. Dayton completed twenty years with the air force in 1974, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He currently lives in Austin, Texas, with his second wife, Ruby.

Dolores married Donzel Clair Smith in Silvertown, West Virginia, on June 13, 1955. Their children are Donzel Clair, Jr. living in Parkersburg, Denise Ann in Belpre, Ohio, Darren Lee in Washington, West Virginia, and Duane Alan in Washington, West Virginia. Dolores has been teaching

in Wood County elementary schools for 20 years and lives in Washington, West Virginia. Submitted by O. Ronald Gorrell and Dolores (Gorrell) Smith

MOSES GORRELL

Moses Gorrell, born in Richmond, Ohio, in 1801, and his wife, Margaret Ann Ward Gorrell, born in Pennsylvania, 1813, were early settlers in Jackson County. Traveling the Ohio River and Sandy Creek, they settled near Meadowdale.

The Census of 1850 in Jackson County lists: Moses Gorrell (husband), age 49; Margaret A Gorrell (wife), age 37 and children, Sarah, 19, Thomas, 15, Jerry, 14, John, 13, Abe, 12, Steven, 6, Rachel, 4, and David, 3.

It is known that Sarah married John Larue, Thomas married Nancy Willett, Jeremiah married Susan Keyes, John was held prisoner and died in the Civil War, Abraham married Samantha Holden, Stephen married Jane Murphy, Rachel married Lindsay McMurray and David was married to Mary Jane Fisher.

Moses and Margaret Gorrell are buried near the church in the old Independence Cemetery at Sandyville. Submitted by Dorothy Cole

STEPHEN GORRELL 1843-1919

Stephen Gorrell, son of Moses and Margaret Ward Gorrell, was born in Richmond, Ohio, October 7, 1843. Stephen served in the Union Army during the Civil War and was a farmer.

Elizabeth Jane Murphy, born January 24, 1850, at Copper Fork, near Sandyville, became the wife of Stephen Gorrell, March 12, 1867. They resided on Copper Fork and were parents of 11 children:

Virginia Bell Gorrell Wilkerson (1868-1950), Emma Gorrell (1870-1886), Margaret Ann Gorrell Morehead (1873-1940), C.E. "Joe" Gorrell (1875-1893), William Gorrell (1877-1952), Clara Gorrell Willett (1879-1968), James E. Gorrell (1882-1963), John B. Gorrell (1884-1964), Lindsay Gorrell (1887-1959), Chancey Howard "Rube" Gorrell (1890-1969), and Ray Amos "Dick" Gorrell (1893-1963).

Elizabeth Jane Gorrell died June 4, 1898, and is buried in the Sandyville Cemetery.

Stephen married Nancy Willett, November 12, 1900.

Stephen died November 4, 1919. Nancy Willett Gorrell died February 26, 1928. They are buried in the Sandyville Cemetery. Submitted by James Denver Gorrell

OSCAR J. GORRELL

Oscar James Gorrell was born June 6, 1913, at Skull Run, Jackson County, son of John Wesley Gorrell born February 17, 1872, died August 7, 1958, and Fannie McKinley Gorrell born February 8, 1873, died October 2, 1954.

Oscar married Cletis Armenia Wheaton on February 2, 1933. Cletis was born December 25, 1915, daughter of Bennett Wheaton, born December 15, 1868, died May 10, 1945, and Margaret Selma Crawford, born February 8, 1879, died December 25, 1965.

Oscar and Cletis had six children:

1) Norma Jean Gorrell b. 3-31-33 m. Garland J. Cope of Matewan, WV on November 28, 1952, b. 10-7-27, son of Melvin Cope, b. 8-2-1904 d. 2-21-88 and Laura Cope b. 1-9-1908

Garland and Norma Jean Cope had two children:

1) Jeffrey Jay Cope b.c. 11-18-55 in Ravenswood; m. Cathy Moore b.c. 10-31-57, daughter of Donald and Shirley Moore of Ravenswood on May 22, 1975

Jeff and Cathy have three children:

1) Misty Dawn Cope b.c. 9-27-75 in Charleston

2) Marcus Jay Cope b.c. 10-14-78 in

Charleston

3) Julie Beth Cope b.c. 6-28-80 in Charleston

2) Carole Jean Cope b.c. 6-28-58 in Ravenswood m. Ricky Lee Moore b.c. 7-20-56, son of Carroll and Lois Moore of Medina on June 25, 1978

Carole and Ricky have three children:

1) Todd Joseph Moore (T. J.) b.c. 8-26-79 in Parkersburg

2) Alison Lee Moore b.c. 10-29-83 in Parkersburg

3) Ian Michael Moore b.c. 5-27-87 in Parkersburg

2) Max Gary Gorrell b.c. 1-8-35 at Skull Run, WV

m. Dorothy Prine b.c. 8-30-35 on October 27, 1956

Max and Dorothy live in Sandyville.

They have three children:

1) Mark Jason Gorrell b.c. 9-9-58 in Parkersburg

m. Avonelle Markum

They have three children:

1) Craig Anthony Gorrell

2) Tara Maria Gorrell

3) Bryant Kelly Gorrell

2) Clark Anthony Gorrell b.c. 9-14-60 m. Linda Jarrett

one son

1) Jeremy Brent Gorrell b.c. 12-18-80

Divorced Linda Jarrett and married Pamela Kay Hilton

3) Kathy Joyce Gorrell b.c. 11-17-63 in Parkersburg, WV

3) Marilyn Wallace Gorrell b.c. 2-20-37 at Skull Run

m. Virginia Dianne Ingram b.c. 12-17-41 on May 27, 1961

Marilyn and Diane have four children:

1) John Wesley Gorrell b.c. 3-28-62 at Elizabethtown, Ky

2) Kimberly Dianne Gorrell b.c. 10-28-63 at Gallipolis, Oh

m. David S. Gentry

They have two children:

1) Marilyn Jason Gentry b.c. 5-3-83 at Gallipolis, OH

2) Belinda Chistine Gentry b.c. 9-17-84 at Gallipolis

3) James Marilyn Gorrell b.c. 9-16-69 at Gallipolis, OH

4) Deborah Ann Gorrell b.c. 6-13-73 at Gallipolis, OH

4) Carolyn Rae Gorrell b.c. 4-27-40 at Sherman, WV

m. Macle "Buck" Chapman b.c. 4-27-13 d. 4-17-78 on April 5, 1973 son of Edward Chapman and Virgie Brown

5) Linda Elaine Gorrell b.c. 11-27-44, at Mason City

m. Herbert Craig Dawkins two children

1) Byron Lee Dawkins b.c. 10-2-65 at Bangor, Maine



seated: Cletis and Oscar Gorrell; children: Mike, Linda Johnson, Marilyn, Carolyn Chapman, Max, Norma Jean Cope

2) Christopher Neil Dawkins b.c. 1-21-70 at Parkersburg, WV
Linda and Craig divorced and Linda married Richard Johnson

6) Michael Keith Gorrell b.c. 4-7-52 m. Virginia Allman of Parkersburg
They have two children
1) Tammy Joy Gorrell
2) Scott Michael Gorrell

Oscar and Cletis were married 51 years. Oscar worked on the farm, worked as a construction worker and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. The picture was taken on Oscar and Cletis' 50th Anniversary with their six children. Cletis died February 3, 1984 at St. Josephs Hospital in Parkersburg. Oscar married Arla Barbara Connors on January 25, 1986. They reside in Ravenswood.
Submitted by Norma Jean Cope and Carolyn Chapman

PHNELMA BENNETT (EVANS) GORRELL

I, Phnelma E. "Pam" Bennett Evans Gorrell, daughter of Holly H. and Ella Cline Bennett was born at Silvertown, West Virginia on May 30, 1918. I was born in the same log house that my father and all my three sisters were born in. At the age of 2, my family moved to Ravenswood. When my older sister was in school and like all childhood diseases, she brought whooping cough home to us "younger" sisters. My mother had to hire help to take care of all of us. A favorite tale of my mother's at this time was that I would run to the corner of the room, stand there and cough until I whooped.

I attended Ravenswood schools and graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1936. In July of 1936, I left Ravenswood and entered St. Josephs School of Nursing. Our schooling consisted of working 12 hours per day (7am - 7pm), with only a half day off per week. If our patient load was heavy, we had no time off. After completing this 3 year program, I graduated in 1939 and received my RN after successfully passing my state boards.

My first employment as a nurse was in the private duty area. My first case was a woman who was a stroke victim. My client wanted to spend the winter in California so I accompanied her there. I was young and had never traveled anywhere so the four day train trip was an exciting time yet a hard time for me. I was in charge of my clients meals, medication, laundry as well as her 15 year old daughter.

After private duty nursing, I worked for Dr. Camden Starcher in his hospital in Ripley. He was also the physician for the CCC Camp. Because these men in the CCC Camp were prone for lots of broken bones, I learned how to take and develop x-rays as well as learning laboratory duties.

I left the West Virginia area and went to Detroit, Michigan to work in a large maternity hospital. We averaged 300 deliveries per month. It was in Detroit that I met and married Harold Pearl Evans in July of 1942, who happened to be a fellow Jackson County native. In November, 1942, my husband left for the Seabees which were part of the Navy during World War II. He served his time in the Pacific.

In July of 1943, I gave birth to our daughter Sharon Evans. Our little girl did not see her father until August of 1945. On April 25, 1950 our son Robert H. Evans was born.

Between the years 1952-1956, I worked for the Jackson County Board of Education as the County Health Nurse. At this time we had 24 one room schools and our basic health problem was head lice and the "itch." We also held vaccination clinics for smallpox, whooping cough, measles and diphtheria. It was while I was working at the schools that we also had the first polio vaccines. Other health conditions facing Jackson County were heavy loads of tuberculosis of which many of our patients were sent to sanitariums.

From 1956-1965, I worked as a staff nurse at

Kaiser Aluminum in Ravenswood, West Virginia. On April 22, 1965, my husband died of a heart attack. I went back to work in May. Exactly four weeks after my husbands death, a man working at the plant died from a heart attack enroute to Holzer Hospital (which was the closest hospital at the time) and I at this time began to experience nursing "burn out." In July of 1965 I resigned my nursing position.

In November of 1965 I took my examination for my realtor's license and passed. Before this the only thing I knew about a deed to property was that "you kept it in your safety deposit box." I was employed by Harry Gorrell Realty as a salesman. In November 1966 I married Harry David Gorrell and became co-owner and operator of Harry Gorrell Realty. In 1976 we sold the realty company to Virginia Carroll.

Harry and I still live in Ravenswood where we both retired. However, I still can't find enough hours in the day to do everything we need to do in our retirement years. *Submitted by Phnelma E. Gorrell*

DORN AND GEORGIA GRADY

Dorn Grady (born 4-4-1920) is the son of George and Mary Eskew Grady. Dorn's parents were both born and lived to adulthood in Jackson County. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Mason County where they raised their family of four girls and three boys: Mabel (deceased), Bertha, May, Alma, Raymon, Londis (deceased), and Dorn. Dorn grew up on a tobacco farm and attended school in Mason County. While working at Dunbar Glass, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He spent 42 months overseas in the Pacific. He was in the anti-aircraft division. After he returned from World War II, he bought a farm near Cottageville, and has lived on that same farm for the past 44 years, building a house, farming, doing construction work, and working 23 years for Kaiser Aluminum where he retired.

Dorn's wife Georgia (born 9-26-1917) is the daughter of George and Lizzie Thornton Stewart. She has lived her entire life in Jackson County, growing up in the Foster Chapel vicinity. She has one sister, Evelyn, who lives near Washington, D.C. Georgia graduated from Union High School, attended Glenville State College, and graduated from Charleston University. She has taught elementary school for 35 years but is now retired. Since her retirement she has done volunteer work for the Red Cross, working at Jackson General Hospital. She has been a volunteer 4-H leader for more than 30 years.



Dorn and Georgia Grady, 1940

Dorn and Georgia married 12-22-1941. They have two sons: Gary and Jerry.

Gary (born 7-4-46) graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1964 and West Virginia University in 1968 with a BS in Journalism. He served two years in the U.S. Army in public information at Ft. Knox. At the R.O.T.C. Detachment of W.Va. University, he served as varsity rifle coach for WVU. From 1971 to 1976, he worked in public relations for Columbia Gas Transmission in Charleston. From 1976 to 1982 he worked in

advertising, sales, and promotion & sales manager for W.Va. Tractor and Equipment in Charleston. In 1982 he formed W.Va. Tractor Company, a construction and municipal equipment distributorship in Charleston, and serves as president. In 1968 he married Christine Basham of Dunbar and Beckley. She is a nurse at Charleston Area Medical Center. Their children are Michael, born 1969, and Sara, born 1973. Michael is a student at WVU and Sara attends George Washington High School.

Jerry (born 1-9-50) graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1968, West Virginia University in 1972 with a BS in Education, and College of Graduate Studies in 1979 with an MS in Counseling. He worked as a juvenile probation officer from 1972-1974, county extension 4-H agent from 1974-1986, and as a vocational counselor and adult basic education teacher with Jackson County Schools from 1986 to present. He has served as president of the West Virginia Extension Agents 4-H Association, West Virginia Adult Education Association, and Jackson County Junior Fair. His passive solar, earth-sheltered home has been toured by over 1000 people. He was married to Marlene Parsons from 1972-1977 and married Katharine "Kit" Grady in 1982. Kit has a bachelors and masters degree from Florida State University and has worked as a speech therapist both with the hearing impaired and in the regular school systems. They have two daughters: Jessica, born in 1984, and Melissa, born in 1986.

Both Georgia and Dorn are active members of the Cottageville United Methodist Church. Georgia manages two cemeteries and has been a member of the Rebekah Lodge for many years. Both love to travel and have visited all 50 states as well as overseas. *Submitted by Georgia Grady*

ELIAS AND SUSAN GRADY

Our Grady line is descended from Ireland, also known as O'Grady. Elias and Susan (Bowen) Grady settled in Virginia and then moved on to West Virginia where they lived and reared their children in Wood, Jackson, and Roane Counties. There were 17 children born to this union of which Reverend A. M. Grady was the youngest of the children. He married Clara Seyler at a young age. They had two sons who died in infancy. Clara died in the Year 1912.

On October 15, 1913, he married Mary Blanche Duskey at Ripley, West Virginia.

To this union was born 14 children, seven girls and seven boys. The family married as follows: Rachel to Roscoe Knight having ten children; Ruth to Harrison Smith having nine children; Emma to Johnson Scarberry having nine children; Luda to Clark Arnott (deceased) having two children; Wanda to Ivan Powell (deceased) having four children; Dwayne to Anna Roush having ten children; Dwight (deceased) to Eleanor Counts having six children; Blaine to Mary having one child; Betty to Carl Reed (deceased) having eight children; Harold to Justine Randolph having six children; Mary J. to Gene Fontaine, having ten children; Walter, divorced having six children; Clark to Edith having eight children.

Reverend A. M. Grady died in 1967 at the age of 86. Mary Grady died in 1976 at the age of 83. Reverend Grady was a minister for 30 years all around West Virginia. He was semi-retired from the ministry at 60 years of age. After retirement he was a self-employed carpenter and painter. All of his family that survives are living in the states of Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia.

He is buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery near Ripley, West Virginia, beside two of his sons, first wife, and father. *Submitted by Ruth Smith*

GRADY - ESKEW

The name Grady was originally an Irish name O'Grady. The earliest record we have of our great

grandfather George Hamilton (Ham) Grady was in Lewis County before he came to Joe's Run in Jackson County, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was born in 1849 and died in 1925. He had three wives and children by all three. He is buried at Mt. Hope, which is at the head of Joe's Run. His first wife was Mary Ellen Myres, who is buried at the Mt. Olive Cemetery on the Gay Road (no marker). They had seven children.

- 1) George Grady (1878-1950), our grandfather, married our grandmother Mary Ellen Eskew 1878-1944. She was the daughter of James Eskew and Eliza Boswell. George and Mary were married in Jackson County in 1905 after he came back from the service. He was stationed in Alaska. They moved to Mason County where they remained the rest of their lives. Both are buried at Walker Chapel in Putnam County. They had seven children. (1) Mable (1906-1984) married Ansel Tucker and is buried at Walker Chapel. Their children were Earnest, Alma, and Linda. (2) May (1908-) married Bernard Harmon, who died in 1985. They had one son, Alton. (3) Bertha (1911-) married Clifford Fleak. They have no children. (4) Alma (1912-) married Edwin Dennis, who died in 1942. They had one son, Brady Dennis. Later she married Herbert Murry and later Henry Marker, who died in 1989. (5) Raymond (1914-) married Virgie Buck born in 1914. She is dead. They had no children. (6) Londis (1916-1989) married Renia Higginbotham. Their children are Corina, Melvina, Belden, Albert, and Karen. (7) Dorn, (1920-) married Georgia Stewart born 1917 (our parents) on December 22, 1941. Children are Gary, born 1946, and Jerry, born 1950.

- 2) Dennis Grady, buried at Mt. Hope.
- 3) Thomas Grady, married a Mullenix and is buried at the Pine Grove (Ludwig Cemetery) at the head of Sycamore.
- 4) Annis Grady, 1880-1960's, married Verna Myres. Both are buried at Walker Chapel. They had two sons, Herbert and Edward. Both are dead.
- 5) Mary Grady married a Mr. Buckhannon.
- 6) Jennie married a Mr. Brown.
- 7) One child died in infancy.

By his second wife, Mattie Hess, George Hamilton (Ham) Grady had the following children.

- 1) Irvin, born in 1883, married Mary Bowman, born 1883. Both are buried at Walker Chapel. Their children are: Basil who married Virgie Snyder; Iva married Hib Herdman; Audra married Benny Maser; Wilbur married Nola Garrison; John married Mildred Craig; Estel married Genelda Sanders; and Bernice married Dewey Meadows.
- 2) Arthur, (1890-1968) married Ethel Mellenex and is buried at Pine Hill. His children were Raymond, Guy, Ruby, and Boyd.
- 3) Onie (1889-1954) married Estie Walls (1898-1966). Both are buried at Letart Falls, Ohio. Their children are: Lillie, (1918-), married Eugene Johnson; Hollie, married to Vera Powers; Francis, married to Elmer Parson; Charles, married to Okra Sarge; Tessie, married first to Robert Phillips and then to Bobby Wolfe; Ronald, married to Betty Justice; Raymond, married to Jean Michaels; Delmer, married to Zelma Taylor; Elmer, twin to Delmer, died young; Martha, married to Charles Joy; and Mary, twin to Martha, died young.
- 4) Eldy, (1887-1958), married Fanny Parish, (1891-1950). Both are buried at Independence Cemetery at Sandyville. Their children were: Madeline (1908), married to Cornelius Houchen; Carl (1910), married Mildred Lupardus, (1914-1987); their children are Elmer, Dorothy, Lloyd, and Hazel; Leon (1915), married Cella Haynes; Letha (1920), married Delbert Deems; Ruth (1922), married

Guy Mitchell; Jean (1927) married Frank Stevens; Clair (1929-1947), married to Hope Hupp.

- 5) Earlie married to Bill Snyder.

By George Hamilton (Ham) Grady's third wife Joretta Caltrite (1864-1946), he had two sons: Fred, who married Bertha Connor; and Guy, who was shot in 1923 and is buried at Mt. Hope.



Hamilton and Jaretta Grady

Our great grandfather on our grandmother's side was James Madison Eskew, (1855-1942). He married our great grandmother, Eliza Boswell, (1856-1901). Great grandmother died at the age of 44 in childbirth. Their children were:

- 1) Mary Ellen, (1878-1944), (our grandmother) married (our grandfather) George Grady, 1878-1950. They were married in 1905.



George and Mary (Eskew) Grady

- 2) James Wilden (1881-1953) never married. He is buried at Spencer.
- 3) Ernestine (1884-1966) married George Rayburn. Their children are: Milford, Clifford, and Virginia.
- 4) Thomas (1886-1970s), married Betty Matthews. She is still living.
- 5) Altia (1890-1974), married Everett Tribbet. Their children are: Elsworth, Pearl, and Ralph.
- 6) Julie (1892-1962), married William Tribbett. Their children are: Virginia, Kathleen, Juanita, and Thomas. Submitted by Jerry Grady, Gary Grady

SUSAN DOOLITTLE GRAHAM

Susan Doolittle was born December 3, 1839, in Jackson County near Wilding. She was the youngest daughter of Moses and Susan (Seaman) Doolittle. Her siblings were: Ephriam T., Elizabeth, David, Margaret J., Rebecca, Willet A., and George S. Doolittle. She spent her early childhood in Jackson County, but then moved to the Charleston area of Kanawha County with her parents.

She married Browning Hayden, a young doctor who was killed in the Civil War. During their life together, Susan had a millinery store with another doctor's wife, Mrs. A. L. Knight, in West Columbia, Mason County.

In 1872, Susan returned to Jackson County and married Robert McGuire, who died in 1878. In 1881, she married Richard B. Graham. For a time,



Susan (Doolittle) Graham

she owned and operated a store. A stone jar, which was given as a premium from that store, bears the name: Graham and Stone General Merchandise, Jackson Court House (Ripley). A letter and picture sent to her younger brother, Willet Doolittle, who was living in Carbondale, Ohio, tells of a flood which destroyed the business. After her husband's death, Susan went to Carbondale, Ohio, to manage a store for Willet for several years. Members of Willet's family remember Aunt Susan as a very dignified, well-organized, and efficient Christian lady who left a positive imprint on their lives. After closing the Carbondale store, she returned to Ripley and spent her last years there. She died in 1923 and is buried beside her parents in the Early Settlers Cemetery. Submitted by Jessie A. Doolittle

MARY ELLEN AND ERIC GRANDON

Mary Ellen Quinn and Eric Lee Grandon were married in the Grasslick Baptist Church, Kenna, West Virginia, June 4, 1988. She is the fifth child of Lenora Durham Quinn and Clifton F. Quinn. She was born February 1, 1969 in Deaconess Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. Due to the illness of her mother she came to live with her Aunt and Uncle Lawrence and Nina Cook, on May 10, 1969. At the age of three her mother died and Mary remained with the Cook family. She attended Kanna Elementary, Ripley Middle School and graduated from Ripley High School. She was a member of the Kenna Succeeders 4-H Club. She attended Alderson Broaddus College for one year,



Eric and Mary Grandon

working toward a physicians assistant degree.

Eric Lee Grandon born April 16, 1966 in Jackson General Hospital, is the third son of Ronald and Charlotte Grandon of Ripley. He graduated from Ripley High School, was a member of the Army Reserves and attended NIT before entering the Armed Services. He and Mary moved to California for one year. Mary attended Hartnell

College for one year. In July, 1889 Eric was assigned a tour of duty in Turkey. Mary returned to Alderson Broadus College. They are members of the Grasslick Baptist Church. *Submitted by Mary Grandon*

GREER

Prominent in Jackson County political and business circles during early years were members of the Greer family. William Greer (born 1798), son of John (1753-1838) and Jane (Jean) Callaghan Greer of Mason County, drowned in Mill Creek at what is now Cottageville in 1837. William's wife was Martha Monroe Greer (1802-1879). They were the parents of seven children: John M. (1823-1900); Mary J. (1825-1847) who married Samuel E. Lewis; Margaret Eleanor (1828-1833); Martha Isabell who married William Brown Gibbs; James A. (1832-1911) who married Sarah A. Waugh; Samuel B. (1834-1884) married first Mary Frances Ayers and second Ellen M. Johnson (1852-1912); William T. (1835-1924) who married Mary Virginia Bennett (1848-1912).

John M. supported his mother, sisters and brothers while growing up by carrying mail from Ripley to Arnoldsburg and Belleville, and would drive stock from Jackson County to Harrison and Lewis counties, making the round trip on foot for \$8.00 per month. He was not formally educated, but "his store of knowledge was obtained by observation and in the expensive school of business experience and was an excellence judge of human nature," wrote Hon. Warren Miller in the Jackson Herald after his death. Also, their home was "a hotel for the hungry and a hospital for the sick without money and without price." He served as constable from November 1847 to May 1856, when he was elected Sheriff of the County serving four years, and in 1870-1876, he served in the same capacity again.

John's brother, William T., served as Sheriff 1860-1866, and in 1876, another brother — Samuel B., was elected and served for two years. All were Democrats.

John M. Greer was first married to Marian Wright in 1846, and his second wife was Salena Catherine Redman (1840-1905) who bore him two children: Daniel Webster Greer and Mamie Greer. John M. is buried in the old cemetery at Evans.

Daniel Webster (Web) Greer (1863-1938) was a successful farmer and prominent citizen. He married Julia C. Progler (1865-1932) daughter of Major C. H. and Elizabeth Smith Progler. Two children were born to this union: Henry Progler (1889—1928), and Mamie J. (1895-1968) who married Marshall Edward Witte (1893-1972). Web served four terms on City Council, was a member of the Board of Education, belonged to Knights of Pythias and Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mrs. Greer belonged to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM THOMAS GREER

William Thomas Greer was born March 4, 1835, at the old Greer homestead in "the Flats," Jackson County, Virginia, (now West Virginia). The old farm later became the Evans Fair Ground. His parent were William and Martha Elizabeth (Monroe) Greer. His grandparents were John and Jane (Callaghan) Greer who migrated to Mason County, Va., (now W. Va.) from Bath County, Va. John Greer was a soldier of the Revolution.

On March 9, 1869, Mr. Greer married Mary Virginia Bennett, whose parents were Capt. George Henry and Andasier Robins (Richardson) Bennett of Snow Hill, Maryland. Mary Virginia Bennett had been visiting her Aunt Rachel M. Bennett Armstrong, the second wife of Hon. Matthias B. Armstrong.



William Thomas Greer

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Greer were Henry Glenmore, William Homer, Wilmer Custis, Gordon Bennett and Andasier Virginia (Anna) all of whom are deceased.

The grandchildren were Joseph William, Mary Hartley (Greer) Sampson, Dr. Creed Collins Greer and Ruth Virginia Greer. All are deceased except Ruth Virginia Greer who resides in Parkersburg, W. Va.

William Thomas and Mary Virginia Greer lived in a 13 room home where the *present Post Office* is located in Ripley.

In 1859, at the age of 24, Mr. Greer was sheriff of Jackson County. Beginning 1865 he served six years as Commissioner of the Courts. In 1888 he served as Commissioner of the United States Courts for four years.



Jackson County Court House

Mr. Greer was the prime factor in the building of the Ripley & Mill Creek Valley Railroad, and was not only one of the largest stockholders but also the first president and general manager of the company. In company with D. K. Hood, treasurer, he superintended the construction of every foot of the road until its completion in 1888. *Submitted by Ruth V. Greer*

GRIMES

Ancestors of Stirling, John and Carl Grimes were living in an area that became Jackson County in the early 1800s. Others moved here as the 19th century came to a close. Our grandfather, John Grimes, and his wife, Agnes S. Black, moved from Flemington, W.V. to Frozen Camp in 1885 and started a general store in that community. Two children, Elizabeth Black and Arthur Stirling were born there. In 1894, the family moved to Ravenswood. The family grew in numbers and John continued in the grocery business. Mary S., Lesley H. and Eleanor Bissell were born in 1891, 1899 and 1903, respectively. In 1901, John, with aid from his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Black, started the Star Printing Co. Our father, Arthur S. Grimes, continued this job printing concern through the mid 1950s. John's parents were James Harvey and Henrietta (Thurman) Grimes. James Harvey's father, James Allen, was a son of Felix Grimes of Pocahontas County, W.V. Felix came to this country from Scotland about 1770.

Elizabeth Black's parents, John S. And Rhoda

(Bissell) Black, moved to Ravenswood from Albany, Ohio in 1895. John S. Black came to Ohio from Greenock, Scotland. He was a carriage maker by trade. He and three others published the Albany Echo for several years while he lived in Albany. Rhoda Bissell's father, Alden S. and grandfather, Warren Bissell, moved to Ohio in 1801 from Litchfield, Connecticut. The Bissell line traces to England through Benjamin, Isaac, and Thomas to John Bissell, the pioneer founder.

Our father, Arthur S. Grimes, married Edith Ernestine Sayre in 1917. Edith was a daughter of Francis Asbury and Mary Virginia (Null) Sayre. They were married 22 November, 1876. In the 1880 Census of Ravenswood, West Virginia, he listed himself as a grocer. Later he became a druggist and operated a drug store in Ravenswood until his death in 1931. Children of this marriage were Lulu, Herschel A., Lora and Edith born in 1880, 1884, 1888, and 1894 respectively. Mary Virginia was born in Cairo, WV. in 1856. Her parents were Jacob and Elizabeth Null.

Francis Sayre's parents were David Sayre and Tabitha H. Flesher. David was born 19 November 1811 in Letart Falls, Ohio. He moved to Jackson County at an early age. On 22 March 1836, he married Tabitha H. Flesher of Ripley. Tabitha was born 3 June 1818. Mr. and Mrs. Sayre were farmers in Pleasant View, WV. They were residents of Jackson County until their deaths. Other children of this marriage were Elizabeth, Adaliza, Almenia and Lydia. The Sayre family traces back to England through Thomas, David, Daniel, Samuel and Thomas to William Sayre in the county of Bedford.

Arthur S. Grimes, Jr. born 1922 married Louise Lockwood of Logan County, WV. They have two daughters. John F. Grimes born 1927 married Anne Thomas of Marion, Ohio. They have two sons. Carl E. Grimes born 1930 married Peggy Cummings of Pittsburgh, Pa. *Submitted by John F. Grimes*

WILLIAM "RED SHOES" GUILER

The following story is related and documented by at least three separate branches of the Guiler family recording William Guiler's misfortune in becoming separated from his family at the time of leaving Ireland to come to America and their subsequent reunion in this country.

The War of 1812 was raging on the high seas and impressment of Irishmen to serve in the British Royal Navy was common. William Guiler and his wife, Mary, were caught up in this conflict, as well as the religious conflict between the Catholics and Protestants in Ireland. In the spring of 1812, William and Mary decided to pack their belongings, take their three year old daughter and sail for America. After spending a night in a barn, due to the conflict of the religious factions, they traveled to Dublin where they spent a night with relatives before leaving for America. The relatives (or friends) in Dublin had given William and Mary's daughter a pair of red shoes as a gift for her to keep and take to America.

After arriving at the dock, purchasing their passage to America and transferring their belongings to the ship sailing to New York, they discovered they had left the little pair of red shoes on the window sill back at the home where they had spent the night. The father checked with the ship's staff to see if he would have time to return and get the red shoes. He was assured he had time to retrieve the shoes, which he did. However, upon returning to the dock a few hours later, he found the ship had already pulled anchor and was setting sail for America. He obtained a row boat in an effort to catch the ship, since his wife, daughter and all his possessions were on board, but it was in vain.

Shortly thereafter, he was impressed by the British and placed on a man-of-war vessel serving the British Navy in the War of 1812. He had no

way of contacting his wife and daughter. After sailing the high seas during the summer and fall, the vessel put in at Newfoundland to take on coal and supplies during the winter of 1812. Bill Guiler, along with five or six others lowered themselves down the side of the ship and made their escape during the night while anchored in the bay. They were pursued by the British when the escape was discovered and tracked for several miles through the bitter cold and snow of the Newfoundland landscape. During the escape, the men split up into pairs and some froze to death. Although nearly exhausted, Bill carried his nearly frozen partner through a blizzard during the night, but finally had to put him down. Finally, after many miles on foot through snow and bitter wind, Bill saw a wee light at a farm house in the distance. After a final effort and nearly frozen from exposure, he reached the farmhouse and collapsed on the front porch, complete exhausted. The people inside heard a thud on the porch and discovered a man half dead from exposure. They took him in and nursed him back to health. The third day he was able to tell them his story. They agreed to let him stay until he could travel south, toward New York, in the spring when the weather opened up. He, in return, worked on the farm and agreed to teach their daughter to play the violin for his keep.

Upon the arrival of spring, Bill "Red Shoes" Guiler bid his Newfoundland friends farewell and made his way to New York and try to locate his wife and family. Meanwhile, Mary had been looking for her husband every day at the port-of-entry at New York. She had taken a job in a millinery shop and continued to search for her husband, never receiving any word as to his whereabouts. William and Mary had been looking for each other for several months now and were discouraged with their loss and passage of time. During the fall of 1813 while walking along among the fallen leaves on the sidewalks of New York in the Irish sector, William Guiler passed by a lady whom he did not notice until after they had passed each other. What a blessing and a reunion it was to find each other after nearly a year and a half of separation.

William Guiler Jr. was born in New York on July 4, 1816. Shortly after the birth of little William, the family moved from New York to a little Irish farm community called Bakerstown, 15 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, Penn. William "Red Shoes" Guiler helped operate and administer the leasing of farm land owned by a kindred Irishman in the Bakerstown area and also worked in a steel foundry in Pittsburgh. In 1832 William Guiler bought 80 acres of land in Noble County, Ohio near Whigville from the U.S. Government for \$1.25 an acre. He moved his family there after building a cabin which stood until the mid 1930s.



William Guiler Jr.

William Guiler Jr. married Sarah Florence Schaffer and their daughter Jemima married John A. Houston. John and Jemima Houston moved from Noble County, Ohio to Jackson County, WV in 1872. They lived on a farm at Beaty's Run. (See Houston-Guiler history) Submitted by William E. Johnson and William C. Johnson

JOHN AND SANDRA GUNTHER

My name is Sandra Kay "Cookey" Gunther, and I was born on June 15, 1942, at (formerly Three Forks of Sycamore) now Walters Run, three miles north of Ripley, off Route 21. I am the seventh child of Ova Marshall Hamon and Lucy Forrest Burdette Hamon. My father was born February 26, 1896, at Advent WV, and was the son of Joseph Price Hamon and Arena Ellen Siders Hamon. Joseph Hamon's parents were Andrew Hamon and Perlina Rhodes Hamon. Arena Siders' parents were George H. Siders and America Miller Siders. My mother was born January 28, 1901, at Sissonville, WV, and is the daughter of Willie Washington Burdette and Tena Catherine Faber Burdette. Willie Burdette's parents were James M. Burdette and Lydia Rachel Milam Burdette. Tena Faber's parents were William Franklin Faber and Louisa Jane Boggess.

My brothers and sisters are:

Maxine Marie Hamon, born May 16, 1923, at Charleston, WV, and died June 11, 1925;

Kathleen Norrine Hamon Freeman Benson, born February 22, 1925, at Charleston, WV;

Ray Corbin Hamon, born September 21, 1927, at Advent, WV;

Betty Zane Hamon Parton, born November 13, 1929, at Ripley, WV;

Beulah Ann Hamon Akens, born September 2, 1937, at Ripley, WV;

Avas Burdette Hamon, born March 8, 1940, at Ripley, WV

I married John David Gunther of Logan, WV, on August 8, 1965, at Epworth Methodist Church, Ripley, WV. John's parents are John Elmer Gunther and Billie Elizabeth Gee Gunther of High Street, Logan, WV. John always worked in the automobile parts business and came to Ripley in 1961 with Baldwin Supply Company located on S. Church Street. Sandra Gunther always taught English at Ripley High School.

We are the proud parents of one daughter, Carrie Dawn Gunther, born January 11, 1971, at Charleston Memorial Hospital, Charleston, WV. At the time this article was written, Carrie was a freshman at Fairmont State College, Fairmont, WV. Submitted by Mrs. Sandra Gunther

COMMODORE P. GUTHRIE

Commodore P. Guthrie, born August 15, 1835 in Tyler County (W) Va., son of Robert and Castilla Guthrie, married May 24, 1857 in Wetzel County. Phoebe Payne born in Tyler County January 30, 1840, daughter of Levi and Mary (Stansbury) Payne. They came to Jackson County after the Civil War and settled at Marshall WV. Commodore died March 18, 1874 and is buried at the Baptist Grove Cemetery, Frozen Camp, WV. Phoebe died December 26, 1923 and is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Roane County on Rt. 33.

Their children are:

Mary Belle (1858-) married July 11, 1880 to Ezra B. Parsons (1856-1900).

Francis M. Guthrie (1860-1905) married September 19, 1886 to Leona Dove Young (1866-1936).

Henry E. Guthrie (1863-1944) married May 8, 1892 to Susie Viola Wade (1874-1940).

Levi D. Guthrie (1865-1952) married March 6, 1892 to Dora M. Brown (1871-1908).

Evan S. Guthrie (1867-1950) never married. He had a mill at Marshall, WV.

Millard Guthrie (1871-1944) married January 26, 1896 to Emma Anderson (1873-1930)

Malissa C. Guthrie (1874-1898) married July 27, 1892 to Plummer Wade (1865-1939).

Henry E. Guthrie born in Wetzel County, WV, February 3, 1863. Died March 11, 1944, married in Roane County, WV, May 8, 1892 to Susie Viola Wade born October 4, 1874 in Roane County. Died



Henry and Susie Guthrie

February 4, 1940, daughter of Otho and Sarah Wright Wade (see Wade). Henry and Susie are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Roane County, Rt. 33. He was a farmer.

Their children are:

Ezra Earl Guthrie (1893-1978) married December 6, 1916 to Amy Phillips. Lived at Peniel.

Mary Erma Guthrie (1895-1966) married April 16, 1916 to Willie Ray Miller. Lived at Ball Hill on Rt. 33.

Melissa Florence Guthrie (1897-) married July 19, 1922 to Guy Milhoan. Lived at Barberton, OH.

Elra Otho (1900-1988) married Goldie Phillips. Lived in Parkersburg, WV.

Sammie Ervin Guthrie (1903-1963) first married Opal Burdette, they divorced and he married Doris Knight. Lived in Spencer, WV.

Delmar Cloyd Guthrie (1910-1983) married October 7, 1939 to Frances E. Matheny (1921-). Lived in Ripley, WV. Submitted by Frances M. Guthrie

DAVID T. HACKNEY

The Hackney Family of Jackson County, originated with the arrival of David T. Hackney from Russell Co. VA. He was born there, about 1821 the son of John and Nancy Anderson Hackney and grandson of John and Jane V. () Hackney who were married in New Castle Delaware and lived in PA. before coming to Russell Co. VA.

David had three sisters and two brothers, Lucinda, John G., Nancy A., Anderson and Jane. He came to Jackson Co. with two members of his family, his sister Jane who was married to John H. Thompson and Nancy Hackney Goff, a widow who later married Thomas Ashby. They located in Roane Co. WV. Sometime between 1860 and 1866 Jefferson Hackney nephew of David (John G. and Susannah Cooper Hackney' son) came to Jackson Co. and married Lucinda Thompson, daughter of John H. And Jane Hackney Thompson.

The first Jackson Co. census that David showed in was the 1850. David first acquired two tracts of land in Jan. 1851 near Cicerone, at White Oak Creek, from William H. Henderson of Louisiana.

David met and married Sarah Ann Ray daughter of William S. Ray, in 1855 Jackson Co. She was born in Kanawha County WV. about 1832 and had later come to Jackson Co. with her family.

David and Sarah had several children all born in Jackson Co. Washington Dist. They were Didame Elizabeth who married Norris G. Fisher, Ira W. married Mary C. Harper, Margarie and Mary Ann who died when young, Nancy Ellen who married Elmore Marion Derrick of Kanawha County, and raised their family in Sissonville, John W. and then remarried her in Jackson Co. in 1900. John and Willimina divorced again and after his mother's death went to Boyd Co. Ky. where he then married Nettie Allen Fields. He died there in 1922. There weren't any children from either marriage. Other children of David's were Jasper and an infant who both died as infants.

David Hackney died between the years of 1892 and 1894. Sarah remarried at the age 59 to her brother in-law who was a widower of Nancy Hackney, David's sister. They resided in Roane

County. Rebecca A. married to Peter F. Craft Jr., Newton McMann to Louisa Ashby and two more children died at birth or very young.

David and Sarah and other members of their family were buried on their home land at White Oak, near Cicerone. *Submitted by Mariada Derrick Edens*

HALL AND LYON

Jackson Hall was born in 1824 to Amelia (Millie) Westfall Jackson and he was the adopted son of Elijah Hall. When he was a small boy Jackson moved to the Ripley area with his parents and he was reported to be a mail carrier in the county.

On May 13, 1850, Jackson married Elizabeth Casto. Elizabeth born 1834, was the oldest daughter of John G. Casto and Catherine Westfall. Jackson and Elizabeth had seven children: John G., born July 25, 1852; Jane Catherine, born 1853; Millie Ellen, born 1854; Abraham Board, born 1859; Benjamin, born 1860; Cora Belle, born 1865; and William, born 1869.

On January 7, 1875, John G. Hall married Sarah (Sally) Lyon. John was a carpenter and farmer in Ripley and they resided in a house on Seventh Street which is still standing. During their marriage they had 12 children with many of them residing in Ripley. The children included Orin Glenmore, born 1875; Wilmer C., born 1877; John Vail, born 1879; Mary O'Dell, born 1881; Myrtle Della, born 1883; Mona, born 1886; Iona Elizabeth, born 1887; Sarah Ellen, born 1890; Don, born July 24, 1892; Hazel Winnifred, born 1895; Martha Jean, born 1898; and Gerald Lyon, born 1902. John G. Hall died on March 14, 1925.

Sarah, who was born on December 30, 1854 to Peter Lyon and Eliza McGlumphy, died on August 19, 1935. Sarah was a direct descendant of Benjamin Lyon, the son of Peter Lyon and Joanna Clark. He was born May 23, 1754 at Stoney Hill, New Jersey. He died December 9, 1836 at Smith Creek, Pennsylvania. He married Joanna Wilcox on March 8, 1780, who was born in London, England. She died in 1801 at Mingo Creek, Pennsylvania, north of Dunningville, Pennsylvania. Benjamin Lyon was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Noah Lyon was the son of Benjamin Lyon, born March 27, 1790 in Essex County, New Jersey. He died on January 8, 1856, at Greene County, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Pettit in April of 1817, who was born in 1795 at Harts Run, Greene County, Pennsylvania. He died in 1868 in Greene County. He served in the War of 1812.

Peter Lyon was the son of Noah Lyon. He was born February 2, 1819 at Jefferson County, Ohio. He died May 20, 1901 at Liverpool, West Virginia. He was married to Eliza McGlumphy in Pennsylvania, probably near Aleppo. Eliza burned to death in a fire at their home while attempting to rescue their baby on June 9, 1857. Peter Lyon then married Elizabeth Kern on November 25, 1858.

Sarah Lyon was the fourth child of Peter Lyon and Eliza McGlumphy, and came to Roane County, West Virginia about 1870 with her father and step mother.



Don Hall

Don Hall, the ninth child of John and Sarah was born July 24, 1892. He served in World War I. He was carpenter and contractor. Married Thelma Neil Bryant October 11, 1941, Warm Springs, Virginia. One daughter was born to this union. Jo Ruth Hall born May 22, 1948. She graduated from Ripley High School in 1966, and attended Marshall University where she received a degree in Health and Physical Education. Later she returned to Marshall University for her Master's Degree in Adult Education. In 1980 Jo graduated from The Ohio State University with a doctorate degree in Adult Education. Since 1978, she has been working in Employee Assistance Programs to help employees and their families with personal problems. Currently, she is employed by St. Lawrence Hospital, Lansing, Michigan, as the Management Consultant. *Submitted by Jo R. Hall*

ELBERT AND LOIS HALL

Elbert Preston Hall served in the Army from 1951-53 and is a veteran of the Korean War. He met Lois Annette Boliek in Huntington, WV in 1955. They were married on March 2, 1956 in Catlettsburg, KY. They had four sons — Kenneth Ray (June 9, 1956-), William Michael (February 28, 1957-February 29, 1957), Daniel James (August 10, 1958-), and Richard Lee (November 15, 1959-) before moving from Cabell County to Jackson County in 1966. They moved to Mt. Alto to be closer to the former Kaiser Aluminum Corporation, where Elbert has worked as millwright since 1963. They had two daughters after moving to Jackson County: Janet Arlene (April 10, 1970-) and Sharon Kay (January 9, 1976-). Daniel, Richard, and Janet graduated from Ravenswood High School. Daniel and Richard are in the Air Force and Janet is currently attending Marshall University. Richard married Kim Yong Son (from Songtan, South Korea) on November 6, 1987 in Osan, South Korea. They have a son named Jonathan Eric (September 10, 1988-).

Elbert Hall was born in Lincoln County, WV on July 17, 1930. His parents William Cecil Hall (1912-1948) and Vennie Reynolds (1913-) were married in 1930. William Cecil Hall was the son of Reverend William Thomas Hall (1880-1960) and Polly Moore (1882-1962). William Thomas Hall was the son of Seaton Benjamin Hall (1851-1920) and Emily Grass (1854-1934). Seaton was 11 years old in 1863 when his parents, John Hall and Betsy Rowsey, moved to WV with two wagons from Rockbridge County, VA and settled in Lincoln County. John Hall worked on a plantation in Virginia before moving to WV. The father of Polly Moore's Great, Great Grandmother, Sarah Welch, came from Ireland. Sarah was the wife of Jesse Maynard, whose father, James Maynard (1750-1852), was a Revolutionary soldier.

The grandfather of Nettie Burns (Vennie Reynolds' mother) was Jonathan Moore, whose father, John Moore, was half-Indian. Jonathan Moore was 23 years old when he joined the Confederate Army in 1862. He fought in the Battles of Bulltown and White Springs. The Union captured him in 1863 and he was held P.O.W. at Camp Chase in Ohio until 1865. Vennie Reynold's Great, Great, Great Grandfather, James Jordan, was one of 21 men who defended Fort Donnally in Greenbrier County against attacking Indians in 1778.

Lois Boliek was born in Huntington on September 21, 1936. Her parents, Cecil Iray Boliek (1905-1960) and Maggie Mae Wintz (1903-) were married in 1928. Cecil Iray was born in Hickory, NC. He was 11 years old when his parents, Sidney Gilbert Boliek (1881-1957) and Minnie Cline (1881-1966), moved to Huntington. Minnie's father, Jefferson Cline, was a Confederate soldier that was captured by the Union at Appomattox, VA on April 3, 1865 and held as a P.O.W.

at Point Lookout, Maryland until June 5, 1865. Lois's great Grandfather, Lewis Wintz, was from Guyandotte, WV and was in the Union Army during the Civil War. *Submitted by Janet A. Hall*

ADDISON AND HANNAH HAMILTON

Our paternal grandparents, Addison and Hannah Elizabeth Hamilton, lived in a large two story home in Flatwoods, between Cottageville and Ravenswood. He farmed, was a cattle buyer-seller, and carpenter. He was born in Woodsfield, Ohio, in Monroe Co. Grandmother Hamilton was born near Caldwell, Ohio in Noble Co.

Paternal great grandfather: Hugh Hamilton (1819-1910), born in Monroe Co. Ohio. Married Elizabeth Wilkinson (no DOB). Children: Ben (1844-1864), and John (1846-1915). We know Ben was fatally wounded near Winchester, Va. during the Civil War, and was buried near there. We have no further history on John.

Second marriage of Great-grandfather Hugh Hamilton: Married Mary Johnson (1821-1893), their children were: Anna (1854-1938), married Asbey McCoy; Addison Hamilton (1855-1938), married Hannah E. Morrison May 13, 1877.

Hannah E. Morrison's parents: William and Mary Morrison, and they lived near Caldwell, Ohio. Hannah was born Sept. 11, 1858, and died April 21, 1931. Other children were: James, Martha and Lina (no DOB's). We believe Martha married James Shafer, and Lina married John Lindamood. Lina and John had a son named Elzie and a daughter named Mattie. Mattie married a Pound, and had a daughter named Goldie. No info about James or Elzie's descendants.



Addison and Hannah Hamilton

Children of Addison and Hannah Hamilton: (1) Hugh Lawrence (1878-1945), married Mary Stone 7-12-1901, children: Ledford (deceased), Frances (Moore), Clifford (deceased), and Blaine (died in a train accident). (2) William Roy, (1880-1968), married Vera Harpole 4-19-1909, children: Raymond and Lorene. (3) Minnie Myrtle (1894-1977), married William Stone Dec. 11, 1902; children: Effie (Rowan), Ruby (Click), Marie (Dickerson), and Arlan (Irene). (4) Jesse Addison (1886-1966), married Ruby Custer Dudgeon Jan. 3, 1912; children: Sibyl (Kitzmiller), Opal Dudgeon (Rings), Helen Louise (Myers), Mark Justin (Caroline Erwin), Max Ena (Schmidt). Deceased: Ruby Hamilton Jan. 22, 1978, Sibyl June 6, 1977, Max Ena Dec. 26, 1984, and Mark J. Sept. 13, 1989., his 65th birthday. (5) James Hanson (1890-1924) never married. (6) Brady Owen (6-1893 to 9-1893). (7) Eta Mazie (1894-1962), married Guy McKown Aug. 12, 1916. Children: Wade, Curtis, Bernard and Phillip.

We believe that Grandmother and Grandfather Hamilton met while each was visiting relatives somewhere around Gallipolis. Grandfather was a very fun loving person, always joking with his grandchildren. He visited us in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, driving his old Model A (or T) Ford — at that time I wasn't too interested in cars! Our

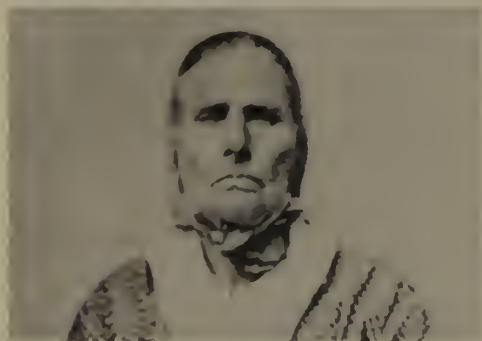
Grandmother had been ill during much of our childhood; she had diabetes plus a stroke, so we children saw her less frequently. But we did make the "long" trip from near Columbus, Ohio to Jackson County at least once a year, or more.

We would like to thank our cousin, Effie Rowan, for her help in getting some of the dates and places mentioned in this report.

My hobby is quilting and gardening, and I'm retired from the J. C. Penny, Co. in Columbus, Ohio. *Submitted by Helen L. (Hamilton) Myers.*

JOHN HAMMOND

John Hammond, born 1808 Russell County, Virginia, died after 1880 Jackson County son of Captain John and Mary (Stephens) Hammond. Captain John was a soldier in the war of 1812. In Russell County, Virginia, John married Margaret Viola Kiser born 1810, died in Jackson County daughter of Joseph Kenton 1 and Mary "Polly" (Childress) Kiser. About 1849, John and Margaret migrated from Russell County and settled near "New Kentuck" Jackson County. Probably place of interment is the Hammond/Skeen cemetery on



Margaret Viola (Kiser) Hamon

the old "Kay" Hammond farm, where their son Andrew is buried in an unmarked grave. John was a Baptist minister as was his son, Andrew, and grandson, John D. Hamon. All but the last child was born in Russell County. (1) Mary born 1828 was the first wife of Joseph D. Skeen Jr. born 12 Feb. 1824 son of Stephen and Susannah (Kiser) Skeen. (2) Mahala born 1829. (3) Martha Jane born 1830. On 9 Feb. 1847 married Joseph T. Kiser born about 1823 son of Charles and Nancy (Laforce) Kiser. (4) John L. born about 1831, married Mary Jane Randolph. (5) Andrew H. born 22 Aug. 1834. Andrew served in the Home Guard during the Civil War and was also a well known Advent Christian minister. On March 7 1856 married Perlina Rhodes born 13 June 1839, died 26 Nov. 1921 daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Starcher) Rhodes. Andrew owned a 100 acres farm on Second Creek. (6) Cynthia born 19 Sept. 1836, died 15 May 1906. On 2 Nov. 1854 married Samuel R. Rhodes born 25 Jan. 1834 Madison County, Kentucky, died 27 Oct. 1908, son of Benjamin and Nancy Rhodes. (7) Joseph P. Sr. born 6 Jan 1840, died 24 Dec. 1947 married Frances Kiser born 28 Aug. 1843 daughter of James and Susan (Sutherland) Kiser. (8) Elizabeth born 6 Dec. 1842 married Calvin Luther Hatcher born 31 Oct. 1840, died 8 March 1914 son of Uriah and Matilda (Edens) Hatcher. (9) Samuel G. born 1843 (10) David A. born 1844, died prior to Nov. 1895. On 10 Jan. 1867 married Parmelia Cunningham, daughter of Isaac and Ann (Sayre) Cunningham (11) Jonathan born 1847 (12) Nancy A. born 1848, died prior to 1874. On 26 Nov. 1868 married Marcus Parsons son of John Fink and Ruhama (Sayre) Parsons (13) Robert P. born 1853. On 22 July 1884 married Mary Jane Kiser born 13 Aug. 1853 daughter of James and Elizabeth (Burchett) Kiser. (14) Margaret E. born 1855. On 27 March 1873 married Aras B. Reedy.

(15) Martha Jane born 1860, died 1882, married Joshua Anderville Kiser born 1858, died 5 Oct. 1915 son of Joseph and Martha Jane (Hamon) Kiser. *Submitted by Betty Ingram King*

RAYMOND AND PEGGY HANDLEY

I was born in Cabell County on May 15, 1909, but lived and worked for some time in Mason and Jackson County. I'm a former member and trustee of Main Street Baptist Church. My wife, Peggy, and I now attend Millwood Methodist Church in Millwood, (Jackson County), West Virginia, where Peggy is a trustee.

My children are a part of the County and play an important role in the life and times of Point Pleasant. Their contributions for the good of the town are noteworthy. My family in Mason County consists of my sons, Ernest and Roger, four grandsons, Rick, Todd, Roger, Jr., and Mark, and nine great grandchildren, Stephanie, Carrie, Kelli, Bethany, Dylan, Kimberly, Mary Beth, Stephen and Derrick, all of whom live in Point Pleasant. My daughter Ruth lives in Jackson County.

When the Kaiser Aluminum Plant was built at Ravenswood in Jackson County, I went there to work. I am a steamfitter and a member for 44 years in the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #565 of Parkersburg. In 1942, I worked during World War II at the TNT Plant in Point Pleasant.

On September 29, 1962, I made a telephone call that was to change my life then and until now, nearly 26 years later. On that date, I met Avis "Peggy" Adams, a widow and a secretary at Kaiser Aluminum. We were married on June 2, 1963, in a rather unique wedding ceremony. Traditional in all the usual ways of a church wedding at the First Methodist Church in Ravenswood, but unique in that it was a double wedding, a mother and son wedding. Six days before the wedding, Peggy's son, Thomas Adams, and his fiancée, Sharon Knox, came to us and asked if they could share our wedding. Thus, one of the ushers became the second bridegroom and, after securing a replacement usher, the wedding took place on that lovely Sunday afternoon, in the No. Ravenswood Methodist Church.



"Red" and "Peg" Handley

Peggy and I share many of the same interests. We enjoy trout fishing along a clear stream in the mountains of West Virginia. We garden together and our "cellar" shelves attest to the fact that we do a good job as we see rows of shiny jars of fruits and vegetables, all garnered from the land that surrounds our home in Jackson County. Our home, "Handley's Chateau," is a two-story country house on a hill overlooking the Ohio River. As a widow, Peggy and her children at home, Thomas and Barbara, had this house built in 1959. We enjoy antique auctions and traveling the back country roads to find "the old, the odd, and the unusual" to place in our home. Brass and wooden beds, some with "feather ticks," and bolsters make this six bedroom house appear to have been lived in in another era, perhaps in the time of our forefathers.

We both share an interest and pleasure in doing lodge work. I am a member of Minturn Lodge #19 of Point Pleasant and a member of Nemesis Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Parkersburg and Order of the Eastern Star #75 of Point Pleasant. Peggy is a member of Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America in Parkersburg and Order of the Eastern Star #16 of Cottageville.

We have traveled extensively, having been in 49 of the 50 states. Our first wedding anniversary, June 2, 1964, was spent at York Beach, Maine, where we visited all the New England states following our tour of the World's Fair held in New York that year. We have stood in awe in the shade of the giant redwoods in California, saw the spectacular Old Faithful and viewed with a heavy heart the destruction of Mount Saint Helens following the explosion on May 18, 1980. The grandeur of the Grand Canyon cannot be described with mere words and that also applies to the beautiful Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest. We have walked in the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and probably stepped "out" of the United States when we stepped into the water off the coast of Key West, Florida. During a trip in 1966, we found Juarez, Mexico, was beautiful countryside. The snow-capped mountains in Alaska caught our eye as we drove through the summer heat going into Fairbanks. We were intrigued with a busy restaurant and gift shops far, far into the bowels of the earth as we visited Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. In 1983, we found ourselves in Big Sky Country in Montana. We have also experienced the beauty and majesty of Niagara Falls as we traveled to maple leaf country in beautiful Toronto, Canada. All this and much, much more as we look back over the past 23 years. Faraway places have drawn us but it is always so good to get back home to West Virginia. My roots are here and I claim it as "my land." Peggy has actual family history in Mason County since 1849, when her great grandfather, Jacob Plants, came from Washington County, PA, and purchased a 500-acre tract of land in Cooper District, Mason County.

Our married life has been made pleasant by our participation in western style square dancing. We took lessons and learned this pleasant pastime together. We have attended square dances in 16 different states as we have traveled these United States. In 1966, we attended a national square dance convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, where there were 25,000 dancers in attendance. Our square dance club, the Kera Dudes and Dolls, were a part of Kaiser Aluminum's recreational program and as we were both employed there, we were able to participate.



Raymond and Peggy Handley

As evidenced in the foregoing, our 26 years of married life have been very active and fulfilling. We're older now and well into the time allotted to us in the Bible, but our days are good and very pleasant as we sit and remember. Our travels are not so far a distance now through we do go to the south or southwest each fall as we look for warm sunny days, but always, when spring comes and with it the promise of lush green forests on wooded

mountainsides, we find ourselves looking homeward and returning to West Virginia, the land where we have our roots deeply entrenched in the ways of a free mountain people and we always remember the heritage left to us by those who've gone ahead and left "their footprints in time." Submitted by R.L. Handley and Dylan T. Handley

STACY HARBIN

Stacy Harbin (1837-1916), son of Obediah and Ann Harbin, married Louisa Merial (1839-?). They lived in Noble County, Ohio before moving to Jackson County. In 1875, they brought 60 acres on McGraw Run in Grant District from John H. Riley. This land is now owned by Carl and Rae Corns. Stacy was one of the carpenters when the Lockhart Church was built. Their children:

1. John William Harbin (1859-1923) married Susan Samantha "Manty" Price (1869-1941). They are buried in the Drift Run Cemetery located near Odaville.
2. Miranda J. Harbin (1861-1918) married first, William Barnhart and second Thurman "Leroy" Thompson. She is buried in the Drift Run Cemetery.
3. James Henry Harbin (1866-1928) married Emma Barnett (1882-1949). They are buried in the Gates Ridge Cemetery at Wood County.
4. Hester Ann Harbin (1869-1955) married James W. Archer (1861-1939). They are buried in the Independence Cemetery.
5. Margaret Ellen Harbin (1872-1938) married John Riley Archer (1871-1955). They are buried on the family farm in northern Jackson County.
6. Samuel Alva Harbin (1875-1940) married Effie Barnett (1878-1956). They are buried in the Gates Ridge Cemetery.
7. Rachel Frances Harbin (1879-1903) married George Robinson (1874-1959). They are buried in the Drift Run Cemetery.

Samuel Alva Harbin, the youngest son of Stacy and Louisa Harbin, was born in Noble County, Ohio, April 1, 1875, and died Dec. 4, 1940. He had lived on McGraw Run for 65 years. He married Effie Barnett, in 1906, and they had five children.

1. Edith married Roy McFadden and lives at Butler, Ohio. Their children: Loretta Mae McFadden (married Lee Smith) and Helen Louise McFadden (married Richard Arnold).
2. Cromer married Leona Predmore and lived at Marion, Ohio. Their children: Floyd Harbin, Robert Harbin, Twila Harbin and Jerry Harbin.
3. Sylvia married Delmar Bonnett and lives on McGraw Run near Lockhart. Their children: Joan Bonnett (married Dewain Boyce) and Jean Bonnett (married Gerald Archer).
4. Clive married Jessie Burton and lived at Parkersburg for many years and later moved on Windy Ridge in Wirt County. Their children: Maxine Harbin (married Albert Roach), Janet Harbin (married Wayne Archer) and Connie Harbin (married Allen DeVaughn). Two children died in infancy.
5. Carl married Gertrude Carson and lives near Lockhart. Their children: Charles Harbin (married Claudette Thomas), Lester Harbin (married Jean Kibble) and Carl Harbin Jr. (married Sharon Vannest). Submitted by Charles Harbin

DON O. HARLOW

Don Omer Harlow, born May 28, 1898 in Spencer, WV, the son of William H. "Bill" Harlow and Julie Cox Harlow, one of three boys and five girls. He was educated in Spencer schools, and came to Jackson County in 1926.

He was Superintendent for the Youst Construction Company of Pittsburgh, PA, on a road construction job from Ripley to the Roane County line. He was assistant superintendent for Nell O Tier Construction Company when Route 87 was

built. Later he formed Harlow Construction Company and built and paved several roads in West Virginia Counties. He sold his construction company in 1961 to state Construction Company of Huntington, WV, and started a sand, and gravel and agricultural lime business, known as Harlow Lime, Inc., located at the junction of 87 and 33 W. His first Jackson County home was located on Rt. 21, top of Salt Hill where he owned and operated a store and service station. Then he moved to Church Street N., in Ripley where he built several houses. He also owns and built the colonial home known as No. 1. Highlawn Heights at the top of the hill outside of Ripley, on Spencer Road. Don Harlow owned several Jackson County farms and was active in raising cattle.

In 1930, Don Harlow married Lucy Mattson Casto, daughter of Abraham Sayre Casto and Flora Belle Sharp. They had one daughter, born July 26, 1933 named Jean Dorsay. She married George Gene LeFay of Hornell, N.Y. in 1956 (deceased). They had one son born May 12, 1957, James Edward "Jim" LeFay. In 1962 she married Lewis Blaine King, son of Samuel Given King and Arkie Flowers King of Evans, WV. They had two daughters: *Lisa Dawn*, born November 16, 1963, married Chris Smith of Ripley, WV, and their children are Meghan Don and Lars Christopher. *Rachel Ann*, born November 20, 1964, married Frank A. Roberts of Hendricks, WV. Their children: Rebecca Jean and Emily DeAnn.

Jean Harlow King is the step-mother of Vickie Lynn King, born September 12, 1954. She married Kemp McLaughlin of Charleston, WV. Their children are Elizabeth Harlow and James Blaine.

The Harlow family originated from England and settled in Natural Bridge, Virginia. William "Bill" Harlow moved from Natural Bridge to Spencer when he was a young man. He had two brothers, Jim, who lived at Egypt Ridge outside of Spencer, and Tom, who lived at Reedy, WV. A step-sister Marie Batten settled in Parkersburg.

Submitted by Jean H. King

HARMON

Heimrich Adam Harmon, born in Germany about the year 1700, married Louisa Katrina in 1723; she died in 1749. He resided for a time on the Rhine and then immigrated with his family to Pennsylvania around 1726 or 1727. In 1736, he came to the Valley of Virginia. In 1745 he was residing on the New River, Giles County, Va. Adam, Jacob, Mathias and George Harmon owned land in Philadelphia Co., Pa., prior to 1734, by 1745 to 1750 four by the same name, presumed to be brothers, were found on New River.

The children of Heinrich Adam and Louisa Katrina Harmon are as follows: 1. Adam, born in Germany 1724, 2. Heinrich, Henry, Sr. b. 1726, 3. George, b. 1727 and died 1749, age 22. 4. Daniel, b. Pa. 1729, 5. Mathias, b. Strasburg, Va. 1736, 6. Christine, married Jeremiah Pate, Sr., 7. Catherine, married Ulrich Richards, 8. Philipia, died 1751, 9. Valentine, settled on Clinch river about 1771 and moved to Kentucky about 1773. 10. Jacob.

Mathias Harmon, Sr. born 1736 in the vicinity of Strasburg. Perhaps the youngest son of Heinrich Adam and Louise Katrina. Married Lydia Skagg. When very young, his reputation as a hunter and explorer was well known. In 1755 when Mathias was about 20 years of age he led a party which located and constructed a log cabin on Louisa River, which later became known as "Harman Station." This was the foundation of the first permanent English speaking settlement made in Eastern Kentucky. Mathias was known to be an honest and patriotic man and gave all his life to the service of his country. The children of Mathias and Lydia Scaggs or Skaggs are as follows: 1. Catherine, married Robert Beavers; 2. Mathias Jr., married Nancy Vance; 3. Phcby, married Moses

Beaver; 4. Adam Harman, married Levice Harmon; 5. Henry Harmon, married Sara Mitchell; 6. Louisa; 7. Rebecca.

Henry Harmon, son of Mathias and Lydia Scaggs, married Sara Mitchell 1798. They lived in Tazewell, Virginia all of their lives. Their children are: 1. Clementine Harmon; 2. Charter Harmon; 3. Henry Mitchell Harmon; 4. Mathias Harmon; 5. Thomas Harmon; 6. Nancy Harmon; 7. Sallie Harmon; 8. William M. Harmon.

William M. Harmon, youngest son of Henry and Sara Mitchell Harmon, married in 1846 to Harriet Browning. William was disowned by his family because of his connection with the Union Army and the fact he didn't believe in slavery. He moved to Logan County in 1850s. There he raised a family of eight children. 1. Polly Ann Harmon; 2. Elizabeth Harmon; 3. Jesse Harmon; 4. Henry Harmon; 5. Narcissus Harmon; 6. Rebecca Harmon; 7. James Harmon; 8. John Wesley Harmon.

1. Polly Ann Harmon, married John Powell
2. Elizabeth Harmon, married Smith Hatfield; children
(a) Nancy Hatfield
3. Jesse Harmon, married (1) Nancy A. Browning; children
(A) *America*, married Robert Adkins; children,
(a) Vivian Adkins.
(B) *Leonard Harmon*, married May Dingess; Child, Judge Harmon.
(C) *Milton Harmon*, married Tina Adkins; children, (a) Vivian Harmon, (b) Gladys Harmon, (c) Leonard Rex Harmon, (d) Milton Harmon, Jr. (e) Alvin Adkins Harmon, (f) Walter Carl Harmon, (g) Beula Harmon, (h) Herbert Russell Harmon.
Jesse Harmon, married (2) Martelia Vance,



America, Milton, Tina, Jane and Gladys Harmon

- (D) Harriet Harmon, married Walter Gibson, Children: (a) Hazel Gibson, (b) Clifford Gibson, (c) L. T. Gibson, (d) Ersel Gibson, (e) Rena Gibson, (f) Pearl Gibson, (g) Dorothy Gibson (h) Nadine Gibson.
- (E) *James Robert Harmon*, married Nannie Christian, children: (a) Elmer Harmon, (b) Inez Harmon, (c) Renford Harmon, (d) Lige Harmon, (e) Ruth Harmon, (f) Johnny Harmon, (g) Phyllis Harmon, (h) Donald Harmon, (i) Earl Harmon, (j) Henry Harmon, (k) Jesse Harmon.
- (F) *Lige Harmon*, died of Scarlet Fever.
- (G) *Jesse Harmon*, died of Scarlet Fever.
- (H) *Joseph Harmon*, married Tesola Tiller, children: (a) Mary Lou Harmon, (b) Betty June Harmon, (c) Glen Harmon, (d) Tina Harmon.
- (I) *Wilson Harmon*, married (1) Virgie Justice, (a) Sherman Harmon. Married (2) Mary Hutchison.
- (J) *Roy Harmon*, died at age of 17.
- (K) *Henry Harmon*, died of Scarlet Fever.

4. Narcissus Harmon, married William Black. children: (a) Mary H. Black, (b) William Black, (c) John S. Black, (d) George A. Black.
5. John Wesley Harmon, married Martha Lee.
6. Rebecca Harmon, married Henry Vance, children: (a) Betty Vance, (b) Eliza Vance, (c) Laura Vance, (d) Zetta Vance, (e) Joseph

Vance, (f) Greenway Vance, (g) Epp Vance.

7. Henry Harrison Harmon, married Mary Jane Browning, children: (a) Polly Harmon married John Fowler (b) Alice Harmon married Andrew Ferrell, Children: 1. Clate Ferrell, 2. Effie Ferrell, 3. Ruth Ferrell, 4. Eilee Ferrell, 5. Melvin Ferrell, 6. Homer Ferrell, 7. Jane Ferrell, 8. Robert Ferrell, 9. Arthur Ferrell, 10. O'Key Ferrell, 11. Fred Ferrell. (c) George Harmon, married Bessie Steel, children: 1. Mary Harmon, 2. Louise Harmon, 3. Nell Harmon, (d) Sydney Harmon, married (1) Mary Gilpin, children: Lee D. Harmon and Virginia Harmon. Married (2) Mary Tabor, children: 1. Jasper Forest Harmon, married Judith Walls, 2. Sidney Harmon, married (1) Betty Puckett, (2) Audrey Len Hart, 3. Harry Chilton Harmon, 2. George Harold Harmon, married Mary Toler, 5. Reba Jean Harmon, married Leonard Ward, 6. Kenneth Ray, married Nancy Pack, children: Keith Edward Harmon.

8. James H. Harmon, married Dora Jane Browning, children:

(1) *George Harmon*, married Polly Robinson, children: (a) Lonnie Harmon, (b) Alma Harmon, (c) Mack Harmon, (d) Mildren Harmon. (2) *William R. Harmon*, married Mary Bragg, children: (a) Golda Bernice Harmon, (b) Virgil Vernon Harmon, (c) R. C. Harmon, (d) Otis Harmon, (e) Mingo Harmon (f) Delphinia Harmon, (g) Edward Harmon, (h) Ruby Harmon, (i) June Rose Harmon.

(3) *Jesse James Harmon*, died at early age.

(4) *Allen Harmon*, married Sara Varney, children: (a) Gertrude Harmon, (b) Dora Harmon, (c) Nellie Harmon, (d) Ralph Harmon, Sr. Jesse James Harmon, married (2) Mary Mount, children: (a) Bess Harmon, (b) Okie Harmon, (c) James E. Harmon, (d) Wanda Harmon, (e) Allen Harmon, Jr.

(5) *Lucy Ellen Harmon*, married James Alvin Russell, children: (a) Rosella Russell, (b) Sara Russell, (c) Murial Kay Russell, (d) Buddy Russell, (e) Billy Ray Russell

(6) *Elizabeth B. Harmon*, married Louie Robinson

(7) *Sara Mae Harmon*, married William Baisden.

Milton Harmon, son of Jesse and Nancy A. Browning Harmon, married Tina Adkins in 1912. Their children:

1. *Gladys Lucille Harmon*, married Robert Hunt, second marriage Samuel Abraham, and third marriage to Oscar Boggess. Their children: a. Roberta Hunt, b. Annette Hunt, c. Wanda Joyace Abraham

2. *Vivian Jane Harmon*, married Clair E. Harth, children: a. Kathleen Harth, b. Shirley Harth, c. Billy Rex Harth.

3. *Leonard Rex Harmon*, married Hester Chafin, children: a. Paul Edward Harmon, b. Charles Alvin Harmon, c. Thomas Milton Harmon, d. Samuel Rex Harmon, e. Linda Lee Harmon, f. Daniel Harmon.

4. *Milton Harmon, Jr.* married (1) Georgia Chafin. (2) Billy Joe Sparks. Children: a. Betty Dare Harmon, b. Walter Andrew Harmon, c. William Jesse Harmon, d. Volanda Harmon, e. Garnet Joe Harmon.

5. *Alvin Adkins Harmon*, married Edith Gertrude Hammonds. Their children: a. Linda Gale Harmon, b. Craig Stanley Harmon, d. Drema Kay Harmon.

6. *Walter Carl Harmon*, married Delores Cisco, Children: a. Douglas Keith Harmon, b. Martin David Harmon, c. Rena Gay Harmon.

7. *Beula Glendene Harmon*, married Lee Vance, children: a. Nancy Lynn Vance, b. Bonnidcan Vance.

8. *Herbert Russell Harmon*, married (1) Phillis Smith, (2) Eva Lee Hylton, children: a. Beverly Ann Harmon, b. Vivian Marie Harmon, c.

Victi Lynn Harmon, d. Herbert Russell, Jr. e. Tina Sue Harmon, f. Andela Dawn Harmon.

Drema Kay Harmon and Craig Stanley Harmon were born in Williamson, West Virginia. We lived in a small coal mining community called Newtown. This town is remembered for the Hatfield and McCoy Feud and the birthplace of Devil Anse Hatfield and his family.

Our parents are Alvin and Gertrude Harmon. My mother's maiden name is Edith Gertrude Hammond, and her parents are George Washington and Edith Hammond. My father's parents are Milton and Tina Hamon.

Milton Harmon was a coal miner for 40 years. He was an underground boss for Island Creek Coal Company. He and his wife, Tina, owned one of the first automobiles in Newtown, Mingo County. Tina was a member of the Board of Directors of Matewan National Bank. She traded cattle and hauled coal in a truck until she was 79 years old. An article about her life appeared in Good Housekeeping Magazine in 1972.



Benla, Herbert, Walter, Rex Milton, Alvin, Gladys, Vivian

Alvin Harmon was a coal miner for 24 years in Mingo County. He was laid off from the mines in 1959 and then was hired by Kaiser Aluminum in Ravenswood, WV. Our family moved to Ravenswood in 1961 and my sister and I graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1967. Drema graduated from Charleston Beauty School and later I graduated from Fairmont State College in 1972 with a degree in Physical Education and Social Studies.

I began teaching in 1972 at Ravenswood Grade School. I met Janice Rose and was married in 1973. Her parents are Robert and Blanche Rose from Evans, W Va. We now live in Ripley with our only child, Ryan Craig Harmon. I teach at Ripley Middle School and coach basketball at Ripley High School. I have now taught school in Jackson County for 17 years. Submitted by Craig Harmon and Alvin Adkins Harmon

HARMON — JIVIDEN

Baylus B. and Glen (Jividen) Harmon lived on Jim Ridge, Putnam County and had ten children:

1. Bernard Alton Harmon, January 16, 1906 — August 31, 1985 married May Grady.

2. Guy Stanley Harmon, November 20, 1907 — July 3, 1971 married Hilda Stutler.

3. Lottie Marie Harmon, February 11, 1910 — December 13, 1984, married December 26, 1939 to James Carroll Bush.

4. Phyllis Harmon, September 16, 1912 married Delvious Jividen.

5. Bonnie Mavis Harmon, October 30, 1914-October 6, 1923.

6. Lee Woodward Harmon, January 2, 1917 — October 6, 1975, married Audrey Jefferies.

7. Margaret May Harmon, July 5, 1919 married on January 12, 1942 to Hollie Rondus Smith, November 7 1920 — April 6, 1974.

8. Mary Erma Harmon, November 23, 1921 — September 27, 1976 married on December 27, 1940 to Raymond E. "Dock" Bush, August 24, 1917.



Baylus and Glenn (Jividen) Harmon

9. B. Ray Harmon, August 14, 1924 married Pearl French.

10. Ida Jean Harmon, May 12, 1929 married Oshel Lee Harmon.

John and Allie (Hill) Jividen, Anthony and Catherine (Garnes) Jividen, Baylus and Glenn (Jividen) Harmon, Edgar and Annie (Jividen) Warner, Mavis, Harmon, Hollie Smith, Roy and Ora Jividen and many other relatives are all laid to rest on the hill behind Warner Church, Mud Lick, Mason County.

Thomas and Leah (Hendrick) Jividen, came to the Kanawha Valley with one daughter and four sons from Buckingham Co., Virginia in 1818. By 1823 Leah and her children, Estella, Joseph, Ezekiel, Archibald and John were in the Parchment Creek area of what is now Jackson County.

John Jividen, July 8, 1801 — 1866 married 1825 to Elsie (Allie) Hill, daughter of Jonathan Hill and they lived in Mason County, Mud Lick area. They raised a family of four sons and seven daughters; Anthony who was born 1847 died 1927, married June 20, 1867 to Nancy Catherine Games, October 17, 1850 - April 9, 1933. Catherine was the daughter of Tapley and Anna (Parsons) Games Tapley's parents were Joseph and Susan Games. Anna was the daughter of John Sr. and Anna (Greathouse) Parsons, granddaughter of Charles Sr. and Elizabeth (Chestnue) Parsons.

Anthony and Catherine lived on Mud Lick, Mason County. Their children; Mrs. Irvin (Ida) Pickens, Mrs. Edgar Warner (Annie), Mrs. George (Bertha) Warner, Mrs. B. B. (Glenn) Harmon, Roy Claire who married Ora McCoy, and Mrs. Glenna (Audrey) Shinn.

Maizie Glenn Jividen, September 19, 1883 - July 9, 1970 married Baylus Brownfield Harmon on December 20, 1964, was the son of John L. (1856-1942) and Rebecca (Allinder) 1862-1921) Harmon, grandson of Rev. Thomas and Segious (Collins) Harmon.

Descendants of Baylus and Glenn Harmon living in Jackson County, daughter, Phyllis (Harmon) Jividen, granddaughters, Connie (Jividen) Welling and Phyllis Jean (Bush) Casto, great grandchildren Kathy Welling, Katharina (Casto) Angus and David Jay Casto II.

We all gather each year in August in family fellowship and love for the memory of Baylus and Glenn Jividen Harmon. Submitted by Rine (Casto) Angus

LEWIS ALFRED HARPER

Lewis Alfred Harper, born June 1834 Meigs County, Ohio died January 31, 1907 near Jackson County, Putnam County line. Married 1st Melissa Jane Middlesworth, divorced 1864 one child: Granville M. Harper, born April 15, 1859 Meigs County, Ohio, married Mary Jane Davis 1884. Lewis Alfred Harper married 2nd Mary Elizabeth Pearson, August 30, 1865; their children were: Mary Ester born 1869, married Millard W. Smith, December 29, 1887; Harriet Virginia born 1871 married William Anderson Williams, September 30, 1891; Martha S. born 1873 married George Joseph Kelly March 19, 1892; Sarah Belle born

1877 married 1st Benjamin Allen Boggess December 24, 1900, 2nd John Marion Hudnell, August 5, 1903; David Freeman born 1878 married Minnie (Bragg) Mooney February 2, 1904; Oscar Wilbur born April 18, 1879 died February 24, 1956, married Mary Frances Bragg September 23, 1901; Fannie Catherine born 1881 married James Jefferson Cash July 27, 1911; George Wallace born September 3, 1882 married Minnie Macil (Rodes) Williams; Thomas Alfred born 1867 married 1st Martha Powell, 2nd Mary E. Boggess August 21, 1897, 3rd Elzina Baker February 21, 1908.

Lewis Alfred Harper was a Civil War veteran "Yankee," served in Marietta, Ga., Nashville, Tn.,



Lewis Alfred and Mary E. (Pearson) Harper

where he was discharged.

Lewis Alfred Harper's father was Captain Ezekial Harper born March 17, 1809 Lovell, Oxford County, Maine died July 19, 1888 Meigs County, Ohio, married July 14, 1834 Meigs County, Ohio, Malissa Murry. Ezekial was a Captain in charge of a company of Moccasin Rangers their chief purpose was to operate against Union marauding and foraging parties. When the Moccasin Rangers disbanded he went with the 19th Regiment of Virginia Cavalry.

Lewis Alfred was a grandson of Revolutionary veteran, Daniel Harper, born 1765 at Lovell Oxford County, Maine, died August 3, 1839 Meigs County, Ohio, and Mary McAllister (1768-185?). Daniel was a son of Daniel Harper Sr. (1735-unknown) and Rachel Colman, who was a son of Andrew Harper (1699-1755) who was born in Ireland and resided in Londonderry.

My great grandfather Oscar Wilbur Harper (1879-1956) named my grandfather Lewis Alfred Harper (1904-1966) after his father, my father was Oscar Wallace Harper (1932-1973). Submitted by Charles Ray Harper

HARPOLD

John A. Harpold married Clarissa Johns. They had ten children. Alie C. was our grandfather, the others were: David, Jenny, Sandusky, Cornelia, Newton, Martha, Ruby, Clarissa "Jimmy" and Homer.

Alie married Mary Rader, who only lived about six months. Five years later, he married her sister, Anna Liza. Bernice was born 1906. Her mother died 1908. In 1910, he married Bessie Cox, who was 16. They had Asa, Della and Mamie, who died at 12 years of age. Alie was born 1877, died 1952. He was a school teacher and farmer.

David married Cynthia Rhodes; they had Ethel. Jenny married Mint Rhodes, Sandusky "Duck" married Maggie Parsons, Cornelia married Nester Bradley, Newt married Sarah Cox and Mahalia

Casto, Martha married Dave Cox and Perry Casto, Ruby married Howard Board, "Jimmy" married Marshall Parsons, brother to Maggie. Homer died when a young man. Submitted by Christopher Calhoun

HARPOLD-PFOST

According to research, the Harpole-Harpold family moved into Pendleton County, Virginia (now West Virginia) in 1763 from Germany. These were the original ancestors of John Oley Harpold, father of George Webster Harpold.

George Webster Harpold, son of John Oley and Susie Ratheleter Fisher Harpold and Ora Edna Pfof, daughter of Jacob and Avah Staats Pfof, were married September 27, 1908 at Ripley, West Virginia and "set up housekeeping" at Fairplain, West Virginia. After the birth of Ottie Warren in 1909, Susie Hazel in 1911, and Solomon Wayne (named after grandfather Solomon Wallace Harpold) in 1913, they purchased a farm and moved to Given, West Virginia. After moving to Given, Velma Mae (Seymour) was born in 1917, Avah Bernice (Fisher) named after grandmother, Avah Pfof, in 1919, Mary Eunice (Fisher) in 1921, Lorena Phyllis in 1924, and Veldra Wendell in 1927. Veldra died in 1948 at age 20 of football related surgery; Warren in 1978 — result of an auto accident; and Hazel in 1985 of natural causes.

Edna spent her life as a wife, mother and homemaker. She was a beautiful seamstress and



George Webster and Ora (Pfof) Harpold

made many lovely garments for the family. Her death occurred December 27, 1941 — 20 days after Pearl Harbor. She never knew two of her sons were World War II participants.

When the oldest children, Warren and Hazel, reached high school age, George and Edna built a house on Route 21 at Fairplain "on the hard road" so the children could continue their education. The land on which the house was built was purchased from John Oley Harpold.

George was a farmer and school teacher and continued to do so after moving back to Fairplain. He operated a successful dairy there for many years. In addition to other advanced education, including Lee Normal School, he also attended Marshall College and obtained a teaching certificate there. He believed in "higher education" and encouraged his students to go as far as finances and time would possibly permit. He taught in rural Jackson County schools for 35 years. Some of the schools in which he taught were Given, Valley Bell, Fairplain Supply, Fairplain, Sayre and Hickory Grove. George died in 1952.

Children of George and Edna Harpold were: Ottie Warren married Dolores Charlene Bastian. Their children are Donna Warren, Lois Charlene and Harold Alan. Susie Hazel married Donald Casto. Their children are Dolores Ann (Chancey), Gene and Dan; Solomon Wayne married Madeline Carney. Their child is Norma Anne (Ciccarello); Velma Mae married George Seymour. Their children are Robert George and Chery Lynn (Pennington); Avah Bernice married W. Cleek Fisher. Their children are William Cleek, Jr. and Mary Jo

(Basham); Mary Eunice married Edwin O. Fisher. Their children are Susan, John Edwin and Mary Elizabeth; Lorena Phyllis; and Veldra Wendell. Submitted by Bernice H. Fisher

ARTHUR AND OTHO HARPOLD

William Arthur Harpold was born August 8, 1894 to John Oley and Susan Fisher Harpold at Fairplain. On April 23, 1933, he married Felice Staats, daughter of C. L. Staats and Eva Fisher. No children were born of this union. He died March 7, 1974 with burial at the Casto Cemetery, Fairplain. Felice resides at Dunbar, W.Va.

He attended Theological Seminary at Westminster, Maryland and served churches in several places in West Virginia.

Otho Leonard Harpold was born, Oct. 6, 1896, to John Oley and Susan (Fisher) Harpold, at



Arthur and Otho Harpold

Fairplain.

He spent most of his life in the rubber shops of Akron, Ohio. He died May 22, 1961 with burial in Akron.

He married Opal O'Dell who had a daughter, Dorothy, from a previous marriage. After the death of Dorothy, her daughter, Linda, was adopted and raised by Otho and Opal as their own. Submitted by Keith & Helen Hill

JOHN HARPOLD

My Great Grandfather, John Harpold, settled in Jackson County (then known as Mason County) in 1810. He purchased 100 acres of land from his brother-in-law, William Bonnett, Sr., on Mill Creek near the iron bridge where Rt. 21 crossed the creek. It was about this time that the minister, Harry Ripley, the man for whom Ripley was named, drowned in Mill Creek.

John Harpold paid the first taxes on his property in 1842. It was the great sum of fifty cents. He was married to Rachel Sayre, daughter of David and Sara (Little) Sayre. They had ten children: David, Sandusky, John A., Solomon, Hannah, Henrietta, Adam, Absolom and Margaret.

John A. Harpold, my Grandfather, was in the Civil War. He was Cpl. 18; Co. F 9IV. Enrolled at Ripley on December 18, 1861, was wounded at Cedar Creek, Virginia on October 19, 1864, mustered out at Richmond, Va. July 1, 1866. He was married to Clarissa Johns, daughter of D. William and Lucinda Johns. Their children were: David W., Mary Virginia, Isaac N., Sandusky, Aley C., Homer, Cornelia, Martha and Ruby.

My father was Isaac N. Harpold. He was born November 6, 1872 on Brush Run near Gay, WV. He married Sara A. Cox on November 26, 1898. They had three children: Mattie S., John O., and Rudy Ray. Sarah died in 1906 and he then married Mahala Casto. They had seven children: Folie David, Harland Darrell, Lafayette Leon, Howard Blanc, Fred Weston, Conza Clarissa and Edwin Harold. They are all deceased now except Edwin and myself. We still own our old home place which was a part of our Grandfather's land located on

Brush Run.

I married Golden Raines, son of A. L. and Bertha Raines, on September 9, 1945; we have one daughter, Brenda Jean. She is married to James B. Heilmann, Jr.

My husband is a retired construction worker and I am retired from WVU Extension Service where I worked as secretary for 42 years. *Submitted by Conza Harpold Raines*

JOHN OLEY HARPOLD

The subject of this sketch was born May 25, 1868 at Fairplain, the second son of Solomon Wallace Harpold and Samantha Jayne Sayre. He married Susan Rathaleter Fisher, the daughter of L. S. and Christeena Fisher, on April 8, 1886. He died June 10, 1955. She died 1942 and both are buried at Fairplain Cemetery. Parents of ten children . . . George Webster, Icie Mable, Jessie Gay,



John Oley and Susan R. (Fisher) Harpold

William Arthur, Otho Leonard, Everette Leon, Thelma Alice, Nina Mae, Walie Darrell and Samantha Lurlean. As of this writing, all are deceased except Thelma Alice (Skidmore), Nina Mae (Smith) and Samantha Lurlean (Hill). Siblings of John Oley (J. O.) include George Warner born Oct. 22, 1865; Cora Ann (Morrison) Born ? and Flora E. (Shamblin) born 1871. Solomon Wallace Harpold was the 14th child (11th son) of Solomon and Malinda Shinn Harpold. This Solomon was born 1796 and died 1888. At age 17 he fought with the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812. After he returned from the war, he went by foot from Norfolk, Va. to what is now Jackson County, W. Va. He married Malinda Shinn, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Ann Hyde Shinn, on March 20, 1817. Solomon was the sixth child of Adam and Margaret Cunningham Harpold.

Adam Harpold was born May 2, 1757 and died 1806. His father, Nicholas, was born 1735, arrived from Germany at Philadelphia October 28, 1738 on the ship "Belinder Thistle" with his parents John Adam and Anna Barbara Harpold and four brothers: Paul, Jacob, Adam and Henry. This ship sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, and there is a possibility that the Harpold (Harpole) family spent some time in Holland after leaving the Palantinate of the Rhine of Germany. Nicholas was in Pendleton County, Virginia (now West Virginia) in 1763.



John Oley Harpold family, 1914

Samantha Lurlean Hill of Sandyville is the fifth generation of the Harpold family born in this country. Her family is listed under Estil Hill family in this book.

The above photograph was taken of the John Oley Harpold family at Fairplain in 1914. Shown are: standing l. to r. John Oley Harpold, neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Hackenberry, Samantha Sayre Harpold, Solomon Wallace Harpold, Icie Harpold Rankin, Adley Hall, and Oscar Rankin. Seated l. to r.; Edna Harpold holding Wayne, George Harpold holding Warren and Hazel, Susan Fisher Harpold, Jessie Harpold Hall holding Lurlean Harpold (daughter of John Oley, later, Mrs. Estell Hill), and Wallace Darrell Harpold; seated in front is Everette Leon Harpold. *Submitted by Hugh and Betty Coffman; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Epling*

WAYNE AND MADELINE HARPOLD

Wayne Harpold, son of George and Edna Harpold, and Madeline Carney, daughter of Virgil and Lucy Carney, were married on October 17, 1937.

They have one daughter, Norma Ann, married to Nick Ciccarello, who had four children: Nicholas Andrew, married to Amy, no children; Norma Ann, Jr. (Nan) married to Frank Russo, with three children, Francis Nicholas, Nicholas Joseph, Natalie Elaine; Natalie Ann, who married Troy Barnett, no children; and Nina Elaine, who married Dan Kopp, and they have one child, Natalie Marie.

Both Wayne and Madeline graduated from Ripley High School and they now live in Charles-



Wayne and Madeline Harpold

ton. Wayne served in World War II as a yeoman in the U.S. Navy for two years.

The youngest great-grandchild, Natalie Marie Kopp, was born in Germany, close to the place where the Harpold family migrated from. *Submitted by Madeline Harpold.*

PAUL BROWN HARRIS

The Harris family of Ravenswood has a history of contributions to life in Jackson County, with family members who have included educators, businessmen, legal and civic leaders.

Current county residents of the Harris family include Paul Brown Harris and his daughter, Linda Harris Reynolds. Paul Brown, known as P. B., resides on Sycamore Street with his wife, Jo Ann, whom he married in 1977. P. B. graduated from Ravenswood High in 1940, where he played football and basketball. After serving four years in the U.S. Navy, he married Freda Milhoan (1926-1975) in 1946. Their two daughters, Linda and Judith Harris Walker, both graduated from Ravenswood High. Linda lives in Murfreesville and Judy lives in Bedford, Va.

P. B. owned and operated the Western Auto Store in Ravenswood from 1963-73. Before that he was in the wholesale egg business, which was established by his father, Paul Bernard Harris. He



Paul Brown Harris, 1942

was active in the Volunteer Fire Department and the Masons, and he served as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church.

Paul Bernard Harris (1890-1959) married Rachel Brown Harris (1891-1965). In addition to P. B., they had one other child, Nellie Mae. Nell has lived in Tappahannock, Va., since her marriage to Edgar Burrough. Paul was an organizer of Ravenswood's Volunteer Fire Department, and served as chief from the early 1930s until 1957. He was a member of Town Council for 21 years. Rachel served as organist for over 50 years for the Presbyterian Church, and she organized the Ravenswood Navy Mothers Club and was the group's first president. Other Ravenswood HARRISES at this time included Paul's sisters, Selma I. Harris (1888-1969) and Mae Harris (1897-1971). Selma and Mae were both school teachers.

Ancestors of both Paul and Rachel lived in Jackson County. Paul's father, Franklin P. Harris (c. 1862-1902), was an assistant state superintendent of free schools and editor of the West Virginia School Journal. He was the guiding force, possibly the president, of the Ohio Valley College which was moved from Mason City to Ravenswood in 1898. Construction of a new building for the college was underway when F. P. died after falling from scaffolding while inspecting a new residence.

Rachel's family includes her great-grandfather Ephraim Wells, for whom Wells Street was named. Ephraim was a pioneer flat boatman, a justice of the peace and county court member. In 1836 Ephraim bought 1,225 acres of Ravenswood land from George Washington's ancestors. This land stayed in the family until most was sold in 1943 to Boso and Ritchie, Inc. Ephraim's daughter, Anna (1831-1896), married Judge Robert Brown (1827- c. 1891), for whom Brown Street was named. Judge Brown was prosecuting attorney for Wirt, Roane and Jackson Counties for 12 years. He was judge of the circuit court for one term and was state senator in 1881.

Rachel's father, Ephraim Wells Brown (1854-1929), was president of the Board of Education



Rachel (Brown) and Paul B. Harris

when the old Ravenswood Grade School was built. He served on the Board for 17 years.

Elwood Street was named for Rachel's brother, Elwood Emmons Brown (1892-1944). *Submitted by Judy Walker and Linda Reynolds*

REUBEN HARRISON

As told to me by my mother Jurusha Elizabeth Slater Creel when she was 84:

According to family legends, the Harrisons and other families left the eastern part of Virginia by ox-cart and on horseback and traveled west to the two rivers, the Elk and Kanawha, then by a hand-made barge went down the Kanawha to the forks of the Pocatalico river. They were sick, one died; decided they had traveled far enough, so went up the river Pocatalico to settle Goldtown. Why that name we do not know. Was gold found in the rocks there? The original settlers of Goldtown were the Harrisons, Goodes, Hatchers and DeWeese's, among others.

Great great grandfather Reuben Harrison, from the Harrisons of Rockingham County of Virginia, and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Goode, daughter of John Goode and Miss Gibbs, established a halfway house for travelers between Ripley and Charleston where weary travelers could find peace and rest. Reuben also had a post office at Goldtown after the Civil War.

His son, my great-grandfather, General William Henry Harrison, went into the Civil War at the age of 16. He enlisted in an Ohio company as a Union man, was a prisoner for a short time, but had typhoid fever and was exchanged. General (his given name) Harrison married Jurusha Hatcher, daughter of Uriah Hatcher and Matilda Edens, in 1868. Among other jobs he carried mail for his father and traveled by horseback on his route but used a two-seater "Mail Hack" in good weather.

One of General Harrison's children, my grandmother, called Ida Harrison (named Louisa Lorenda Kathryn), born in 1873, married Elkanah Norris Slater at Fair Plains, WV, after she had graduated from Ripley Teachers College in 1891.

Grandfather Elkanah Slater (called Caney) was a farmer and raised cattle, tobacco and produce. He had a store at Frogs Creek, Putnum County, and later worked at Kellys Ax Factory and a glass factory in Charleston. He and grandmother raised seven children, William, Jurusha, Rome, Opie Vernon, Esta, Zina and Irma. Grandfather Elkanah Slater and his brothers built the first school house at Trace Fork near Goldtown and paid the teacher the big salary of \$36 a month for six months of the year. Elkanah Norris Slater was the son of William Elkanah Slater and Elizabeth Fisher, daughter of George Fisher and Frances Lanham. William Elkanah Slater's father was John Slater, and mother, Mary (Polly) Kelley. They are all buried in the Allen's Fork Slater/Fisher cemetery.

Mother, Jurusha Elizabeth Slater, was born in 1900 at Goldtown. She could read at age four and for years spelled down everyone in her classes, even children twice as old as she was. She did not mind walking the long miles to school because it was so much fun for her. Her first job was at the glass



Samuel H. Creel, age 30

factory at the age of 15. She married my father, Samuel Henry Creel (1878-1942) in 1919. He was the son of Edwin Creel and Amy Alice Stephens, daughter of William Stephens, Jr. and Nancy Lockhart, all of Wirt and Wood Counties.

Father had returned from overseas in World War I and was very active in the affairs of veterans and the placing of them in industries, and was hired by the new Veterans Administration in Charleston. He was the first Commander of the "Veterans of Foreign Wars" of West Virginia.

Our family moved to Washington, D.C. during the depression of 1930. Father was in the Veterans Administration and upon his death in 1942, mother went to work for the VA until her retirement. Mother died, Mar. 10, 1990, and was a wonderful example of endurance, survival and courage to her family. I have devoted my retiring years to the research of my remarkable pioneer ancestors of West Virginia. I am proud to be a "West Virginian."

The following poem was recited at school by my Mother, Jurusha Elizabeth Slater, in 1908 at the age of 8 years.

I came to see my Grandma
one cold Thanksgiving Day,
I shook and chattered all along the way.
Grandma had been knitting
and so I tried to knit,
got hold of the wrong thread
and undid it, every bit.

Next day I tried to
tackle a piggy for a horse;
I fell into the pigpen,
Phew, wasn't Grandma cross?
I'm sure I wasn't to blame,
'cause my new dress was white
if Mama had made it pink
It wouldn't have showed a mite.

Grandma had a milk house,
filled up with pans of milk.
One day I let in Kitty,
she's just as soft as silk.
and Kitty liked the thick cream
the best of everything.

I set her down beside a pan
you ought to heard her sing.
She's awfully funny Kitty,
along the shelf she ran
and with her little nosey
made blue holes in every pan.
But Grandma's awfully stingy
she drives us both away
and said she'd mind to send me home
afore another day.

Sometimes Kitty's naughty
one day she caught a mouse.
She shook and teased and bited it
all around the house.

I hit her with the tater masher
every time she would turn,
I got away poor mousey
and hid him in the churn.
Who ever thought that cream would drown

I thought t'was only rivers
but when my Grandma churned next day,
that mouse had turned to slivers.
They fed the butter to a pig
they putted me to bed
and they spanked poor Kitty awful
right in her pretty head.

One day I see's a tub of milk
we keeps ours in a dish.
I thought t'was good for nothing
and so I'd catch some fish.
I just got settled down
my feet were pretty nigh freeze
when in came Grandma screaming
"Oh that gal is in my cheese"
She dumped me out, I'll tell you
right on the cold stone floor
she called my new boots dirty
and locked the dairy door.

Now I've been awfully good to Grandma
ain't raised a speck of dust.

I'm going home tomorrow
'cause Grandma says I must. Submitted by Alice Creel
Ball and Judith Kathryn Dennis

ARLEY ESLEY HART

Arley Esley Hart (1880-1970), fourth son and child of James and Nancy Payne Hart, was born in Gilmer County. When very young he came to Jackson County to "drive team" and do farm work, the last place being at the "Doug" Shinn farm. He was married to Rachel Catherine Reed (1873-1937) of Kenna by Reverend A. Wright. She had been working in the homes of Dr. Fred Casto and Dr. Thomas Simmons. The newlyweds first lived near Gay on the Ben Thomas farm. Daughters Lucy Myrtle and Belva Lee were born there. They next moved to Peninsula, Summit County, Ohio, on another Thomas farm paying cash rent which allowed one to work anyplace. He farmed, "drove team" on a pipeline and worked in a flour mill. Three more children were born there, Anna Marie, Willard Arley and Ayward Clinton. After 6 years, they moved back to Jackson County to the "Doug Shinn" farm where daughter, Emma Evelyn, was born. They also raised a niece, Betty Hart Montgomery.

Arley was active in church wherever he lived, serving as deacon of the Grasslick Baptist Church more than half a century. He enjoyed fox hunting even after a hard day's work; he was knowledgeable about horses and frequently traded. Rachel was a meticulous housekeeper capable of preparing delicious meals from farm products without any conveniences.

The Hart children were: Lucy, taught 2 terms of school, first marriage to Heber E. Thaxton; they had one son Jack Esley (both deceased), second to Henry Harper (deceased) third to David Dean (divorced), fourth to Edward "Ted" West (deceased). She now lives in Charleston. Belva, married Charles F. "Boob" Logan, no children, who observed their 61st anniversary; Anna married Darrell Wallace Harpold, parents of Catherine Sue, James Wallace, Tommy Hart, Patricia Ann, Michael Allen, Stephen Keith, and John Arley. She lives in Dunbar. Willard (1910-1940) married Lolito Marie Hogsett, children: Willard Eugene and Max Frederick. Ayward married Veta Faye Hogsett, children: Ronald Lee, David Asher, Richard Arley, Nancy Caroline. Emma first married Ernest Carr, no children (divorced) second married William Coe, no children, has resided in San Diego, California area many years.

After Rachael's death, he was married to Lula Hogsett (1883-1975) by Reverend Fred Slaughter. They sold the Stone Ridge Farm, bought another near Given. Arley's health was failing so he sold Given farm and bought a house at Kenna where they lived until his death.

Arley, Rachel and Lula are buried at Grasslick



Jurusha (Slater) Creel, age 18

AYWARD CLINTON HART

Ayward Clinton Hart, known as "Dutch," was the fifth child of Arley and Rachel Hart, born in Summit County, Ohio. He moved with his parents, sisters and brother to Kenna, Jackson County, when two years old. In 1928 the Arley Hart family moved to Stone Ridge near Ripley. Dutch enlisted in CCC in 1934, stationed at Petersburg, West Virginia.

On January 2, 1937, he married Veta Faye Hogsett with Reverend Fred Slaughter officiating. They moved to Charleston where he was employed at Union Carbide, retiring in 1974 with 34 years' service. They lived on Sugar Creek Drive at four locations, 43 years in last house, before moving to Vienna in 1985. Dutch and Veta were members of the Sugar Creek Baptist Church where Dutch was deacon, trustee and choir member.

They were parents of four children: Ronald Lee, David Asher, Richard Arley and Nancy Caroline.



Ayward "Dutch" and Veta (Hogsett) Hart

Ronald married Lois Ann Duncan. He earned his B.S.C. degree from Ohio University, employed by National Tube, Lorain, Ohio. A. O. Smith, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Harbison-Walker, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Cincinnati, Ohio. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have one son, Todd Christian.

David married Wanda Lea Whytsell. He earned B.S. and M.A. degrees from West Virginia State and West Virginia University, all night classes, while employed by United Fuel, now Columbia Gas. Presently at Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania office as Division Manager, completing 30 years service. Parents of Sara Lea and Elizabeth Asher. They live at Washington, Pennsylvania. They are members of the Methodist Church where David is Lay Leader and choir member.

Richard married Nancy Kay Rice, both graduates of West Virginia Tech with B.S. degrees. He has been a government employee since 1962 working in Washington, D.C. They live at Springfield, Virginia and are members of Presbyterian Church. Parents of two sons, Bradley Alan and Andrew Neal.

Nancy married Marvin Roy Rexroad of Parkersburg. Both have B.S. degrees from University of Tennessee. They live in Vienna, where both are teachers. They are parents of Robb Roy and Jody Lynn. Submitted by David Hart

MARCELLUS HART

Marcellus Hart was born in Wetzel County on Sept. 2, 1867. He was the son of James and Nancy Payne Hart. His grandparents were James and Matilda Hart. He was one of several children who included Myron, Albertus, Charles, Arlie, Narcis-

sus, Mary, Rosa and Ida Hart. Marcellus died on May 15, 1936 at the age of 68.

Marcellus married Mary Williams in 1895, but she died in 1901. They had three children — Fannie, Ernest and Howard Hart. He married Minnie Mae Lovegrove on June 22, 1903. They had 11 children, two of whom died in infancy. Frances Marie Hart was born on Feb. 12, 1904 and married Walter Reed of Gay, WV, on Feb. 20, 1920. She was a well known artist for many years in Jackson County before her death in 1985. Ruby Pearl Hart was born on Feb. 3, 1909 and married Gay Smith, who died in 1958. She married Harry Taylor some years later and resides in Parkersburg, WV. Velma Blanche Hart was born on August 29, 1911 and married Audith Cobb of Gay, WV. He is now deceased, having died in April of 1988. Velma Cobb resides in Ripley, WV. Lily Ruth Hart was born on Nov. 15, 1913 and married Everette Rhodes of Gay, WV. They reside in Ripley, WV. Nellie Lee Hart was born on June 19, 1918 and married Norman E. Richards. They reside in Parkersburg, WV. Kenneth Ray Hart was born on Feb. 23, 1921 and resides in Belpre, Ohio with his wife Mary. Eva Pauline Hart was born on Feb. 14, 1923 and married Lawrence Woodward, who is now deceased. Mrs. Woodward resides in Vienna, WV. William Marcellus Hart was born on Nov. 25, 1928 and married Mary Kathryn Rexroad in 1948. They reside in Fairmont, WV.

Marcellus Hart was a widely known businessman and landowner in the area of Gay, WV. He dealt extensively in livestock, wool, farm products and furs. In the 1930s the deepest test well for oil and gas east of the Mississippi was drilled on his farm.

Marcellus and Minnie were religious people who listened to services on the radio. Marcellus



Historical marker in Spencer

was a quiet, unassuming man who was devoted to his family and was an inspiration to the community. His ambition was to serve and help those in need. He often opened his home to travelers passing through the area. It was not uncommon for his wife Minnie, to prepare meals not only for her family, but also for boarders. Anyone passing through was always welcome in their home.

Each year, a family reunion is held in August in Parkersburg, WV for the entire Hart family. It is organized by Dutch Hart of Vienna, WV and James Hart of Belpre, Ohio. Submitted by Kenneth M. Hart

EDWARD HARTLEY

Edward Hartley was born in Harrison County, Ohio, the sixth child of Christopher Hartley (1774-1861) and Mary Holden Hartley, (1780-1864) of Otley, Yorkshire, England. His three older sisters, Sarah, Ellen, Margaret Ann and his brother Thomas were born in England. Edward and Eliza-

beth, are buried at Flatwoods Church Cemetery, Jackson County, WV.

Christopher Hartley traveled to Harrison County, Ohio in 1819 and settled a half-section of land along the Dining Fork Creek near the present town of Scio. In 1820, the family joined him. They traveled in a four-horse-team wagon from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. The mother and older children walked as the luggage and smaller children were all that could be accommodated in the wagon.

Christopher and Mary's children were: Sarah, (1805-1887) married Thomas Fox; Ellen (1806-1853) married Joseph Harrison; Margaret Ann (1814-?) married Jonathan Markley; Thomas (1815-1904) married Lydia Tomlinson; William (1823-?) never married; Edward (1824-1913) married Elizabeth Tomlinson; Jane (1830-1929) never married. Christopher and Mary Hartley are buried at Scio, Ohio — all their children settled near Scio except Edward and Thomas who moved to Jackson County, Virginia, now West Virginia.

Elizabeth Tomlinson was born in Harrison County, Ohio in the same area as the Hartleys lived.



Edward Hartley, (1824-1913)

The children of the valley attended Creal School as did a small blond-haired boy named George Armstrong Custer who grew to fame in the Civil War and died at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

Elizabeth's parents, Nancy and Thomas Tomlinson, had come to the Dining Fork valley from Maryland and reared five children: Lydia, George, Jane, Elizabeth and Henry. Lydia married Edward's brother, Thomas, so their children were double first cousins.

The Edward Hartleys' settled on a farm south of Ravenswood where they built a beautiful home



Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Hartley, (1834-1902)

with some unusual features. Edward was an expert cabinet maker, carpenter and blacksmith. He had a blacksmith-carpenter shop in Ravenswood on the bank of Sand Creek about where the old iron bridge crossed. His cabinet making and carpentry skills were evident in his home which featured among other things, a mantel in the parlor with a carved grape vine trailing around it. This mantel is now



Edward and Elizabeth Hartley's house

in the home of a great grandson, Dale Hartley, Kingston, Missouri.

The really unusual feature of this three-story home though, was that you could walk out on the ground from each of the three floors. The house was built against a cliff with a large field at the back of the house outside the third story backdoor. Years later, the oldest child, Jane, living in a sod house in the flat state of Kansas and homesick for her West Virginia home, dreamed of building her own home like it. Eventually she did just that. She had a hill constructed and built a large three-story home against it so she could walk out from two floors! But never a blade of grass or tree would grow around her house because the good soil had been dug away to make the hill!

When Jane got too old and arthritic to climb the stairs in her big house, she would go outside and around and up the hill and in the second-story door to have her granddaughter play her favorite record of a steamboat whistling. Then she'd tell stories of her childhood — of steamboats on the Ohio River and of her father swimming the horses across the river and hiding them there when he heard that Morgan's Raiders were in the vicinity.

During the Civil War, Edward Hartley belonged to the Home Guard. Food was scarce and people were afraid to leave their homes. Raiders and renegade soldiers might be anywhere. To obtain meal, he would travel to a mill near Poca River in Kanawha County. Taking pack horses, he would leave at night and go through the woods, avoiding roads. The trip would take two or three days and Elizabeth and the children would hide the farm animals in the woods while he was gone.

The oldest son, Thomas, told of helping his father bring the first flock of Merino sheep to this area. They drove them from Harrison County, Ohio, over 100 miles, and carried them across the rattle on the Ohio River at the Buffington Island ford above Ravenswood. In later years, when Thomas married and had his own farm, he always raised Merino sheep.

The Edward Hartleys' eight children were:

Jane Clementine (1854-1931) married Albert Rowan (1850-1903), moved to Kansas. Their children: Charles Madison (1883-1959); Benjamin Harrison (1885-1888); Nannie Anne (1887-1931); Edith Ellen (1889-); Albert Ross (1892-1967); Chestina Averil (1896-1964) Thomas (1856-1933) married Mary Carr (1860-1934), settled on Cow Run, Jackson County, WV, buried in Antioch Cemetery. Their children: Cora Isabelle (1879-1957); Raymond Edward (1890- 1960); Lena (adopted) (1896-).

John (1858-1930) married Chestina Sherman (1865-1939) settled in Missouri. Their children: Roy (1892-1966); Reuben (1896-); Raymond (1900-); Hazel (1902-).

Philip (1860-1941) married Jennie Sigmund (-1945), settled in Missouri, moved to California in 1904. No children.

Virginia (1862-1932) married Millard Rogers (1857-1937), lived in Kansas and Missouri, moved to Montana in 1918. Children: Olive (1881-1967); Greek (1884-1983); Edward

(1886-1968); John (1888-1955); Howard (1890-1960); Pearl (1894-1989); Homer (1900-1963).

Edward (1867-??) disappeared between 1911-1913. He was a civil engineer and traveled in the west and in Mexico. He was reported to have married a Spanish lady and had a son living in Sacramento, California. He visited West Virginia about 1902 and showed off his expertise with his six shooters by shooting walnuts thrown into the air by his nephew, Raymond (Ray) Hartley.

Myrtle (1874-1943) married Hugh McCoy (1871-1950), buried Flatwoods Cemetery. Children Leona (1897-1919); Mary (1906-1983).

Rufus Putnam (1875-1910), never married, drowned. Buried at Flatwoods Cemetery.

See related histories: Thomas Hartley, Thomas E. Hartley and Mary (Carr) Hartley Submitted by Edward C. Hartley and Mabel Hartley Hoschar

HENRY TOMLINSON HARTLEY

Our grandfather, Henry Tomlinson Hartley (24 September 1864 — 29 July 1946), the son of Thomas and Lydia (Tomlinson), Hartley married 11 May 1888 Laura Fenimore (5 March 1863 — 11 July 1946) daughter of Thomas T. and Lelia Ann (Greenlee) Fenimore.

The established their home at the residence of his father, Thomas, on Cow Run where they reared six children that attended Antioch School.

1. *Lucy Hartley* (5 October 1889 — 24 March 1985). Never married. She lived with her parents on the farm most of her life. She is buried at Blaine Memorial Cemetery near Cottageville, W. Va. beside her parents.
2. *Ruth Hartley* (17 December 1894 — 23 May 1965). Never married. She was a nurse. She lived in Akron, Ohio, most of her life where she died and was buried in Green Lawn Cemetery there.
3. *Edna Hartley* (18 November 1897-) married 17 September 1922 Charles Stahlman (12 October 1897 — 6 January 1983) the son of George Washington and Allie Elizabeth (Fore) Stahlman. They made their home near Spencer, W. Va. Edna was a nurse in the Spencer area for nearly 50 years. They were the parents of two children: Charles Franklin and Hartley June Stahlman.
4. *Ivy Hartley* (27 August 1901 — 26 April 1988) married 21 October 1922 Herbert Lloyd (4 May 1900 — 7 October 1977) the son of William Thornton and Mary Agnes "Mayme" (Sayre) Lloyd. They lived in Cottageville, W. Va. several years where Herbert was postmaster and merchant. About 1935 they bought a farm near Tiffin, Ohio, and moved there. They both died there and was buried in Seneca Memory Gardens at Tiffin, Ohio. They were the parents of five children: Grace Imogene, Blanch, Herbert Jr., Margaret and Paul.
5. *John Henry Hartley* (21 December 1903 — 28 February 1982) was the only son of Henry Tomlinson Hartley. He spent his early years on the farm with his father. After his marriage on 30 October 1926 to Josephine Sayre (1905-1957), the daughter of Elmer and Mary Jane (Stewart) Sayre, they lived in Cottageville, W. Va. where John run the mill and had a feed store. In 1935 John bought the farm from his father and moved to the farm. John and Josephine are buried at Otterbein Cemetery near Evans, W. Va. They were the parents of four children: Geraldine, John Jr., Landon and Martin.
6. *Grace Hartley* (20 November 1906-). She spent most of her life in Akron, Ohio where she worked and retired from B.F. Goodrich Rubber Co. In Akron she met and married 26 December 1946 Arthur Carlson. He died in 1963 and is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery in Akron, Ohio. No children.

Besides being a farmer, our grandfather could

be described as being "a man of many trades." He did blacksmith work, tanned hides, wove baskets



Mill

and was proud of his Shorthorn breed of cattle.

Very early in the 1900s, he built a dam across a small stream near his house. In the rainy seasons he had enough water power to operate the mill he had built. He would grind meal, flour and feed for the people of the community. Here he also had a turning lathe run by water power.

At one time the Huntsville, W.Va. postoffice was in his home.

He helped roof the first Antioch Church, built in 1883, with clapboard shingles made of yellow poplar.

He delighted in wearing his homemade wooden shoes and his fur coat of many colors, that he had made from cat skins he had tanned, to Ripley.

In 1935 he sold the farm to his only son, John, and he and his wife, Laura, moved to Cottageville, W. Va. where they spent their last days. He took with him a school bell and he would get up early in the morning and ring this bell to awaken the people of Cottageville. He gave this bell to his nephew, Charles Hartley, and it is now at Jackson's Mill, near Weston, W.Va.

Our grandparents died 18 days apart and are buried in Blaine Memorial Cemetery near Cottageville, W. Va.

We are the two children standing between our grandparents. Submitted by John Henry Hartley Jr. and



Mr. and Mrs. Hartley and grandchildren

Hartley June (Stahlman) Phillips

STEPHEN A. HARTLEY

Stephen Hartley (1856-1953) son of Thomas and Lydia Tomlinson Hartley, married August 22, 1883 to Victoria King (1862-1939), daughter of Francis and Ruth Baremore King. They established their home on a 100 acre farm known as the "Harpold Place," situated on the right hand fork of Cow Run, just about half way between the Thomas Hartley and Francis King homesteads. They reared to maturity a family of five boys and two girls. An eight child, a twin boy to the second child, William, died at age of four years.

Responding to the influence of their school teacher mother and the kind and gentle cooperation of their hard working father, five of these seven

children graduated from college. This was unusual for a Jackson County farm family in that period from 1901 through 1925.

Charles, the oldest (1884-1961) graduated from W. Va. Wesleyan College in 1908, and was a high school teacher and principal for four years and in 1912 was elected Jackson County's representative to the State Legislature. In 1913 he became associated with West Virginia University College of Agriculture and for the next 45 years was an influential leader in the 4-H program and other rural development programs. He married Ruth Miller of Chambersburg, Pa. in 1914 and to them were born three children: Charles Henry, Jr., Robert and Marjorie. Marjorie died suddenly in 1940 at age 18.

William, (1887-1984), graduated from W. Va. Wesleyan in 1911 and spent the rest of his business life with Robart Mfg. Co., Troy, Ohio. He married Derry Perine of Salem, W. Va., in 1916 and to them were born two children, Richard and Helen.

Elizabeth (1889-1982), graduated from W. Va. Wesleyan in 1919, was a high school teacher for a few years and in 1922 married John Loudin, a Methodist Minister who served in the W. Va. and New Mexico Conferences. To them were born three children: Ruth, Frank and Mary.

Alpha (1889-1982), graduated from W. Va. Wesleyan in 1919. Was a high school teacher and a Home Demonstration Agent for the W. Va. Agr. Extension Service. She married Blaine Connor in 1944 and settled in California. They had no children.

Hoyt (1895-1978), remained on the home farm until 1940 when he moved to Belpre, Ohio, where he spent the rest of his life. He married Faye McGlothlin in 1917 and to them were born five children; Martha, Herbert, Alice and Anna (twins), and Freda.

Theodore (1900-1988), remained on the home farm until the late 1940s when he went to live with his sister Elizabeth. He never married.

Luther, known as "Pete," (1903-), the only surviving member of this family at this writing 1989. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1925 and spent the next 43 years in agricultural development work with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. At his retirement in 1967 he was Manager of the agricultural, livestock, and perishable traffic for the B and O. In 1927 he married Elma Gregory and they had one child, Kenneth.

Charles and "Pete," the oldest and the youngest of this family, are both enshrined in the West



Stephen A. Hartley family, 1923, 50th Wedding Anniversary

Virginia Agricultural Hall of Fame, making this family one of the few so honored. One other is also from Jackson County, P. C. Green and his son Carroll. Submitted by Luther S. "Pete" Hartley

THOMAS HARTLEY

Our great, great grandfather, Thomas Hartley, born 11 October 1815 in England son of Christopher and Mary (Holden) Hartley came to the United States in 1820 with his family. They settled in Harrison Co. Ohio near Scio.

Because the family was large and the support

meager, Thomas, at the age of thirteen, went to live with his sister, Ellen, who had married a Joseph Harrison. To reward Thomas for his help during these eight years, Mr. Harrison offered him a horse, saddle and bridle or the assistance in securing land from the Federal Government in Ohio. He accepted the land gift which was in Mercer County, practically across the state of Ohio.

On the 11th October 1849 in Harrison Co., Ohio, Thomas married Lydia Tomlinson (12 February 1826 — 13 September 1898) a sister to Elizabeth that married his brother, Edward.

It appears that Thomas and Lydia preferred upland to low lying level land as on 9 November 1849 the Ohio land was sold. In 1853-1854 they bought land and moved to the Cow Run section of Jackson County, Virginia, now West Virginia. Here they lived and reared a family of eight in a log house. About 1880 they built a large frame house. (This house was struck by lightning on July 8, 1939 and burned when John Hartley, a grandson, was living there). Lydia was known for her spinning and weaving of wool and flax into cloth. Both were very community minded. In 1881 they deeded land to trustees for the Antioch Church to be built on. From 1872 to 1893, Thomas Hartley was postmaster of the Huntsville postoffice.

Thomas died 12 December 1904 and was buried beside his wife in Cherry Grove Cemetery



Thomas and Lydia Hartley

in Jackson County.

Their children:

1. Ellen (22 July 1850 — 21 September 1934) married 24 December 1874 Abijah Sayre (17 May 1849 — 25 January 1925). Parents of seven children: Holly, Stephen, Anna, Josie, Lora, Thomas and Mary. (See Abijah Sayre).
2. William (30 April 1852 — 24 May 1928) married 7 September 1880 Mary Catherine Henry. They immediately went to Missouri and settled on a farm near Hamilton, where they lived the rest of their lives. One son, Paul, lived to adulthood. They are buried in Highland Cemetery near Hamilton, Missouri.
3. Christopher (20 June 1853 — 5 July 1929) married 17 April 1878 Susan J. Howell at Pt. Pleasant W. Va. They, too, went to Hamilton, Missouri and are buried in Highland Cemetery. Parents of eight children: Rosa, Ora, Lydia, Fred, Anna, Willard, Frank and Harry.
4. Nancy (11 April 1855-) married 30 August 1888 Sanford Cooper. They lived on a farm near the old Hartley homestead, Scio, Ohio. Two children: Perry and Thomas.
5. Stephen (3 October 1856 — 3 February 1953) married 22 August 1883 Victoria King (15 September 1862 — 30 September 1939). (See Francis King). They established their home on a farm adjoining both the Kings and Hartleys. Both buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery near the graves of their parents. Parents of: Charles, William and George (twins), Elizabeth, Alpha, Hoyt, Theodore and Luther.
6. Thomas (11 August 1858 — 15 November 1918) married 20 November 1887 Victoria

Taylor (20 December 1865 — 13 February 1925) and established their home in Mason County, W. Va. He was a carpenter having built many homes, schools, churches and bridges. He built the Staats Mill bridge that was relocated and restored at Cedar Lakes near Ripley, W. Va. Buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason Co., W. Va. Children were: Vitus, Mabel, Jennie, William, Gilbert, Arla and Dawson.

7. George (16 May 1861 — 13 October 1864). Buried in Otterbein Cemetery near Evans, W. Va.
8. Henry T. (14 September 1864 — 11 July 1946) married 11 May 1888 Laura Fenimore (5 March 1863 — 11 July 1946) daughter of Thomas and Lelia (Greenlee) Fenimore. They took over the farm of his father, Thomas, and there reared a family of six children: Lucy, Ruth, Edna, Ivy, John and Grace. In 1935 they sold the farm to their only son, John, and moved to Cottageville where they lived until their death 1946. They are buried in Blaine Memorial Cemetery near Cottageville, W. Va.

Our grandfather, John Hartley, (1903-1982) the only son of Henry T. Hartley married 30 October 1926 Josephine Marie Sayre (1905-1957) daughter of Elmer and Mary Jane (Stewart) Sayre. They made their home in Cottageville where he run the Cottageville Mill and had a feed store. In 1935 they moved back to the farm on Cow Run. Here they lived in the farm house built by his grandfather, Thomas, until it was struck by lightning in July of 1939. He rebuilt in the same location and lived here until 1946 when he sold the farm to a Mr. Shinn and bought the adjoining farm from his Uncle Stephen Hartley. (Our Uncle Martin now owns the Stephen Hartley farm). Grandfather served on the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service of Jackson Co. for several years and was a well known and respected farmer. In 1979 our father, Landon Hartley, acquired the farm and we are now the fifth generation of Hartley's to be farming the land once owned by Thomas Hartley. The barn built by Thomas over 100 years ago is still in use.

Our grandparents are buried in Otterbein Cemetery near Evans, W. Va. Their children:

1. Geraldine married 4 July 1953 R. Quentin Sayre. (See Thomas Edison Sayre) One son: Robert Q., Jr.
2. John Jr. married 6 April 1956 Sue Ann Casto. No Children.
3. Landon (our father) married 11 December 1957 Betty Marie Keefer. Two sons: Charles and Jason.
4. Martin married 8 May 1965 Sharon Marie Hess. Two daughters: Angela and Alesia.

After our grandmother passed away our grandfather married in 1960 Eula Coleman. Submitted by Charles Hartley and Jason Hartley

THOMAS E. AND MARY (CARR) HARTLEY

Thomas was the oldest son of Edward and Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Hartley. Thomas and wife, Mary (Carr) Hartley, are buried in Antioch Cemetery, Cow Run, Cottageville, Jackson Co. WV.

Mary's parents were William and Isabella (Burns) Carr. The Carrs were married in Clarion Co., PA, Sept. 10, 1839. The parents of William, John and Sarah (Wilton) Carr came to the United States in 1810. William was born in Lycoming Co., PA., Nov. 14, 1814. His parents are buried in PA as are Isabella's parents, Robert and Sarah (Turner) Burns. Isabella was born in Mifflin Co., PA, March 23, 1821. Isabella's father was related to the poet, Robert Burns, and through her mother, Isabella, was a second cousin of President James K. Polk.

William and Isabella left eight children buried in Jefferson Co. PA and came to Jackson Co. WV in 1868, hoping to find a healthier climate. Their

four children who lived to adulthood were Lavina (Rand) 1850-1909; Susan (Bibbee) 1854-1929; Joseph 1855-1928, married Hattie Jones 1852-1918 and Mary.

Thomas and Mary (Carr) Hartley bought a farm on Cow Run from his cousin, Christopher Hartley, and there they lived the rest of their lives. Mary was a main member of the nearby Antioch Church where she played the organ and rarely missed a service. "Tom" was a hard working farmer and carpenter and well thought of in the community. His grandchildren adored him because he always took time to do things with them. This was rare in those days when families had to work long and hard to survive.

Thomas and Mary (Carr) Hartley's three children were: Cora Isabella; Raymond Edward; and



Thomas E. Hartley

Lena.

Cora Isabella 1879-1957 married Wilbur Ball 1872-1926. They are buried in Pleasant View Church Cemetery, Jackson, Co., WV. Cora and Wilbur's children were: John 1904-1922 (drowned) buried in Pleasant View Church Cemetery; and twins: Mary 1912-1971 married Della Sayre 1908-1987, buried in Longview Church Cemetery, Jackson Co.; Sarah 1912-, married Clyde Vannest; he is buried in Pleasant View Church Cemetery.

Raymond Edward was Thomas and Mary's only son. Raymond (Ray) 1890-1960 married Ella Arzina Hughes 1891-1981. They are buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Jackson Co., WV. They had four children: Mabel 1916- married Vinton Hoschar 1907-1982. He is buried at Antioch Cemetery; Edward C. 1918- married Audrey Lillian Sayre 1923-; Ruby 1920- married Howard Simmons; Garnett 1922- married Starling Hunt 1920-1979; he is buried in Amherst, Ohio.

Thomas and Mary's third child was adopted; Lena 1896- married Howard Shinn.

See Related History: Edward and Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Hartley. Submitted by Great great grandson — Thomas Edward Hartley

JOHN WESLEY AND MARGARET (FARLEY) HARTSHORNE

My g-g-g grandparents, John Wesley Hartshorne and Margaret Farley, his wife, were both born about 1813, Margaret in Virginia, but no knowledge as to birthplace of John Wesley, or as to the name of his parents. Margaret was the daughter of Andrew Farley and Sarah Farley (they were first cousins). This couple resided in Monroe County, Ohio, where their children of record were born: Rebecca, Martha, William Wallace, Jacob, Jane, John and Sarah.

John Wesley Hartshorne died in 1845, and Court of Common Pleas records in Monroe County as of June 1845 indicate that Samuel Hartshorne was appointed to administer his estate when Margaret declined to do so. We assume that Samuel may have been a brother of John Wesley.

We are not sure when Margaret moved to

Jackson County, but on 3 June 1858, her daughter, Maria Jane Hartshorne, was married to Hezekiah Jackson of Jackson County.

My descent from Hezekiah and Maria Jane is through their daughter, Mary Martha Everetta ("Evie") who on 8 April 1880, was married to Eli Neptune of Sandyville, Jackson County, in the Neptune line down through my father, Everett Brown Neptune, Jr. (See related histories John Neptune, and Hezekiah Jackson). Submitted by Elizabeth Ann Neptune Dodge

DONALD T. HARVEY

Donald Harvey, a native of Logan County, came to Jackson County as a metallurgical engineer for Kaiser Aluminum Corporation in 1956. He was hired by Kaiser in 1954 in Baltimore, Maryland for the Ravenswood plant two years before the plant was built. Don and Ollie Phillips married the same year and they transferred to the Kaiser Trentwood Works in Spokane, Washington. Part of this period was utilized to plan the Ravenswood plant laboratory facilities and develop operating procedures. He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia. Over the years he has been active in civic, church, and school support organizations.

Ollie M. Harvey, a native of Logan County, has been active in community affairs having served two terms on the Ripley City Council and has the distinction of being the first woman to serve on Council. She has served as chairman of: Ripley Bicentennial and Sesquicentennial Committees; Jackson County Federated Women for 12 years; Jackson County Litter Control; P.R.I.D.E. anti-litter county group; organized the first county Mental Health chapter. She has been active in the WV Federation of Women's Clubs having served as president, Ripley Junior Club and Woman's Club of Ripley; on the state level as Junior Director 1966-68 and state president 1982-84. By appointment of Governor Arch A. Moore she organized the WV Women Highway Safety Leaders. She has been engaged in real estate as a sales agent for Gorrell Realty for 17 years. She is employed by the WV Department of Natural Resources as state Recycling Coordinator. Mrs. Harvey attended Morris Harvey College and Parkersburg Community College.

Don and Ollie have three daughters who graduated from Ripley High School: Michele Harvey attended Marshall University and graduated from the St. Mary's School of Nursing; Teresa Harvey married Mitch Carmichael of Ripley. She obtained a BA degree from Marshall University and an MA in Learning Disabilities from West Virginia University; Lea Ann Harvey married Charles Cline of Ripley, they have two sons. She graduated from Marshall University, employed as an RN at Charleston Memorial Hospital in Cardiac Intensive Care.

The family are members of Epworth United Methodist Church, Ripley. Submitted by Ollie Harvey

WILLIAM HATCHER

William Hatcher was born in 1614 in Careby, Lincolnshire, England to Sir John Hatcher, the High Sheriff of Careby in 1610. "William the Immigrant," as he is known to his descendants, migrated to Henrico County, Virginia in 1635. He received a land grant of 200 acres and became a successful tobacco grower. He also became involved in local politics. In 1644, he was elected to Virginia House of Burgesses in which he served until after 1660, not consecutively. In 1680, William left to his heirs three plantations; "Varina," "Turkey Island" and "Neck of Land." Henricho County records indicate William's total patented land was 1,500 acres.

The following are descendants from William to the Jackson County Hatchers:

Henry (1637-1677) m. Ann Lound
Henry II (1660-1743) m. Dorothy Batte
Henry III (1712-1762) m. Margaret Jane But-

ler

Julius 1735-1807) m. Nancy Noell

Jesse (d. 1824) m. Millie Edens

Uriah, Jesse and Millie's son, moved from Bedford County, Virginia to Jackson County. Uriah Hatcher (September 8, 1811 — April 21, 1888) married on October 28, 1835 Matilda Eden (November 25, 1820 — February 18, 1863). They had 12 children. Uriah married second on July 9, 1863 to Martha Ellen Good and had three more daughters.

Calvin Luther Hatcher was born to Uriah and Matilda on October 31, 1840. He married Elizabeth Hamon (December 6, 1842 — July 21, 1923) on October 31, 1861 in Roane County, WV. Her parents were William and Ellen Ferrell Hamon. Calvin and Elizabeth settled in Kentuck, Jackson County and raised their 12 children there. Their names were Peter McClellan, Julius Sherman, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Ellen, Matilda Frances, John Calvin, Malinda Alice, Victoria Belle, Luther Malanthen, William Arthur, Roscoe Napoleon and Elvia Emeline.

Calvin was a prominent citizen of Jackson County in the positions of Justice of the Peace, preacher and other honorable positions. He died of pneumonia at 73 years on March 8, 1914. Calvin and Elizabeth were buried on the hill above their home, thus beginning the Hatcher Cemetery at Kentuck.

Roscoe Napoleon Hatcher was born February 24, 1883. He married Icie Belle Williams (August 17, 1883 — June 28, 1962) on October 6, 1902 in Jackson County. Her parents were Elijah and Phoebe Agnes (Doughty) Williams. Roscoe and Icie's 11 children were born in his parents old house.

Their children were Ethel Victoria, Warren Mitchel, Emma Cecil, Elmina Geneva, Howard Sherman, Eunice Mae, Elizabeth Phoebe, Calvin Luther, (twins) Wayne Elijah and Wallace Napoleon and Eloise Gathie.

Wayne Elijah Hatcher was born June 25, 1923 and married Mabel Maxine Jones on June 2, 1945 in Akron, Ohio. Mabel was born September 21, 1923 to George Washington and Bertha (Grandee) Jones. Wayne and Mabel have three children and nine grandchildren. Submitted by Wayne Hatcher

HATCHER — GOODSON

John Calvin Hatcher was born December 27, 1872 to Calvin Luther and Elizabeth (Hamon) Hatcher. He lived in Jackson County at Kentuck and was well known as a story teller. John married Elzena Maddock Skeen (b. 1880), the daughter of Richard and Nancy (Duff) Skeen, on April 1, 1897.

John and Elzena had nine children; Edward Owen (1898-1901), Esta Mae (1900-1982), William Erwin (1903-1973), Bennie Arthur (1905-1906), Della Dessie (1907-), Roma Cleo (1910-1948), Edna Ersil (1915-), Thelma Pearl (1920-1920), and Rhoda Gay (1921-).

Edna was born July 14, 1915 in Jackson County. She married James Edward Goodson, adopted son of B. M. and Ernie Goodson, on April 16, 1936. James was born in southern West Virginia and later moved to Jackson County. James and Edna had seven children.

1. James Edward, II (b. November 8, 1937) married Joetta May Ray (b. September 7, 1936) on October 6, 1959. Her parents are Ross Howard and Delta Faye (Scarborough) Ray. James and Joetta live in Florida and have two children; JoAnn (m. Daryl Weeks) and James Edward, III.

2. Robert Eugene (b. February 21, 1940) married Loretta Ruth Craddock (b. May 24, 1944), daughter of Denver and Elah (Warren) Craddock.

- ock, on September 8, 1960. They live at Liverpool, Jackson County and have four children; Ruth Ann (m. Larry Longfellow), Robert Eugene (m. Debbie Crosier), Denver Jim and Richard Allen.
- John Paul (b. October 5, 1941) married Gladys Marie Comer (b. December 10, 1939) on November 14, 1964. Her parents are William and Edith (Bean) Comer. John and Gladys reside in Coal Grove, Ohio and have two children: Cynthia Lynn (m. Joseph Saxton), and Paul Allen.
 - Janet Gail (b. December 10, 1944) married (1) William Rhodes on January 16, 1963 and had a son William (b. September 8, 1963). Janet married (2) Arnold Summers on March 2, 1981. She and Arnold live in Charleston, W.V.
 - William Thomas (b. June 3, 1946) married Velma Maxine Hatcher (b. May 8, 1947) on January 7, 1967 in Jackson County. Her parents are Wayne and Mabel Hatcher. William and Velma live in Jackson County and have four children; Lisa Mae (m. Kelly Wayne Snyder), Lori Maxine, Lynn Marie and Thomas Wayne.
 - Donald Ward (b. August 10, 1947) married Sandra Marie Sharp (b. September 23, 1947) on January 14, 1967 in Jackson County. Her parents are Herbert and Freda Sharp. Donald and Sandra have three children: Donald Ward, Teresa Marie (m. James David Riley), and Barbara Ellen.
 - Nancy Elizabeth (b. August 30, 1951) married Timothy Jack Lowry (b. May 22, 1947) on August 14, 1970. His parents are Charles and Ruth Lowry. Timothy and Nancy live at Evans, Jackson County and have two sons; Charles Edward and David Patrick.
- James Edward Goodson died on July 4, 1962 in Kanawha County, WV. He is buried in the Goshen Cemetery, Kentuck, Jackson County. Edna Hatcher Goodson resides in Ripley, Jackson County. *Submitted by Edna Hatcher Goodson*

WAYNE E. HATCHER

Wayne Elijah Hatcher, my grandfather, was born June 25, 1923 at Kentuck, Jackson County to Roscoe Napoleon and Icie Belle (Williams) Hatcher. His twin brother, Wallace Napoleon Hatcher, died five years later on January 15, 1928. Wayne and his ten brothers and sisters grew up in the same house that their father, Roscoe, was raised. Wayne was 21 when he married Mabel Maxine Jones in 1945 in Akron, Ohio where they were both working at the time.

Mabel was born September 21, 1923 to George Washington and Bertha (Gandee) Jones in Roane County, WV. She had one brother and three sisters. Her time at home was spent helping her mother with the cooking, cleaning and washing. She remembers walking to the little church and the one-room school. Going to see some of those buildings that still stand is one of her favorite hobbies. She and I sometimes take a picnic lunch and spend the whole day taking pictures in the country.

Wayne is now retired from Kaiser Aluminum in Ravenswood, Jackson County and spends more time on his farm. He takes care of the family cemetery at Kentuck. The cemetery is on the hill above where his boyhood home once stood. The land is overgrown with brush where he once played as are many of the old roads of Kentuck. He can still see how it used to be. What a beautiful sight it would be to see what he sees in his memories.

Wayne and Mabel's children are:

- Vera Mac Hatcher was born December 30, 1945. She married Thornton Earl Smith (b. August 24, 1946) on August 21, 1976. He is the son of Thornton Earl and Dollie Irene (Davis) Smith. Vera and Thornton live and work in Wood County with their children

- Christopher David, David Earl and Philip Todd.
- Velma Maxine "Mackie" Hatcher was born May 8, 1947. She married William Thomas Goodson (b. June 3, 1946) on January 7, 1967. He is the son of James Edward and Edna Ersil (Hatcher) Goodson. William and Velma both work for the Jackson County Board of Education. Their children are Lisa Mae (me), Lori Maxine, Lynn Marie and Thomas Wayne.
 - Steven Wayne Hatcher was born September 6, 1951. He married Melissa Dawn Fox (b. August 14, 1957) on November 4, 1978. She is the daughter of Claudette Shaver and Blake Fox. Steve and Melissa reside outside Memphis, Tennessee with their daughters Whitney Dawn and Kendra Dale.

I was born March 17, 1968 in Kanawha County, WV. I married Kelly Wayne Snyder (b. August 20, 1964) on October 11, 1986 in Ripley, Jackson County. He is the son of Curtis Ray and Janice Elaine (Taylor) Snyder of Ripley. My husband and I currently reside in San Antonio, Texas where is serving in the United States Air Force. I enjoy many hobbies but my favorite hobby is researching my family history. *Submitted by Lisa Snyder*

FRANKLIN E. HAYES (Part I)

Sarah and Albert Hayes were married (no dates). They had six children: Starrett, Reuben, Ben, Jasper, Jesse Frank, George and a half sister, Mary.

Jesse Frank Hayes, born February 20, 1903, died September 23, 1967. On June 28, 1941, he married Mildred Kelly Taylor, born August 20, 1917. They had two children: Franklin Eugene, born February 26, 1947 and Howard Lee Hayes, born September 6, 1948 and died August 26, 1987.

Franklin Eugene Hayes, born February 26, 1947. (1) October 5, 1968, married Debra Hudson, born September 5, 1950; (2) June 27, 1987, married Janean Gladwell, born October 17, 1958. They have two sons: Ross Frank, born July 15, 1988 and Cody Forrest, born June 17, 1989. For further reference, see genealogies: Gladwell,



Frank Hayes family

Campbell, Taylor, H. L. Hayes, and Porter. *Submitted by Franklin E. Hayes*

FRANKLIN E. HAYES (Part II)

Howard Lee Hayes, born 6 September 1948, died 26 August 1987. On August 18, 1987, he married Marsha Burge (Miller), born August 18, 1956. They had one daughter, Kay Lee, born July 17, 1986.

For further reference, see genealogy Frank E. Hayes Family and Howard P. Taylor Family. *Submitted by Marsha Hayes*



Howard L. Hayes family

HAYES

In November 1960 the Hayes family moved to Ripley from Fairmont, W.Va. after the death of their father, Willie R. Hayes. Betty, his wife, wanted to be near her sister and brother-in-law, Joanne and Melvin T. Horne, who lived in Ripley. Betty has six children: Paul W., Richard L., Durward M. (Butch), Sheila K., Phillip R., and Thomas M.

All of the Hayes family attended Ripley High School and were involved in sports and other activities.

Thomas brought recognition to the county in 1978 by wrestling his way to Ripley's first ever state wrestling championship.

Paul married Katrina Jones; they had three children, Angela, Timothy and Jody. Angela married Brian Connolly of Syracuse, Ohio. They have one child Zachery; they all live in Racine, Ohio.

Richard married Connie Fisher; they had four children: Robin, Ronda, and twins Stacy and Steffanie. Rhonda married John Casto; they have two children, Joshua and Jamie. Richard and Connie live at Given.

Butch married Susan Patterson; they had two children, Lisa and Scott. He later married Merlene Haught; they now live in Ripley.

Phillip married Marion Weaver; they have no children and they reside in Massillon, Ohio.

Sheila Kay married Steven Buffington and they have one child Jeremy. They live in Ripley.

Thomas married Lisa Joy Angel and they have one child, Kelsey. They live in Kentucky.

Betty still lives in Ripley. *Submitted by Paul W. Hayes*

JOSEPH HAYWARD

Joseph Asbury and Ann Hayward came to the Ohio Valley from near Baltimore, Maryland sometime in the 1820s. They lived in Meigs Co. OH across from Ravenswood, in 1827 when their daughter, Julie, was born.

Joseph Hayward entered 150 A. of land in Jackson Co. Va. by virtue of a part of two land offices Treasure Warrants dated March 19, 1830, on Nesselroad Fork near the mouth of Red Brush Creek, then called Isaac's Run. By purchase and patent rights, he acquired 521 acres of land on Nesselroad and Red Brush Creek. Record of these transactions may be found in Patent Book No. 1 in the Jackson County Court House, Ripley, WV.

The names of the parents of Joseph and Ann Hayward are unknown. Media Research Bureau of Washington, D.C. gives the names of John and Francis Hayward, brothers. They came from England to York and James Counties, Virginia in 1635. In 1639 Francis Hayward moved to Maryland and had two sons, Francis and John. Joseph Hayward may be a descendant of this family, but this remains unproven.

Family tradition says that the Haywards traveled

with a large group of people when they came west, but that no relatives came with them. They could not sell their old grey horse so it was left in the field near their home. A boy named Thomas Sewell came with them. He was an orphan that was found wandering along the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Thomas Sewell lived with the Haywards until his marriage to Permelia Braham of Pond Creek, Wood Co. WV.

The Haywards built a cabin home near the mouth of Red Brush Creek, where the home of Jake Morrison now stands. The foundation stones were still there in 1940 and pupils from the Red Brush School carried water from the well. Their daughter, Elizabeth, age 18, died while the Haywards lived here. Her grave was made behind the cabin and marked with sandstones at the head and the foot. wild flowers grew over it and once a picket fence enclosed the grave site. Joseph Hayward was a local preacher and the family attended church services in an old log building on the land of Amos Chevront, near the mouth of Nesselroad Creek. This structure was also used for a school house.

In 1844, Joseph had financial reverses and lost the 150 A. track where his home stood. He built another cabin about one mile on up Red Brush above where the cemetery is now located. Joseph and Ann Hayward lived the remainder of their lives on this farm. Their four daughters married into local families and lived nearby.

Joseph A. Hayward, born 1788 — died 1853; Ann D. Hayward, born 1791 — died 1869. They are buried in the Red Brush Cem. Grant Dist. Jackson Co. In 1940, H. D. Somerville, a great grandson, had a grave stone placed in their memory.

Mary Adeline, dau. of Joseph and Ann, married William Zane Powers. They are buried in the Red Brush Cem.

Julia Ann 2nd dau. married David Somerville. Buried in Odin, ILL.

Eliza Jane 3rd Dau. married John Somerville, brother to David. They are buried Pleasant Ridge Cem. Grant Dist.

Nancy Ann 4th Dau. married Alfred Somerville, 1st cousin to David and John Somerville. They are buried Stallman Cem. Roane Co. WV.
Submitted by Gaynelle S. Davis

JOSEPH AND ANN HAYWARD

Joseph Asbury Hayward (1778-1853) and Nancy Ann Hayward (1791-1869) moved to the Ohio Valley from Maryland. They lived in Meigs County, Ohio below Ravenswood in 1827. In March of 1830 Joseph Hayward owned land on Red Brush, then called Issac Run, in northern Jackson County, Virginia (now West Virginia). This is where he moved and raised his family.

Joseph and Nancy Ann had five children. They were: Mary Adeline born in Maryland, Julia born in Meigs County, Ohio, Elizabeth who died when young, Eliza Jane born at Red Brush, and the youngest Ann. Ann also had a twin who died at birth and was not named.

Mary Adeline Hayward, who died in 1874 or 75, married William Zane Powers (1819-1877). They had eight children. Sarah married Recyrus Barnhart. Jane married Ellis Baker. Nancy Ann married Steve West. Freeland, a Union soldier in the Civil War, was killed in the battle of Berryville Virginia. Bloomfield had four wives: Jennie Rankin, Rebecca Truax, Martha Bell, and Anna Potts. Virginia married William Baker. Joanna Rebecca married Felix Martin Bell, and Anna Potts. Virginia married William Baker. Joanna Rebecca married Felix Martin Hill. Julia married David Dayton.

Julia Hayward (1827-1917) married David Somerville (1827-1906), son of Samuel and Susanna Sheppard Somerville. When they first married they lived on Brushy Fork; later they moved

to Red Brush. David and Julia moved to Ravenswood, WV in 1869 where they started the Victoria Hotel in a remodeled building. In 1874 they moved to Odin, Illinois. They had eight children: Nancy, Lucy, Viola, Francis, Emma, Ella, Alpha, and Ernest. Nancy died when a young girl. Lucy (1853-1945) married John Downing. Viola (1855-1943) married Lafayette Somerville. Francis married W. H. Philips. Emma married John Dunlop. Ella married A. R. Crowell. Alpha never married. She lived in Middleport, Ohio and served as the city librarian for over 25 years. Ernest married Henrietta Breckenbridge.

Eliza Jane Hayward (1831-1904) married John Somerville Sr. (1830-1906), a son of Samuel and Susanna Sheppard Somerville. They lived on Red Brush and later moved to Brushy Fork in northern Jackson County. They had ten children. Joseph died as an infant in 1855; Henry Fisher also died as an infant in 1855. Samuel (1856-1947) married twice. His first wife was Gula Myers and his second wife was Mag Campbell. Joseph (1858-1913) married Arie Snodgrass. Charles (1861-1890) married Vick McFee. David (1863-1895) married Mary Showalter. John Jr. (1866-1931) married Jane Wells. Henry (1868-1930) married Martha Lincicome. Benjamin (1871-1938) married Christina Lockhart (1872-1972). Adella (1874- 1963) married Jacob Toncray who died in 1962.



Hayward Monument

Ann Hayward (1834-1910) married Alfred Somerville who died in 1904. Alfred was a son of Andrew and Rebecca Sheppard Somerville. When they first married, they lived on Somerville Fork in Wirt County. In 1875 they moved to Triplette in Roane County, West Virginia. They had ten children. Rebecca died at the age of 13. David Andrew married Mattie Greathouse. Charles Lewis married Elizabeth Barnhouse. John married Martha Donahue. Ella married Ulysses Epling. Joseph Hayward married Elizabeth Hicks. Alfred Lee married American Wine. Two children, Thomas and Della, never married. Samuel Wise was another child, however, no information is known on him.

In 1940 great-grandsons: Harold Somerville, Joseph Hayward Powers, Lawrence Somerville, and Martin Hill along with great-granddaughter Mrs. Alice Somerville Mason and granddaughter Mrs. Adella Somerville Toncray erected a monument in the Red Brush cemetery in memory of Joseph Asbury and Ann Hayward.

This information on the Hayward history was compiled by Harold Somerville, a great-grandson, in the late 1930s. *Submitted by Pauline Smith and Lola Smith*

SAMMIE (JAKE) AND LAURA HENDERSHOT

Sammie L. (Jake) Hendershot and Laura were married in Ravenswood May 6, 1912. Three boys were born to this couple. Harvey Lee was born 1912. He married Mariam Nickles and lives near Lancaster, Ohio. George Chauncey was born 1914. He married Audra Carney Harlan. They still live near Ravenswood. Roy Wade, now deceased, was born 1917 and married Leona Spitler. They lived near Baltimore, Ohio.



Laura and Jake Hendershot

The parents of Jake, Brown C., and Henrietta Hendershot are buried at Pleasant Hill (Morgan) Cemetery at Sidneyville. Brown served in the Civil War. Jake and Laura are buried at Pickens Cemetery.

Jake's grandparents were Harvey and Matilda (Lynn/Linn) Hendershot from Ludlow Township, Washington County, Ohio and John and Eliza Jane Yost of Jackson County. Eliza Jane's parents were Elijah and Dianna (Curry) Hill also of Jackson County. Dianna is buried at Locust Grove (Boyce) Cemetery.

Laura was the daughter of Phillip Folmer from Meigs County, Ohio. His parents, Valentine and Elizabeth (King) Folmer immigrated to Meigs County from Germany.

Laura's paternal grandparents, Wade Hampton and Martha Benson, lived on Trace Fork in Jackson County. Martha's parents were Thomas and Ruth (Bills) Brown. They are buried at McGee's Chapel on New Era-Crow Summit Road. The Bensons descend from Mathias Benson and from the Trimbles of Highland County Virginia. *Submitted by Marleen McManus*

IAN GLEN HENRY

Ian Glen Henry was born July 18, 1989. He was the first child of Roger and Marci Henry of Rockin' Ridge Road of Ripley. His father Roger Glen Henry, born March 25, 1956, in Morgantown, West Virginia, was a field manager for a local pipeline company. His mother, the former



Ian Glen Henry and father, Roger Glen Henry, 1989

Marci Dawn Anderson, born June 14, 1956, was a CPA and a partner with the local CPA firm of Weyer, Huggins and Associates. Roger and Marci were married May 23, 1987. Ian's paternal grandparents were both originally from Morgantown but since 1959, lived in Ravenswood, West Virginia. Herbert Glen Henry (07/07/29) married Betty Rose Livengood (05/14/29) on October 31, 1948. Herbert worked in the potrooms at Ravenswood Aluminum Works. Betty and Herbert had two children, Roger Glen and Belinda Kay. Belinda was born on October 1, 1960 and married Matthew R. Matics, son of Bill and Ilene Matics of Ravenswood. They had two children, Joshua Matthew (11/28/83) and Travis Jordan (05/09/86).



Roger and Marcel Henry home

Ian's mother, Marci was the eldest of five children of Donald W. and Barbara Brown Gilbert Anderson, of Ripley. Donald W. Anderson born May 7, 1934, was retired from Kaiser Aluminum and Barbara Gilbert Anderson born Mar. 19, 1935, was a registered nurse, presently teaching at the Arch Moore Vo-Tech. They were married September 3, 1955. The second child born to the Andersons was Jenni Lynn on December 6, 1957. Jenni married Timothy Wayne Hayhurst, son of Harold and Avis Hayhurst of Ripley on February 4, 1981. Tim was obtaining his Riverboat Pilot license at this time. They had three children, Codi Brown (2/12/83), Cassi Hope (2/18/85), and Timothy Wayne II (12/28/87).

Donald W. Anderson II, born June 27, 1959, was the third child and was employed by DuPont in Parkersburg, WV. He married the former Cindy Ray, daughter of George and Ethelene Ray of Evans on November 23, 1979. They had three children, Courtney Brooke (11/5/82), Ciera Nichole (7/16/85), and Logan Blake (5/24/89).

Juli Ann Anderson, born July 15, 1962, was the fourth child born to the Andersons. She is presently a clerk with Mass Mutual in Charleston.

Jonathan Gilbert Anderson, born August 1, 1964, died at birth.

Ian's maternal great grandparents were Omer Ruda Anderson, Faith Pauline Staats Anderson, Joseph Bryant Gilbert, Emma Luella Merrill Gilbert and Jessie Cleek Gilbert.

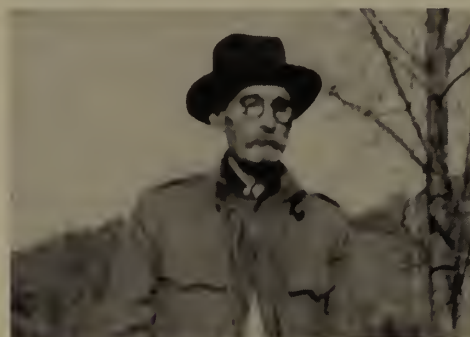
Paternal great grandparents were Luther Glen Henry, Linnie Bell Berry Henry, Homer Dudley Livengood and Mabel Elizabeth Shears Livengood.
Submitted by Roger Glen Henry

ALEY OPAL HERDMAN

Aley Opal Herdman (1905-1979), was the son of Ephraim and Hettie Steele Herdman, the grandson of Peter T. and Nancy Flowers Herdman. Aley Opal Herdman married Blanche Hughes Herdman (1913), the daughter of John Clifford and Elzina Miller Hughes, the granddaughter of Hollie J. and Lettie Belle Sayre Hughes. Aley Opal Herdman was a farmer and was employed by the West Virginia Department of Highways and was a member of the Evans Church of God. Aley died October 3, 1979, in Jackson General Hospital at the age of 74, is buried in Sayre Cemetery near Evans, West Virginia. Blanch Hughes Herdman is



front row: Denward, Blanche, Leota, and Sylvia; back row: Gaylord and Aley Herdman



Ephraim Herdman

a member of the Evans Church of God and lives on Beech Grove Road.

The children of Aley Opal Herdman and Blanche Hughes Herdman are: Denward Herdman, Gene Herdman, Sylvia Walden, and Leota Miller.
Submitted by Blanche Herdman

PETER HERDMAN

Peter T. Herdman (1822-1907) came to Jackson County from Pennsylvania and married Nancy Flowers on May 14, 1844 with the Rev. Philip Hall officiating. Nancy was born in 1824 and was the daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Mary Hall Flowers of Cow Run. Peter and Nancy lived on Cow Run and are buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery. Peter and Nancy's children were: Mary M. born in 1847, James M. born 1845, Wesley T. born 1848, Hester 1850, Michael P. 1856, Henry Harrison 1852, Ephraim 1856, Abijah, Rowena, and Mazilla.

Peter T. Herdman was appointed a trustee to the Cherry Grove school house, meeting house and burying grounds in 1859. The other trustees were William Harpold, Ephraim Sayre, Francis King III, and W. A. Louis.

Peter Herdman was the son of William Harrison Herdman and Frances Baker Herdman and



Peter and Nancy Herdman, with Birdie

married Nancy Sayre, the daughter of Laban and Mary Catherine Barr Sayre. Birdie Herdman was born February 8, 1898 and was the oldest child of Peter and Nancy Herdman. *Submitted by Wanda Davey*

DR. A. HERRENKOHL

Dr. Albert Herrenkohl practiced medicine in Mount Alto, Jackson County, around the turn of the century until the late 1940s.

Dr. Herrenkohl's ancestor was Heneretta Helina Emmaretta Herrenkohl, who was born in Bonn, Germany, around 1800. One of her sons, Albert T. Herrenkohl, born in 1829 in Bonn, Germany, came to the United States around 1849. He made three trips back to Germany, and his mother arrived in the U. S. about 1855.

Dr. Albert Herrenkohl, the fourth child of Albert T. Herrenkohl, was born in Cabell County. The family included: Charles Arnold (Jan. 8, 1858—June 8, 1942), Milinka (Feb. 21, 1861—Feb. 20, 1944), Emil (Feb. 8, 1862—Feb. 20, 1921), Albert (Dec. 29, 1865—May 29, 1952), Florentine (June 10, 1870—March 28, 1950), and Laura (Dec. 22, 1875—May 4, 1975).

Dr. A. Herrenkohl, a graduate of a medical school in Louisville, Kentucky, was first married to Etta Blake, who died about 1891 and is buried near Spurlock Creek, Cabell County. They had one son, A. Eugene (known as Gene) (1888—1934). Gene married Esta V. Ridenour (August 23, 1890—April, 1982), and they had one son, Roy. Later, Esta and Roy moved to Huntington, and Esta lived there the remainder of her life. Roy eventually moved to Roanoke, Virginia. He was serving as president of a bank there. He died, suddenly, while on a golf course in 1984. Roy and his wife had two sons, Roy, Jr., (he lives in New York and has three sons), and Karl, a minister (he lives in Pennsylvania and has one son and one daughter).

Dr. Albert Herrenkohl's second wife was Berta Getshel (known as Bird). She was born in 1872, died in 1945, and is buried at Hopewell Baptist Church, Mount Alto. They had no children.



Dr. Albert Herrenkohl and wife, "Bird"

During his career as a country doctor, Dr. Herrenkohl delivered approximately 5,000 babies, setting a record number in those days.

Freda Fauver Burdette, one of the daughters of Fred and Hester Ann (Baker) Fauver recalls that Dr. Herrenkohl delivered all thirteen of the Fauver children and some of the Fauver grandchildren. She remembers him as a friend of the family as well as a devoted doctor who traveled many miles to take care of his patients. Dr. Herrenkohl responded to calls regardless of the time of day or night or weather conditions. Rain, snow, and freezing temperatures were no obstacle to him. Out one cold, snowy night delivering a baby, he almost froze. Sometimes he would return home only to be called again soon afterward.

Occasionally, Dr. Herrenkohl would be gone from his home for almost a week. Freda remembers seeing Dr. Herrenkohl dressed in his usual tan-color overcoat, riding his well-groomed light chestnut mare across many creeks, through the fields, and along the country roads. He kept the

horse in a small barn at the back of his house. He took excellent care of the horse, rubbing it down after each trip. Sometimes he bought hay for the horse from Fred Fauver, always asking for "the best clover hay," because a well-kept horse was invaluable to a country doctor.

Near Mount Alto, at a place then known as Schoolhouse Run, a ferryboat crossed the Ohio River to Letart Falls, Ohio. Dr. Herrenkohl would board the ferryboat and doctor the people in Letart Falls, Ohio, and Long Bottom, Ohio. His fee for such a journey to deliver a baby was only \$5.00. Sometimes, the following morning, he would be invited to have breakfast with the family, and then he would return by ferryboat across the river.

Dr. Herrenkohl's first home in Mt. Alto was a large, two-story frame house. The house burned around the mid 1920s. The Fauvers, who lived on Little Mill Creek, remember the night that they kept hearing their telephone making short, ringing sounds. When some family members looked into the night sky, they saw a red glow in the direction of Mt. Alto. The next morning they learned, with sadness, about the tragic fire. A victim of the fire was a pet parrot, simply call "Polly," that repeated the words "Phone, Doc." whenever the telephone rang at Dr. Herrenkohl's house.

Later, a smaller frame house was built on the same place with an office added in a small building beside the new structure. Here another pet was kept that entertained young patients. Some can still remember the antics of a pet squirrel kept in a cage there.



Dr. Albert Herrenkohl's home at Mt. Alto

Usually dressed in a gray suit, Dr. Herrenkohl is remembered as a soft-spoken doctor. He was gentle with children and usually gave them store-bought candy, a real treat in those days, for being good patients. One of this former patients, Beulah (Gerlach) Knapp recalls that he had beautiful, easy-to-read handwriting. No one had trouble deciphering what his directions were for taking medication. He kept medicine in large bottles in his office and would pour the medicine into smaller bottles as he said to his patients, "I'll fix you up."

Sometimes Dr. Herrenkohl accepted farm produce when his patients could not pay with cash. Probably some fees were never collected, but he was always willing to treat those who could not pay as well as those who could.

Dr. Albert Herrenkohl, affectionately called "Uncle Doc" by many of his relatives, died on May 29, 1952, and was laid to rest in the Hopewell Baptist Church cemetery near Mt. Alto, beside his son, Gene, and his wife, Bird. The people of the small farming community of Mt. Alto (known to many as "Mudsock") remember Dr. Herrenkohl as a caring, country doctor whose kind of dedication is a part of the past. Submitted by Judy Burdette, Mrs. Mabel Lanning, Freda Fauver Burdette and Beulah Gerlach Knapp

HIGGINS

The Reverend Baltus Higgins reportedly came from Ireland and settled in Virginia. We know he had three sons, James, Nelson and Charles. James

settled in Virginia, and Nelson and Charles around Bowling Green or Lexington, Kentucky. Baltus is said to have owned 100 acres which is now considered the heart of New York City and leased it for 99 years.

James Harvey Higgins settled in Tyler County, Virginia, near Sistersville or Middlebourne. He married Margaret S. Parker (1850-1900) whose father, William, born around 1800, was captured as an infant by the Shawnee Indians and cared for by them until the age of 16, when, during an Indian uprising, the Indian women gave him papers left by his parents to allow him to locate relatives near Cincinnati, Ohio. He was released near Pittsburgh and hired by an Ohio River boat company where he worked as a pilot for years. He married a Miss Stone. After retirement he lived with his daughter on Chestnut Ridge and later in Mt. Alto. He was said to be thrifty and eccentric. Tales of his days on the river thrilled his grandchildren.

James was a multi-talented man. He was a Methodist minister, newspaper editor of the Cottageville Journal (an original copy of an 1869 edition is on display in the Museum in Ravenswood, West Virginia), owner of a roadhouse or mail tavern for stage coaches, steamboat pilot on the Ohio, Representative in the first State Legislature of West Virginia in 1863, a student of law and phrenology, and a Justice of the Peace. He was a Volunteer in Jackson County troops during the Civil War. He traded his furniture boat for land along the Ohio river from Letart Falls to Mill Creek. He was a member of the Foresters.

James and Margaret had nine children: LeRoy Clinton (1851-1912); William Leonidas (1853-1931); Laura (1855-1926); Harriet (1860-1941); Lenora (1863-1904); James Curtis (1865-1892); Arthur Imes, (1868-1943); Frank Harvey (1870); and Hiram Alberto Slaven (Bert) 1873-1933) of Mt. Alto.

LeRoy married Lucinda Sayre and had four children: Edna (1874-1886); Daniel (1877-1880); Edgar (1882-1903); and Joseph (1884) (m. Ada Edwards and had Beulah (m. Cecil Roseberry), Daisy (m. Charles Huffman (children were Douglas and Margaret), and Joseph Clinton (m. Virginia Pyles (children are Ricky Joe and a daughter).

William Leonidas married Margaret Owens. They had five children: Rosa (m. George Wick and had two sons, Clay and Gordon); Mona married Robert Brown and had eight children: Macelle (m. Lowel Fish); Madeline (m. Clarence Parkins); Ruth (m. Earl Kirland); Kathleen (m. Harold White); Faye (m. Richard Hudson); Robert; Donald; and Maxwell. William and Margaret's third child was Olive (m. Albert Steele and had three children, Louis (m. Denver Raush), Kermit and Eugene); Ray Higgins (m. Ada Tate who had five children, Marlyn (m. Lorene Foster), Beverly, Sherrell, Leonard (m. Georgiana Williams and had a daughter, Sandra) and Elmer (m. Anna White).

Arthur Higgins married Sarah Donahew, daughter of Andrew Jackson Donahew and Martha Rollins. Their children were Oran Claudius and Rupert Argo (Dutch). Dutch married Lola Belle



Lola and "Dutch" Higgins, 50th Anniversary

Tucker and had five children, Oran Luther (Buddy), Florence, Roy Dale, Sarah and Lucien (Pete). For marriages and children, refer Tucker family profile.

Frank Higgins married Isabelle Hyatt. Children were: Margaret (m. Herbert Crawford and had four sons); Maud (married Alvin Rice whose children were Ruth and Harry); William married twice, (Mabel Holcomb and Ora McDermott, and his children were Harriet, Eloise and Orville); Thomas (m. Mary Edwards and bore Leata, Madeline and Roy); and Lillian who married Van Bernard and Harry Davis and had four children, one of whom was Mildred (m. Douglas Rice).

Laura Higgins married Sampson Nye and their children were Jacob, Cyrus, and James.

James Curtis married Luella Durst and their children were Dorsel, Edna, and Arlie.

Lenora Higgins (m. Daniel Thomas and their children were: Harry (m. Doris Duncan); Dudley (m. Dorothy); Anna (m. Reese Thompson); Robert (m. Dorothy); Anna Lou (m. Mr. Lewis); Clara Cline (m. Halley McDermott); Carl (m. Virginia); Myrtle (m. A. H. Taylor); Robert; Roberta (m. Melvin Clark); and William.

Frank Higgins married Carrie Gandee who bore Grace.

Alberto S. (Bert) was a bachelor.

Harriet Higgins remained single all her life but was considered a Saint because she became the adopted mother of six of the Higgins children when their mother died. Submitted by Florence Evelyn Higgins Johnson

MYRTLE V. CHANCEY HIGGINS

Myrtle Violet Chancey Higgins was born in Ravenswood, West Virginia on June 21, 1905. She was the daughter of Calvary Mead Chancey (4/29/1863-10/2/1930) and Rosa Mae Staats Chancey (5/27/1886-11/11/1923). Calvary and Rosa were both born in Roane County and moved to Jackson County after their marriage on April 24, 1883.

Myrtle had nine brothers and sisters: Otis Blaine Chancey (12/13/1884-12/11/1970), Effie Alice Chancey Davis (1887-1957), William Harrison Chancey (3/13/1890 to 1969), Emma Estel Chancey Davis (9/9/1892-11/21/1940), Meredith Mead Chancey (1894-1957), Flossie Mae Chancey Pursley (1897-1926), Harry Edison Chancey (1900-1902), Eupha G. Chancey (1902-1906), and Reva Giala Chancey Kittle (1908-1976)

Myrtle Violet Chancey married Cecil Ray Higgins (6/7/1901-12/8/1985) on December 21, 1927 in Ravenswood. They had three daughters: Pauline Frances Higgins Hughes (12/22/1928), Wilma Jean Higgins Buzzard (11/5/1930), and Sandra Rae Higgins Jefferies (6/15/1948).

Myrtle was a housewife and mother. She died November 12, 1960. Submitted by Pamela Kay Hughes Wood, Granddaughter

HILL-PARSONS

Lydia Parsons was the fifth child of William Parsons (1806-1892) and Susannah Bonnett Parsons (1807-1863). Lydia was born January 26, 1838. She was married, November 23, 1856 to John Harrison Hill by Mason Bowles. John Harrison Hill was born to William and Olive Hill, May 1, 1838. He died April 23, 1897 in Wellsville, WV. The Hills lived on Thirteen Mile Creek.

Lydia and John were parents of John W., Sarah Ann, Mary E., Bertha Jane, Barbara Ellen, James Bartemas, Mark Fink, Walter Scott, Nicholas R., Minerva Margaret, Henry Asbury and Ruthy Jane.

John W. Hill was born December 25, 1857 and died May 2, 1902. He married August 14, 1879 Loucetta Ward.

Sarah Ann Hill was born January 17, 1860, and died in 1930. She married November 19, 1879 Phillip Ward. Their children were Nellie who married — Leslie; Donna who married — Dixon; Mary who married — Hanshaw; George; Walter Rosecoe; and Dora who married — Knapp.

Mary E. Hill was born May 4, 1863 and died in infancy.

Barbara Ellen Hill was born August 28, 1866 at Rockcastle, Jackson County, and died August 27, 1945. She is buried at Rue Hills, Wellsville, West Virginia. She married May 28, 1886 Valentine Albert Battrell, born October 10, 1866, and died September 28, 1898. He is buried at Tabor Cemetery, Mason County, West Virginia. They were parents of Minor, Delle, Oak, and Georgia Battrell.

Mark Fink Hill was born December 26, 1870 and died January 7, 1903 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he is buried.

Nicholas H. Hill was born February 21, 1874 and died February 3, 1920. He married October 27, 1894, Mary Rayburn Barr, born January 19, 1875. She died October 7, 1946, and is buried at Otterbein Cemetery, Evans, West Virginia. Mary was the daughter of George Henry and Susan Burdett Barr. Nicholas and Mary were the parents of Charles Asbury, Lucy, and Henry Arthur Hill. Charles Asbury "Charlie" Hill was born June 19, 1895, died March 11, 1978, and is buried at Otterbein Cemetery. He married March 29, 1915, Elva D. Morrison, born March 16, 1899, died October 25, 1986, and is buried at Otterbein. Their children were: Donnie C., Marie I., Mildred J., Charles Asbury, Jr., and Arthur Hoyt Hill. Lucy Hill was born May 1, 1898 at Evans and married Frank Kelso. Their children are: Mary who married Robert Steele, Frank Kelso, Jr. and Lucy Kelso. Henry Arthur Hill was born April 20, 1900 at Evans and married Doris Stewart. Minerva Margaret Hill was born February 8, 1877. She married first April 9, 1894 Allen T. Clark and second Mr. Casto.

Henry Asbury Hill, the eleventh child of Lydia Parsons and John Harrison Hill, was born July 22, 1880 and died August 10, 1947. He was buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. He first married Ruby Reed. He married second Ora Lee Hughes. She was born October 30, 1892 at Mt. Pleasant (Cottageville) and died November 7, 1987 in Columbus, Ohio and is buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason County. Henry Asbury Hill and Ora Lee Hughes were parents of Virginia Alberta Hill, born at Evans August 25, 1915. She married first Neil Bartley Smith, born March 19, 1910, and died January 21, 1972. He is buried at West Rushville, Fairfield County, Ohio. Sharron Lee Smith, born July 11, 1939 married William John Neill, born November 12, 1934. Three children were born of this marriage: Michelle Elizabeth, William John III and Julie Kathleen. Michelle Elizabeth, born March 23, 1958, married August 30, 1980 Thomas Lee Grice, born April 2, 1956. They are parents of Stephen Neill Grice, born September 30, 1985. William John Neill III was born April 12, 1961. Julie Kathleen Grice was born August 18, 1970.

Virginia Alberta Hill Smith married second January 12, 1979 Dr. Lewis Clarence Pfeiffer, born January 12, 1913. Dr. Pfeiffer died February 19, 1989 and is buried in Union Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

Ora Lee Hughes Hill married second Harvey Loucks. Juanita "Winnie" Loucks was born of this marriage December 12, 1927. She married James Mumm and they have an adopted son, James Mumm.

Ruthy Jane Hill was the twelfth and last child of Lydia Parsons and John Harrison Hill. She married Mr. French. Submitted by Mrs. Wm. J. (Sharon) Neill and Mrs. Virginia H Pfeiffer

ABRAHAM HILL

Abraham and Catherine Parsons Hill, married in 1878, and settled near Ripley, Jackson County, where they spent the remaining part of their lives. Mr. Hill was a farmer and worked with timber to make a living for his family. He was a faithful worker and always willing to help others.

Abraham and Catherine Hill were the proud parents of five children. John, died as an infant in 1880. Asbury, born in 1882, died in 1934. Scott, born in 1884, died in 1958 at the home of his daughter Ocie King of Belle, WVA. Jane E. Hill, born 1836, married Andrew French, both are deceased. Nicholas (Nick) Hill, born 1888, married France Barr, both are deceased.



Scott Hill

Walter Scott Hill, married Theodoisa Pickens in 1900, and settled on Thirteen Mile Creek, Jackson County. They were the parents of six children: Olo, born 1902, married Henry Rollins and had one son, Henry Jr. Cecil, born 1904, married Lillie Woods, lived in Jackson County before moving to Columbus, Ohio, where they worked for Goodyear Co. They had six children: Norma, Ray, Evely, Dorothy, Joann, Jackie Lee (died in infancy). Cecil Hill died in 1973, Lillie continued to live in Columbus, Ohio. James Walter, born 1902, married Minerva King in 1926. They were both employed at the Fletcher Enamel Plant at Dunbar, WVA. They had four children: Osie Mae, born 1929, married Lewis Rardin in 1950; one son Allen, was born 1950; he married Sandra Brown in 1973, two daughters, Elizabeth Carroll and Leslie Allyn, all reside at Sherman, WVA. Cecil Earnest was born 1931, married Mildred Canter of Mt. Alto, WVA. They lived on Baden Ridge in Mason County, on the home place of Walter and Minerva. Their children were: Patty Westmoreland; Susan Eads; Debbie Mahood; Robbie John Hill; Ella Louise, born 1933, married Edgar Riffle of Chestnut Ridge in 1949, and still resides there.



Walter Hill

They had seven children: Catherine Mae, Elsie Louise, Henry Lee, Annabell, Eddie, Edna Jean, Paul. Dencil Hill, died in 1928 as an infant. Walter was killed in a car accident near Mt. Pleasant

Hospital in 1987. Ocie Hill, born in 1906, and married in 1935 to Harley King, brother to Minerva King who married Walter Hill. They reside at Dupont City, WV, and for years Harley worked for Dupont Plant. They adopted Margaret, the infant daughter of Ida and Earl Stone. Ocie lived at Pinch, WVA and has two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Harley died in 1960.

Ida Mae, born 1907 and married Earl Stone, lived in Jackson County a short while and five children were born to them. All are deceased but one daughter, Margaret, who lived in Washington State, and son, Herbert, who lived in Ohio.

Ada, was born 1910, married Orville Cantrell in 1932, and have lived in Kanawha County most of their married life. They had six children. All of this family is still living. Adar Orville lived at Pinch, WVA. Submitted by Osie Mae Rardin

ESTEL WADE HILL

The celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary in September of 1988 at the Sandyville United Methodist Church with over one hundred family and friends was just one highlight of the very active life of Estel and Lurlean Harpold Hill. Having spent many years as progressive dairy farmers on their beautiful farm on the Liverpool - Leroy Road, they now busy themselves with gardening, taking care of their goats and chickens and visiting with children, grandchildren and friends. Their four children include Betty Louise (Mrs. Hugh Coffman) of Marietta, Ohio; Susan Juanita (Mrs. Ray Epling) of Ravenswood; Robert Keith and Helen Smith Hill who live in the Hill homestead; and Ronald Wade and Alyce Griffith Hill of Chester, Maryland.



Estel and Lurlean Hill and family

They are very active members of the Sandyville Church and have always emphasized Christian principals in raising their family and in their dealings with others. They are never too busy to lend a helping hand. Their grandchildren include Roger Coffman of Marietta, Sheryl Epling Knox of St. Albans, Brenda Epling Bunner of Taylors, S. C., Ronald Epling of Greenville, S. C., Kim Hill of Salisbury, N. C., Kevin Hill of Sandyville, Karen Hill of Richmond, VA, Andy Hill and Kathryn Hill, both of Chester, Maryland. Estel Wade Hill was born April 29, 1905, at Given, the fourth child (oldest son) of Ira Ward and Alwilda Katherine Harrison Hill. His early years were spent helping in his parents country store, barbering, doing carpenter and farm work. Samantha Lurlean Harpold was born December 29, 1909, at Fairplain, the youngest of ten children of John Oley and Susan Rathaeter Fisher Harpold. Their marriage took place September 15, 1928, at Kenna, W.Va. Their early years of marriage were spent operating the Delbert Cole farm near Duncan. They moved to the farm where they now live, in the late 1930s, and operated it as a dairy farm until they retired. The son, Keith, now operates it as a stock farm and works at Ravenswood Aluminum.

The ten great grandchildren of Estel and Lurlean also bring a gleam to their eye when they

come to visit. The kitchen table always seems to be filled with goodies.

The Hill children and grandchildren are very proud of their heritage and truly believe that *Families are Forever!* Submitted by Hugh and Betty Coffman

IRA WARD HILL

The subject of this sketch was born January 28, 1876, the seventh child (fifth son) of Samuel Thomas and Mary Jane Gurnes Hill. He married Alwilda Katherine Harrison who was born February 2, 1878. He died September 22, 1913 and she died May 17, 1963. Both are buried at Grasslick Cemetery, Kenna. Parents of five children . . . Erva Doll born September 18, 1899; Dorcas Vera born September 2, 1901; Dollie born March 1, 1903; Estel Wade born April 29, 1905 and Ira Ward II born August 14, 1913. All children are living except Dorcas (Sayre) who died April 29, 1962 and is buried at Otterbein Cemetery, Evans. Samuel Thomas Hill was born September 27, 1842, the fifth child (third son) of William (Billy) Hill and Olive Hase. Siblings of Ira Ward Hill include . . . Ella Ann, Daniel Franklin, Oscar Preston (Presley), Flora May, Charles Festus, Richard Early and Dora Bell.



Ira Ward Hill and Alwilda K. Hill, 1910

William (Billy) Hill was the third child and first son of Jonathan and Roxana Warner Hill. He was born in New York State and moved to Eighteen Mile Creek, Putnam County, West Virginia in 1816 when Billy was ten years of age, with his parents who located above Oldakers Mill on Eighteen Mile Creek. Known children of Jonathan and Roxana Warner Hill include Nancy; William (Billy) born September 17, 1806; Labon born July 4, 1809 in New York; Daniel Webster born August 22, 1813 near Monongahela River in West Virginia; Allen born April 13, 1818, in Putnam County; Aaron (Dick) born January 11, 1820 in Putnam County and Jonathan (Johnny) born August 29, 1826 in Putnam County.

Dorcas Hill married Wilmer Elisha Sayre and have four children: Evelyn Imogene (Hunt) born March 15, 1927; Wilmer Junior born June 18, 1928; Elmer Paige born August 16, 1930; and Elizabeth Ann (King) born March 12, 1932 and died May 10, 1961.

Dollie Hill married Ray Winter and have three children: Vernon Lee born June 5, 1928; Carol Franklin born May 12, 1932; and Edwin Post born January 26, 1943.

Estel Wade Hill married Lurlean Harpold and have four children: Betty Louise (Coffman) born April 27, 1931; Susan Juanita (Epling) born February 4, 1933; Robert Keith born July 26, 1935; and Ronald Wade born August 2, 1942.

Ira Ward Hill II married Blondis Lytton August 14, 1937 and have no children.

More information on Estel Hill family is listed under his name. Submitted by Ronald and Alyce Hill

JONATHAN HILL

Jonathan Hill was born in Connecticut, first of our ancestral line in America that we have any

record of. He married Roxey Ann Warner and in 1802 was in Rhode Island with one child. The couple moved next to New York State and from there to Virginia (now West Virginia), before 1813.

They had at least ten children, one of whom was Labon Hill, who was born May 4, 1809 in New York State. Mrs. Jonathan Hill died in 1853 or 1854. She is buried in Martin Cemetery on Eighteen Mile Creek in Putman County, West Virginia.

Jonathan Hill went west after the death of his wife. There he died and is buried in Corydon, Wayne County, Iowa, date unknown. (see page 32 Vol. III Mason County, Cemetery Book) The children of Jonathan and Roxey Ann Hill are: Nancy; Aley or Elsie, born circa 1804-5 in Rhode Island; William, born 1807 in New York; Labon, born May 4, 1809, in New York; Thomas, birth date unknown—probably in New York; Daniel Webster, born August 22, 1813 in West Virginia; Charley, birth date unknown, born in West Virginia; Allen, born April 3, 1820, in Putman County, West Virginia; Aaron, born January 22, 1820, in Putman County, West Virginia; Jonathan, born August 29, 1826, in Putman County, West Virginia.

Daniel Webster Hill also went west and settled around Portland, Oregon. Most of the above information came from Shirley Donnelly.

Labon Hill, born May 4, 1809 in New York State and died June 21, 1886, age 77 years in Mason county, West Virginia. He is buried on a high point above the Jeffers Cemetery on a farm. This burial site afford a breath taking view of the valley of Popular Creek. It is said that three Hill brothers selected this site for their final resting place. There is record of a brother, William, being buried here but no record of the third one. The monuments of Labon and William was said to be down but in excellent shape in 1970 (see page 54 Mason County Cemetery Book Vol. III)

Labon Hill came with his parents to the Rockcastle area of Jackson County, West Virginia. He married Rebecca Woodruff 9/29/1831 (Jackson County Marriage Records) and settled in this area, but was listed in the 1850 Mason County Census.

Labon Hill is said to have attempted to cut a home in a rock cliff that juts over Thirteen Mile Creek. This created the name of Rockcastle, Jackson County, West Virginia.

The children of Labon and Rebecca Woodruff Hill: Alzina, born ca 1830 married 4/19/1849 to Wesley Sayre, he died 2/24/1858 and Alzine (Elzina) married Joshua Shinn. She is buried in Shinn-Little Cemetery near Rockcastle; Marthenia, born 8/5/1832 and died March 10, 1872, married 8/28/1851 to David Sayre, a widower and brother of Wesley Sayre, buried on Cow Run; Roxie Ann born 8/15/1835 and married H. M. Donnelly; Josephine, birth and death unknown, married Benjamin Bennett 4/21/1863. Marthenia Hill Sayre and husband were neighbors of the Bennetts, and perhaps this is where Josephine met Benjamin Bennett while visiting her sister. (Ada Ruth Sayre); Clark, born 10/13/1839 and died 11/2/1870. Married Hannah Staats. He was a great fox hunter and when he died they complied with his request and was buried on Top of "High Knob" (a lone grave) in Mason County, near the Jackson County line; Elijah, born ca 1844. He was a Union Soldier in the Civil War, Pvt., Co. K, 13 IV. Was a prisoner of war at Berryville, Virginia, 8/20/1864. He died while a prisoner of war at Salisbury, North Carolina, 12/16/1864.; Enoch, born September 17, 1846, went to Kansas.; Ira, born (unknown), died September 24, 1891 at age 49 years, 9 mo. and 24 days. He married Nancy. He and Nancy are buried in Hill-Absten Cemetery in Mason County, West Virginia.; Elizabeth, married three times. (1) Mr.

Taylor, (2) Mr. Whiting, and (3) Mr. Lewis.; Daniel, born October 15, 1853, married 7/28/1868 to Sidney Casto.

Rebecca (Woodruff) Hill died May 13, 1872, and is buried in Shinn-Little Cemetery near Rockcastle, Jackson County, West Virginia. After her death, Labon Hill married Lizzie Clemens, a widow, and they had two children, Elsie Nancy and Alma. Submitted by Ada Ruth Sayre

LABEN HILL

Laben Hill (1809-1886) was the ancestor of many Jackson countians. Laben's father, Jonathan Hill, was born in Connecticut. Jonathan married Roxey Ann Warner and they were in Rhode Island with one child in 1802. Later they moved to New York state where our Laben Hill was born 4 July 1809. Prior to 1813 with children: Nancy, Alice, William, Laben, and Thomas they moved to what is now West Virginia. They came by flatboat down the Ohio River and up the Kanawha to the mouth of Eighteen Mile then up this creek fifteen miles to where they settled. Here five more children, Daniel Webster, Charles, Allen, Aaron and Jonathan, Jr., were born.

Our Laben Hill married 29 September 1831, Rebecca Woodruff (1813-1872) and settled in the Rockcastle area of what is now Jackson County on land known as Chestnut Orchard. On one occasion after getting aggravated with his family and being an eccentric type person, Laben left home and attempted to cut a home in a rock cliff jutting over Thirteen Mile Creek near Rockcastle. In a fun like manner residents of the area said Laben Hill was building himself a castle in the rocks. From this incident Rockcastle got its name.

The children of Laben and Rebecca (Woodruff) Hill were Alzina (1832-1926) married 19 April 1849, Wesley Sayre (See Wesley Sayre). Their children were: Marthenia, Laben and Daniel Bennett Sayre. After Wesley's death in 1858, Alzina married Joshua Shinn. Their children were: Rebecca, Charles, Louisa, Samuel, Minerva and Ira Shinn. Alzina and both husbands are buried in Shinn-Little Cemetery near Rockcastle, West Virginia.; Marthenia (1823-1872) married 28 August 1851, David Sayre (See Daniel Sayre, a brother to Wesley Sayre). Their children were: Lucian, Oscar, Minerva, David Wesley and Ira. They lived on Cow Run where they are buried in a family Cemetery.; Roxie Ann (1835-1906) married first 2 November 1856, John W. Barnett. Their children: Millard F. and David Von Barnett. Roxie married second in 1864 Hugh M. Donnelly (1835-1882). Their children: Dora Bell, John Laban, Ottmer, Hugh Parker, Clara and Lavena. After Mr. Donnelly's death, Roxie Ann married 15 August 1885 Major Lemuel Harpold. Roxie Ann is buried in Foster Chapel Cemetery.; Josephine (1838-1916) married 21 April 1863 Benjamin Bennett son of Joseph and Martha (Parson) Bennett (See Joseph Bennett). Their children: Martha, Lilly "Quint," Joanna, George W., Dudley, Wade and A. W. Bennett. Josephine and Benjamin Bennett are buried in Mount Zion Cemetery in Putnam County.; Calvin Clark (1839-1870) married 19 April 1865, Hannah E. Staats, daughter of Calvin and Caroline (Riley) Staats. Their children: Caroline, Elijah, Labon, and Chapman. Clark is buried in a lone grave on a high knob in Mason County near the Jackson County line. Clark Hill was a great fox hunter and when he died they complied with his request by burying him on top of "High Knob."; Ira Ellis (1842-1891) married 26 August 1868, Nancy (Peck) Absten, a widow and the daughter of John and Susan Peck. They had one son, David Ellis, who married Elizabeth Jane Newell. While a young man Ira had a show and traveled about the country with sleight of hand tricks and a trained bear. Ira and Nancy are buried on a farm in Mason County they bought from Mallory Wolf.; Elijah

born about 1845. In 1863 Elijah and his brother, Enoch, enlisted in the Union Army and served with Co. K, 13th West Virginia Volunteer infantry. Elijah was a prisoner of war at Berryhill, Virginia on 20 August 1864. He died 16 December 1864, while a prisoner at Salisbury, North Carolina.; Elizabeth, born about 1846, married 29 December 1867, James D. Taylor, a widower. Elizabeth married second Mr. Whitney and third Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was apparently the father of her three children — names not known.; Enoch (1847-1928) married Rachel Jane Kimberling. Enoch served in the Union Army during the Civil War with Co. K of the 13th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. He took part of Shenandoah Valley campaigns, including the battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek. At the close of the war Enoch returned home and entered the ministry of the United Brethren Church. In 1876, the family moved to Kansas where Enoch continued in the ministry. Enoch and Rachel are buried at Nickerson, Kansas. Their children: Nancy, Josephine, John, Ward, Odus Grant, Lela, Mary, Ova May and Carl Enoch.; William Daniel (1850-1912), married 28 June 1868, Sidney Catherine Casto, the daughter of George and Minerva (Sayre) Casto (See Abel Sayre). William David was a railroad employee. Their children: Lavada, Margaret, Mary Minerva, Rosa Jane, Elzina, Anna, Warren George and Malinda.; Rebecca is buried in Shinn-Little Cemetery near Rockcastle and after her death Laban married Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Stover) Clemens, a widow, and they had two children: Elsie and Alma.

Laban is buried in Mason County on a high point above the Jeffers Cemetery overlooking Popular Creek. Laban and his brothers, William and Daniel, selected this site for their final resting place.

We are the great, great grandsons of Laban Hill. Our paternal line from Laban being Ira Ellis, David Ellis to our father Kelly Hill who married 12 January 1919 our mother, Dencie Stover. *Submitted by Denny Hill and Dale Hill*

JEAN CASTO HILTON

The legendary Azariah Casto arrived in America from Brittany about 1685. Legend has it that he and his brother, ages 5 and 7, were stowaways on Captain Kidd's pirate ship, and he was put ashore in Rhode Island. Later Azariah went to Cape May, New Jersey, and settled there.

Azariah's son, William (March 10, 1717-1778), first married Purthenia and then Sarah.

William's son, David, Sr., married Phebe Gandy, August 17, 1752, at Cape May, New Jersey. David left New Jersey in a two-wheeled wagon, crossed the Delaware River, Pennsylvania, the Potomac River, and settled in Hampshire County (Berkely) Virginia. In 1773, they left with what they could pack on their horses, traveled Indian war paths, and settled on the Monongahela River (now Fairmont) in a log cabin. Because of Indian troubles, they went to Pennsylvania. Many reunited in Jackson County, Virginia, in the early 1800s.

David and Phebe's son, William, Sr. (pre 1765-1836), born in New Jersey, married Hannah Bonnett about 1783 in Pennsylvania and moved to Randolph County (Upshur) Virginia. After Hannah's death, William married Margaret in 1816 and settled in the future Cedar Lakes area of Jackson County, Virginia. On July 1, 1820, he was granted 100 acres of land. The West Virginia Arts and Crafts Center is located between his old home and his burial site.

Benjamin Casto, Sr., was born 1800 (1799-1802) to William Sr., and Hannah on the Buckhannon River at French Creek, Randolph County, Virginia. Benjamin married Sarah (Sallie) Shinn (1804-1852) and Mary Catherine Jeffers, August 31, 1856.

Benjamin's son, Joseph (1826-1912) married Mariah Morrison (1829-1919) on July 28, 1848, in Jackson County.

Joseph's son, Benjamin Grant Casto (June 18, 1868 - January 14, 1958), married Sarah Naomi (December 22, 1869 - January 28, 1945) and then Bertha. Benjamin moved his family to Vinton, Ohio, area. The family had a dairy farm and Benjamin and his son, William Granville, were both mayors of Vinton.

Benjamin's son, William Granville (1888-1975) married Alice Smith (1892-1981) and had ten children: Victor, John, Leon, Raymond, Naomi, Edward, Stanley, Betty, James, and William.

My father, Stanley, was born in Ewington, Ohio, June 28, 1922. He married Betty Jean Dunfee and I was born December 11, 1944. He was killed in Germany on April 13, 1945.

I was born and raised near Pomeroy, Ohio. My mother remarried and I have one brother, William Biggs, who lives in Pomeroy and works at Ravenswood Aluminum and one sister, Sharon, who lives in Richmond, Virginia. I attended Pomeroy High School and Columbus Business University. I have been married three times: first to Tilford Bowling, then Robert Chapman, and now to Jim Hilton. I have one son, Randy Bowling, (October 25, 1966) and two daughters, Angela (October 18, 1971) and Amanda Chapman (April 18, 1975). Angela attends Parkersburg South and Amanda goes to Edison Jr. High. My husband, Jim, is an Air Traffic Controller with DOT-FAA. I am a secretary in the maternity Department at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital. We like to travel and I find it very interesting doing genealogy. I have been a member of West Augusta, Jackson County, Wood County, and Washington County Historical Societies. *Submitted by Jean Casto Hilton*

HINZMAN

The Hinzman family in Jackson County has its origin in the state of Hesse, Germany. Henry Hinzman was one of many Hessian soldiers used by the British government to fight the colonists in the American Revolution. However, during the war, he deserted the British cause and joined the Continental army of George Washington at Philadelphia in 1780. He served until the war's end and was discharged in May, 1785. After the war he remained in this country and married Charity Koon of Harrison County in 1794. Most of their married life was spent on a farm near Berlin in Lewis County where they raised six sons and six daughters. Henry Hinzman died here in 1827 and was buried on "Hinzman Hill" near the location of his cabin home.

Charity Coon Hinzman was born on the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel. According to family accounts, after the Revolutionary War, Indians still lurked in the Hackers Creek area of Lewis County. One day when Henry Hinzman was away, Indians were seen near the family cabin. The mother (Charity Koon Hinzman) hid her children under the floor of the cabin. When the Indians entered the cabin, they seized the mother and took part of her scalp. After being treated by an herb doctor, she always wore a dust cap to cover the injured area of her scalp. Charity Koon Hinzman died in Roane County at the age of 112 years and was buried on Pocatolico Creek.

Among a few of Henry Hinzman's children who moved to Harper District in Roane County, was the youngest son, John, who married Margaret Bonnett. They lived for a few years near Jane Lew in Lewis County before moving to Roane County on Cox's Fork. They had four sons and two daughters: Samuel, Jake, Lafe, James Madison (Mat), Manerva, and Rebecca. Most of these children moved to Jackson County. James (Mat) lived most of his life near Gay. He was married twice — first to Martha Jane Reed and later to Loma Ayers Parsons. To his first wife were born

four sons and two daughters: Cyrus, Darius, Leonard, Orvie, Deema, and Corda. Cyrus married Lizzie Parsons, Orvie married Pearl Tolley, Deema married William Whited, and Corda married Elihu Tuttle. Leonard and Darius died when young. To his second wife was born one son, Arthur, who married Virgie Williams.

The descendants of James (Mat) that bear the name Hinzman are from James' (Mat) son Orvie Hinzman (Raymond, Earl, Bernard, and Mary) and from his youngest son Arthur (Phyllis, Christine, Evelyn, and Wayne).

Numerous other descendants are scattered throughout West Virginia and other states. *Submitted by W.E. Hinzman*

HENRY HINZMAN

Henry Hinzman, Revolutionary War Veteran, born 4/12/1762 - 12/26/1827, married Charity Coon 1768-1872 in Harrison County, Virginia, 1794.

Abraham Hinzman married Rebecca Means 3/12/1817; Thomas Hinzman married Deborah Starcher 4/6/1820; Sarah Hinzman married John Seese 12/20/1816; Mercy Hinzman married Joseph Linger 12/6/1821; Elizabeth Hinzman married Robert R. Raines 10/1818; Henry Hinzman married Mary Means 8/29/1822; William Hinzman married Mary Starcher 10/1823; Mary Hinzman married John M. Raines 10/19/1827; John Hinzman married (Margaret Bonnett 2/9/1837; Rebecca Hinzman married George H. Wetzel 3/21/1839; Charity Hinzman married Stephen Starcher 10/12/1837, lived in Harrison and Lewis County. John Hinzman 1813 married (Margaret Bonnett 1815-1851); Rebecca Hinzman married Andrew Carpenter; Samuel Hinzman, Civil War Veteran, married Lucretia Carpenter; Lafayette Hinzman, killed in Civil War — Confederate;



Samuel B. and Lucretia C. Hinzman

Jacob Hinzman married Millie Whited; William G. Hinzman Civil War veteran — Union; James Madison Hinzman married Martha Reed; Martha Manerva Hinzman married Johnson Carpenter. John and Margaret came to Roane County about 1849 to join his mother and four sisters. Lived near Harmony. Later moved to Lowther community on Frozen Camp Creek Road.; Samuel Hinzman 1840-1922 married Lucretia Carpenter 1838-1927 in Roane County; Isaac Hinzman married Etta Neeley; Lafayette Hinzman married Elizabeth Palmer; John Hinzman married Melcina Thomas; Sarah Elvira Hinzman married Elliot Thomas; Margaret Hinzman married Thomas McCracken; Everette Hinzman married Sarah Duff; Edna Hinzman first marriage to John Tuttle, second to James Faber; Benton Hinzman married Emma Mangus. Lafayette Hinzman married Elizabeth Palmer; Fayette Lee Hinzman married Maude Parsons; Howard Milford Hinzman married Sarah Snyder; Laura Hinzman (1893-1894); Mary Alice Hinzman married James Wilson; Grace Mae Hinzman married Albert Carmichael; Stewart Hinzman (1900-1902); Clarence Hinzman (1903-1919) drowned; Myrtle Hinzman (1906-) married Verner Hurd;

Samuel Clifford Hinzman (1909-1982); Elsie Hinzman 1914, married Arles Riggs. Lafayette and Elizabeth both born in Roane County. Died in Jackson County. Buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, donated by Samuel Hinzman. Grace Mae Hinzman 1898, married Albert Carmichael; Pearl May Carmichael 1917, married Owens Winters, and then Herbert Kessinger; Albert Dale Carmichael 1918-1983, married Eva Lee Casto; Robert Ray Carmichael 1919-1970, married Mary Allen; Delma Pauline Carmichael 1921-1973 married Denver Wilcox. Hazel Louise Carmichael 1923-1933; Ralph Ferguson Carmichael 1925, married Ruth Hale; Fred Lee Carmichael 1927, married Betty McCullough and then Virginia McMullen; Mary Maxine Carmichael 1928-1989, married Joe Emerick; Charles Edward Carmichael 1930-1932, Margaret Ann Carmichael 1932, married John Dooley; Joe Ferguson Carmichael 1934, married Jean Sams and then Wanda Peck; Glen Eugene Carmichael 1936, married Phyllis Taylor.

I am the sixth generation; three generations follow me. A hundred years ago, M. A. C. Hopkins of Roane County said "The Hinzmans are honest, hard working and good neighbors." I am proud that is true today. *Submitted by Pearl Carmichael Kessinger*

HITE

Our Hite line is descended from the English, originally Norman-French, family of that and various other spellings, Hiatt, Hyett, Hight, Huett, etc. It is believed that our first ancestor here was John Huett, who was brought to Virginia as a bond-servant to Richard Cocke, in 1639. John settled in Henrico (now New Kent) County, where he or a son was listed as a landowner in 1689. In 1704 a John Hight, probably a grandson, was entered on the Quit Rent rolls for New Kent County.

John and Mary Hight were living in King and Queen County, adjacent to New Kent, in 1755, when their oldest son, George, was born. They were in Hanover County by 1763, when Matthew, our ancestor, was born. They had removed to Albemarle County by 1765 and to Amherst (now Nelson) County by December 7, 1772, when John purchased 248 acres of land from James Brown of Bedford County, on Stonyrun, a branch of Tye River.

Four of John's sons were Revolutionary soldiers — George, John, Matthew and Patrick. Matthew served three hitches in the Virginia Militia, the longest being with General Horatio Gates army in the Camden, South Carolina, campaign in 1780. At the rout of the American army there, grandfather escaped by hiding in a swamp and then making his way back to Hillsborough, North Carolina, mostly by night. As a result, he was sick for several weeks, probably from malaria fever, the swamps being infested with mosquitoes.

Matthew and Nancy's second son, William Andrew, married Susanna, a daughter of Henry Campbell, also a Revolutionary soldier, in Nelson County, February 1, 1824. In 1850, they were in Augusta County, thence to Greenbrier before 1855, Kanawha, and to the Flat Fork section of Roane County by 1857, where he settled down at last. He was a master carpenter by trade and had been a stagecoach driver as a young man. His children were: Samuel L.; Robert H. (1826-1901), married Mary Jane Andrews, January 8, 1856; Richard Lewis (1832-1909), married Jemima (Westfall) Tenney, widow of Chester S. Tenney, a Union soldier, in Roane County, February 26, 1865; Patrick Henry, married Ellen M. Tincher, December 27, 1857; Virginia, married George Andrews; Sarah M., married John J. Burdette, January 10, 1860; William L., married Maria F. Thomas, February 4, 1868; Mary, married John C. Starcher, September 17, 1872; and Benjamin T. married Elizabeth Green, February 7, 1868. Robert

H. and Richard Lewis Hite are buried in the Eakins Cemetery at Red Knob, Roane County.

Children of Richard Lewis and Jemima Hite were: Nancy; Vernisha Catherine, (1867-1934), married Peter Hatcher, February 26, 1899; Sarah Anne; Susan Belle, married William D. Thomas; William Stevens (1872-1957), married Louisa Jane, (1879-1956) daughter of William Henry and Ruhama (Casto) Fisher, October 21, 1897; Thomas Voliver, (1875-1957), married Nellie Kelbaugh, May 6, 1925; Emmazetta, married Hiram D. Casto, September 18, 1898; and Lawson B.



first row: Lona, Ida (mother), Will (father), Luella, Della;
second row: Albert, Vada, Delmer; homecoming, 1946

William S. and Louisa Jane's children were: Lona Alice (1899-1982), married Okey J. Rhodes (1893-1972), October 7, 1914; Ali Lloyd (1901-1910); Harold Ray (1905-1905); Lula Ada (1904-1906); Della Mae (1907), married Daniel W. Rhodes, October 18, 1925; Luella Gay (1907), married Luther N. Harris (1897-1972), September 7, 1926; Alva Lee (1912-1912); Albert Arnold (1915) married (1) Vivian O'Dell Staats, (1916-1973); September 12, 1956, (2) Beatrice (Bennett) Fisher, October 25, 1975; Vada Marie (1918), married Joseph Lee Harris, August 18, 1934; Delmer Roy (1920), single.

Albert served three years in the ETO in World War II, and Delmer was a radio operator on C-46 aircraft in the CBI theater, making 112 round trips over "The Hump" and being awarded the DFC and Air Medal with OLC. He served 23 years in the USAF and retired in 1965 as a Master Sergeant. *Submitted by Delmer R. Hite*

DALE C. HOFF

Dale Hoff was born May 27, 1904 and died March 27, 1984, in Ritchie County, West Virginia. His father was Lloyd L. Hoff, and his mother was Emma C. Rhinehart of Ritchie County. He was born at Ellenboro.

He was a graduate of Cairo High School and a graduate of Marshall College. He was married to Elva D. Hoff of Lary, Boone County. They were united May 1932 at Madison, West Virginia, by Rev. Cordor.

Elva D. Hoff was born October, 1906, at Lary, West Virginia. Her father was W. J. Dolen of



Dale and Elva Hoff

Boone County. Her mother was Zoelda Owen of Lincoln County. Elva graduated at Scott High School in Boone County and was a graduate of Morris Harvey College of Charleston, West Virginia. They met at Marshall College while Elva was attending Marshall during her first two years of college. Both Dale and Elva were teachers. Most of their teaching was in Jackson County. Dale taught some in Pleasants and Raleigh Counties and retired from Jackson County school system. Elva taught in Boone and retired from Jackson County school system.

The family moved to Jackson County in 1935 and located at Letart, West Virginia. Then in 1937 they moved to Cottageville, West Virginia.

To this union three children were born: Carl Ray Hoff, Lloyd W. Hoff, and Emma Zoe Hoff.

Carl R. Hoff was born 1933, married Elaine Likeman from Michigan, and to this union were born eight children, namely: Cathy Hoff (June 1, 1955); Dale C. Hoff (October 9, 1956); Gordon Hoff (April 27, 1958); Janet E. Hoff (November 21, 1960) Sara Hoff (July 9, 1962); Nancy Hoff (June 6, 1964 — deceased October 5, 1976); John Hoff (January 19, 1966); James A. Hoff (October 1, 1967).

Lloyd W. Hoff was born 1935 and married Sandra Gibson of Sissonville. To this union were born three children: Teresa Hoff (December 27, 1962); Benjamin Hoff (December 12, 1963); and Elva Rebecca Hoff (June 16, 1968).

Emma Z. Hoff married Jim Chambers of Ravenswood. To this union were born four children: Dale Lee (September 7, deceased September 7, 1955); Tamson Snow (October 7, 1957); H. Clark (September 19, 1960); and James W. (June 6, 1968).

At this time in 1989, there are fourteen great grandchildren. Cathy has four: Amanda, Sharon, Nathaniel, and Cyrus Kidenour. Sara has three: Emily, Caleb and Daniel Davidson. Janet has one: Andy Cremeans. John has one: Joel Hoff. Clark has two: Jason and Wendy Chambers. Tammy has three: Nicola, Scott, and Alyssia Waymer. *Submitted by Elva Hoff*

HOFFMAN

Robert Frederick Hoffman is descended from families that began in Salsburg, Austria, and Ireland.

His father, Frederick Raymond Hoffman (11/27/1903-7/26/1985) was the son of Perry Leonidas Hoffman (1866 Mason County) and Bertha Elizabeth Zirkle (1870) daughter of William Zirkle, Mason County (later of Middleport, Ohio), married (5/26/1927) Frances Louise McClure (8/04/1909), daughter of Henry Sardine McClure (1882 Middleport, Ohio) son of Henry McClure and Lydia Ann Brown, Meigs county, Ohio, and Aluvia A. Murray (1885), daughter of Jacob Murray and Hannah Turner, Meigs County, Ohio.

Their children are Jack Sardyne (6/30/1929), Mineral Wells, Wood County; Robert Frederick Hoffman (2/21/1932), Cottageville; and William David (2/25/1940), Kanawha County.

Robert (Bob) married (3/25/1952) Joann May Pinnell (12/09/1931), daughter of William Lloyd Pinnell and Olevia May Beckwith, and four days later left for the west coast for advance combat training before heading to the war in Korea. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1951, received his boot training at Parris Island, South Carolina, then on to Camp Lejeune where he was an instructor in engineering school, then had assignment for California and Korea. He sailed to Korea aboard the USS General Meigs as part of the 22nd replacement draft, 1st Marine division, and while in combat was part of B Co., 1st Shore Party, 1st Marine Division, where he received three combat stars. He returned home in 1953 aboard USS General Meigs and reported to Camp Lejeune 2nd

Shore Party, 2nd Marine Division. Joann joined him at LeJeune, and later he had service in the Mediterranean area and the island of Vieques. He served in Albany, Georgia, at the Marine Corps Supply Center for four years before leaving the Corps after nine years and ten decorations later in 1959.

They settled in Cottageville, and lived in Joann's home place that was built in 1932. He owned Hoffman Insurance Agency for four years, and has been employed by Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp., for twenty-nine years. Bob is a member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Ripley, the Bible study group at Cottageville UM, a Master Mason, AF and AM Cottageville Lodge #54, and a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Cottageville Chapter #16. He attended schools in Dunbar, Morris Harvey College, Florida State University and Parkersburg Community College, and served on the Jackson County Board of Education, and other civic committees. He teaches adult Sunday school class, and has been a delegate to the West Virginia conference in both United Brethren and Methodist churches nine times. Bob joined the United Brethren Church when he was twelve years old, and Joann became a member in 1960. The Evangelical United Brethren Conference and the United Methodist Conference united to form the United Methodist Conference in 1969.

Joann received education in Cottageville elementary and Ripley high schools, attended Marshall College. She is a member of Epworth United Methodist Church, where she sings in the choir. She served fifteen years on the Jackson County Board of Health, and has been on the Board of Directors of Jackson General Hospital since 1978. She is active in community affairs, community theatre, and is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Cottageville Chapter #16.

Their children are: Lloyd Pinnell (born and died 12/29/1960), Kathryn Susan (4/24/1962); and Cynthia Anne (3/31/1964).



Robert and Joann Hoffman, Cynthia and Kathryn

Kathy lived in Australia from August 1978 to July 1979 as a Rotary exchange student. She graduated from Ripley High School and Vanderbilt University, lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and works at IBM. Cindy graduated Ripley High School, attended Morris Harvey College/University of Charleston, Parkersburg Community College and Parkersburg Beauty College. She is a hairdresser in Stuart, Florida. She married Timothy Dalton Merritt in 1982, marriage dissolved. Submitted by Kathryn Hoffman and Cynthia Hoffman

ASHER FRANCIS HOGSHEAD-HOGSETT

Asher F. Hogsett (1822-1891) was the fourth of the children born to John Francey and his wife,

Nancy McKamey Hogshead. Asher was born in Augusta County, Virginia. Asher married Eleanor (Ellen) Cohorn-Cockran (1818-1880) in 1843. John Francey and his family moved to Pocahontas County, Virginia in 1837. Asher and family along with Oldham, Scott, Rankin, Hickels and Morrison families moved to Jackson County early 1860s. Spelling of the surname was changed by most families in mid 1800s. Asher was known as Asher F. Hogsett after moved to Jackson County. Asher lived in area of Millcreek community and was a farmer and millwright. He at one time (approximately 1871) was part owner and operator of a steam driven sawmill on headwater of Big Millcreek. Asher and Eleanor Hogsett are the progenitors of all the Hogsetts and related families that have lived in Jackson County. They are buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery off US Routes 33 and Gay Road. Their tombstones are incorrectly engraved as Aasher and Elenor.

They had nine children: Nancy Jane married Lawrence Chase, a Confederate soldier. Parents of Vinnie Ream, Eleanor, Ferdinand, Florence M., Loretta Blanche, Chloe; James Samuel Hogsett married Alice Wolfe. Parents of Ilma Pearl, Everett Leon, Willa Alice, James Paul, Verna Leona, Otis Clark, Theodore Preston, Freda Marie; John Wilson Hogsett married Malinda Stone. Parents of Nettie Elizabeth, Benjamin Franklin, Emma Ellen, Asher Frederick, Margaret Lula, Homer Holland; Margaret Ann Hogsett married George Riley Casto. Parents of Allena, Ernest DeKalb, Adelia Jane, Theodocia, Eva, Tennis Annis, Edward Asher, James Otmer, Callie Mae, Mamie Blanche, Eugene Layton, Harry Talmadge; Elizabeth Caroline married Josephus Sayre. Parents of Martin Luther, Flora Ellen, Ora May, Herbert, Watson Russell; Sarah Francis Hogsett married Thomas Jefferson Rader. Parents of Goldie Myrtle, Greta Marie, Bertha Jane; William Henry Hogsett married first Margaret Wolfe, no children, second marriage to Minnie B. Warfield. Parents of Everett Harding and William Henry, Jr.; Davis Mitchell married Bertha M. Wendt. Parents of Dorothy Esther, Ruth Eleanor, Loretta Lucille; Francis Marion, never married. Submitted by Veta Hogsett Hart

ASHER FREDERICK HOGSETT

Asher Frederick "Fred" Hogsett (1880-1960) named for his two grandfathers Asher Frances Hogsett and Frederick Stone, was born and lived near his birthplace, except for a few years when he was employed in Beaver County, Pennsylvania area. He married Lolito Marie Frey (1884-1908) with Paca Kennedy officiating. Her parents were Beat and Mary Kathryn Frey, emigrants from Switzerland. Lolito died when their only child, Lolito Marie Hogsett, was born. Fred's second marriage to Minnie Jones (1885-1975) daughter of John Paul and Caroline Sayre Jones took place on Easter Sunday April 7, 1912 with Reverend Curtis Robinson officiating. Easter Sunday has never occurred on that date since. They were parents of Veta Faye, Leora Fern, Melba and John Paul.

The first home was an old three room house. There was an historic old barn nearby, formerly Professor Hughes homes. A new barn was built in 1921.

In 1920 a new house was built, much of the material came from trees that grew on the farm. Fred cut the logs, hauled them to a sawmill and planing mill near Ripley where they were made into framing lumber, then hauled them back to the house site. Neighbors helped build the house as was the custom then. Carpenters were hired for finishing work and the house was soon ready to occupy. Fred had gone by train to the Harpold Hardware in Ravenswood for nails, locks, windows, and roofing to finish the house.

After Fred and Minnie's deaths, the farm was sold. This was the first non-Hogsett owner since

the late 1800s. Most of the livelihood came from the farm's cows, chickens, hogs, garden, and fruit trees. Some of these products were traded at King's Grocery in Ripley for groceries. Wheat and corn were taken to a grain mill each fall and ground into flour and meal. Farm life was busy life, little recreation time. Minnie was ingenious, creating recipes, sewing garments with only basic patterns and a picture, building stools, shelves, and lawn chairs. She was a widely known quilter often earning two cents per yard of thread for all those tiny stitches.

Fred was a neighbor's neighbor helping everyone with farming, hauling groceries, harvesting, wood cutting, or any other needed chores. He lived by the philosophy that he would rather wear out than rust out.

Fred and Minnie were active members of Mt. Moriah United Brethren Church. They traveled the miles with horses and two-seated buggy.



Fred and Minnie (Jones) Hogsett

Parents usually want children to advance beyond any chances they had, such was our case. We had attended the nearby one-room, eight grades, Echo School. We couldn't afford to leave the farm to attend high school in Ripley so we walked four miles daily, rain, snow or sunshine, carrying loads of books. Veta graduated as co-valedictorian from Ripley High, graduated from Mt. State Business College, Parkersburg, worked two years as a secretary. I married Ayward C. "Dutch" Hart. We are the parents of Ronald Lee, David Asher, Richard Arley, Nancy Caroline.

Leora married Claude E. Sayre (1880-1947), no children. She was an honor graduate of Ripley High, a graduate of East Central Teachers College, Ada Oklahoma, M. E. degree from Ohio University. Until her retirement she used her talents in the education field. She now resides at Circleville, Ohio.

Melba, unmarried, handicapped by polio and related illnesses since age three, lives with Leora since Fred's death. She was able to do Swedish embroidery and quilts until confined to a wheelchair.

John Paul (1928-1930).

Fred and Minnie are buried at Otterbein Cemetery, Evans. Lolito is buried at Pine Hill, Ripley. Submitted by Veta Hogsett Hart-Richard Hart

JOHN WILSON HOGSETT

John Wilson Hogsett (1848-1920) known as John, the son and third child of Asher Frances (1822-1891) and Eleanor Cohorn Cochran (1822-1880) was born in Pocahontas County, Virginia. The address was Little Levels. It is thought his elementary, and only education, was there at Dunlap's Academy, a school with some degree of fame in that area. He was thirteen years old when he came to Jackson County with his parents and eight brothers and sisters. Five other families also escaped the fury of the most important Civil War battle in West Virginia at Droop Mountain near Hillsboro, Pocahontas County.

John married Malinda Stone (1851-1928) daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Harpold Stone.



John Wilson and Malinda (Stone) Hogsett

They are buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Evans. Parents of Nettie Elizabeth, an expert seamstress who never married. Benjamin Franklin married Frances Blanche Sayre. Their children: Carl Glenmer, Marion Eugene, John Franklin, Mary Malinda, Ralph Sayre. Emma Ellen married Claude Enoch Sayre. Their children: Ray Emerson, Don Castle, Wade Otterbein. Asher Frederick married Lolito Marie Frey, one child Lolito Marie Hogsett; second marriage to Minnie Jones. Children: Veta Faye, Leora Fern, Melba, and John Paul. Margaret Lula married Arley Esley Hart, no children. Homer Holland Hogsett married Mary Alexander Foster, children Emma Florence, Isabelle Irene, Homer Lafollette, Lawrence Melvin.

John and his family were always active in the Mt. Moriah United Brethren Church, their home being the haven for ministers and families. He loved to sing. Fellow neighbor men would gather at someone's home and sing for hours — it was hmmm until the tune was found. Relatives and friends visited often. The Hogsett families living out-of-state reserved August to come home — it was reunion time. Malinda, with staunch ideals and principles, presided at the head of the table after John's death. Mornings were busy with cooking, baking, canning, washboard washings, and sad iron ironing.

We remember nasturiums growing by the garden gate, the hop vine growing on garden fence to be used to make "starter" in bread making, and the smell of fresh baked bread, shelf rack on front porch for potted flowers, the wood fueled cook stove, the platform swing, board walks to the house, the chest of drawers filled with pies, smoked hams hanging in the smoke house. There were no cars, electricity, radios, phones. Some families were fortunate enough to have Delco lights or gasoline lamps with mantles and globes. Farming was with hand tools, sleds and horses. Hay was stacked in the fields, fodder was shocked near fences to feed livestock, ear corn stored in some type of crib. Most livestock had no shelter from cold or storms. Those days were different and modern youth cannot understand.

John Wilson and Malinda Hogsett are both buried at Otterbein Cemetery, Evans. *Submitted by Marie Hogsett Corns*

HOOD-GREER-TILLEY

James Kinsey Hood, called "Cap," was the third generation owner of the Valley Mill, for many years Ripley's leading industry. He also owned a general store and bakery which sold light bread for five cents a loaf. With his son, Clare E. (1896-1966), he built the town's first electric light plant, which operated from dusk to eleven p.m. Persons not in bed at that time had to use oil lamps.

James K. "Cap" Hood's father, D. K. Hood (1834-1907), who owned the mill before him, was a charter stockholder of the town's first bank, the Bank of Ripley. He served on the discount committee, also on the committee to secure suitable quarters for the new institution, and was chosen as the first vice-president. The mill, which had been bought from his father-in-law, John McGrew,

whose daughter, Rebecca M. McGrew, he married, was largely a barter business. It ran 18 hours a day in its busy season to supply its customers.

The Hood home, close to the mill, was one of the handsomest in the town. When the player piano was invented, one was installed in the parlor and shared with invited guests.

James K. "Cap" Hood married Ida Greer (1872-1936), a daughter of Daniel Webster (1836-1874) and Elizabeth Thomas Greer (1839-1900). Mr. Greer died tragically at age 38 while carrying cash and valuable papers in saddle bags on horseback between Ripley and Spencer. It is said that a robbery occurred when he sat down by a tree to have lunch, and was shot, presumably, by a robber who knew of the valuables he was carrying. The young widow, left with three young children: James, Charles, and Ida Lee, who was only 21 months old at the time, married Quinn (or Edwin) Ward Jones.

Daniel Webster Greer was the son of James (1806-1866) and Elizabeth Turner Greer. James Greer was County Clerk of Jackson County. James Greer married Elizabeth Turner on June 10, 1833.

Daniel Webster Greer was a cousin of William T. Greer (1835-1924), a prominent business man, and John M. Greer (b. December 15, 1823, d. May 9, 1900), a popular sheriff and landholder, whose home was known for its hospitality. Most likely John M. Greer named his son, Daniel Webster Greer (1863-1938) after his murdered cousin. The second Daniel Webster Greer married Julia Progler (1865-1932), daughter of Charles H. and Elizabeth J. Smith Progler.

James K. "Cap" and Ida Greer Hood had the following children: Clyde K. (1892-1968), Clare E. (1896-1966), Irene (b. April 23, 1894, d. March 2, 1980), Isabelle, Marian (b. April 14, 1901, d. November 30, 1989), Helen, and Virginia.

Marian Hood married Oscar W. Tilley (b. May 15, 1904, d. March 10, 1936). They had one son, Douglas J. Tilley, who now resides in Wilmington, Delaware. Marian Hood Tilley, her husband, her parents, and several members of her family are buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery at Ripley. D. K. Hood and his wife, Rebecca M. McGrew Hood, and other members of the Hood family are buried in the Early Settlers Cemetery at Ripley. *Submitted by Douglas J. Tilley*

DAVIS KENNA HOOD

Davis Kenna Hood was born in 1835, at Hardy County, Virginia. His parents were Clydas and Rebecca Wayne Hood. Davis and his brother John F. Hood came to Jackson County in 1856. Shortly thereafter he met Rebecca Marion McGrew. They were married September 17, 1857. Children born to this marriage were Lillie B., John C., James K., Haskel, Laura and Della K. Haskel and Laura were stricken with a fatal childhood disease and died at an early age.

In 1859, Davis assumed operation of the grist mill in Angerona for Jacob Ong. Later in 1864 he purchased the mill from Mr. Ong, and the Ripley Mill from his father-in-law, John McGrew. Davis and his son, James Kenna, converted the mill in 1900 to a full roller mill with a daily capacity of 159 barrels. He also purchased an interest in the Cottageville Mill about this time. Mr. Hood was a progressive minded person and did much to improve the community in which he lived. His son, James, carried on the tradition after the death his father in January 27, 1907. In addition James owned a general store, bakery, restaurant and ice plant, among other businesses.

James K. Hood married Ida Lee Greer April 19, 1891. Children born to this marriage were, Irene, Isabel, Clyde, Clair, Helen and Virginia. There are many living descendants of these children in Jackson County and other states. James K. was truly a civic-minded person. He was an active participant in the growth of the community during

his lifetime. *Submitted by Frederic H. Rhodes*

HOPKINS

William R. Hopkins born June 19, 1828, died December 2, 1891. He was a private in the Civil War and was wounded in action. The son of Lawrence Hopkins (1760-1839) and Mary Jordan Hopkins (1794-1871). William R. married Eleanor (Ellender) Hartley. They had at least six children and spent part of their lives in the Given area. They are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Parchment, as are their son James Gideon Hopkins and his wife Tabitha. Tabitha, born October 1859 died 1925, was a daughter of Solomon and Jerusha (Kelly) Reed. Gideon, born June 1853, died 1917, was a sawyer.

Ethel Hopkins born November 1880, married March 30, 1899 to Ernest Bowles. Stella Hopkins born October 25, 1882, died at age two. Edna Hopkins born June 8, 1883, died June 5, 1956, married May 6, 1909 to Robert E. Bush. Savanna Hopkins June 24, 1887-1945, married a Lathey. Pearl Hopkins June 1884 (son). Ella Jerusha Hopkins born April 4, 1889, married Wint Casto. Howard Hopkins born January 1, 1892, died 1951, married Matilda "Tillie" Winters. Arden Hopkins born June 24, 1895, killed in action in World War 1, November 8, 1918. Reva Hopkins, March 5, 1896, died December 21, 1973, married Brady Estel Painter. Conrad Lionel "Ted" Hopkins, April 21, 1902, died November 29, 1967. *Submitted by Phyllis J. Casto*

HORN OR HORNE

The Horne family was originally from England. Some of the early Hornes were: Robert Horne (1519-1580) was a bishop of Winchester. Another Robert Horne (1565-1640) was a writer and publisher. Thomas Horne (1610-1654) was a Master of free School in Leicester, Thomas Hortwell Horne (1780-1882) was a Biblical scholar.

John P. H. Horne (1843-1929) was a veteran of the Civil War (1861-1865) and a member of the Volunteer Infantry. He married Susan B. Knightstep. They had the following children: Jennie Horne, who married James Harpold of Ripley. They moved to Akron, Ohio. Edwin W. Horne (1871-1934) was married to Ruie Chase (1879-1952). He was a farmer who lived on Stone Ridge, Ripley. His children were: Homer Horne, William Horne, Minor Horne, and Vera Horne. Corda Horne married Samuel Yates of Ravenswood. Jack Horne married and lived in Akron, Ohio. He worked in the rubber factories. Rudie Horne married and lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He worked in the steel mills.

Walter Horne (1875-1949) married H. Oda Cleek (1880-1935). Walter Horne worked for the B. and O. Railroad, oil fields in Roane and Gilmer County. Later in life he was a farmer, who lived on Stone Ridge.

He had the following children: Freda A. Horne (1902-1931) a school teacher in Jackson and Marion County of West Virginia. She married George C. Jones, who was a farmer. They had the following children: Annabell Jones, who married Michael Nugent. They lived in San Diego, California. Mary Eal Jones who married Huey Thomas and they lived in Fairmont, West Virginia. Roy Jones also lived in Fairmont.

Henry Horne, (1904-1984) was married to Lucille Robe. He worked for the Fairmont Aluminum Company.

Hazel D. Horne (1907-19—) married to Edwin Bower. She taught school in Marion County, West Virginia. They have two sons, Charles Bower of Morgantown and Harold Bower of Long Lake, Minnesota.

H. Dalton Horne (1910-1935). He was a school teacher.



Wanda, Otwell, Melvin, Hazle, and Henry Horne

Otwell Horne (1915-19—) married Nina Chase. They had two daughters, Judy and Jeannie Horne. The daughters reside in Anderson, South Carolina. Otwell's second wife was Glada Skeen and they had one son, Lanny Horne. Lanny resides at Fayetteville, North Carolina. Otwell was a veteran of World War II.

Walter Horne's second wife was Icie Pearl Randolph. They had one daughter, Wanda May Horne. She married Ray Pringle of Given, West Virginia. She works for the State Health Department.

Melvin Horne (1912) was a county school teacher and principal for forty years service in Jackson County. He was a graduate of Fairmont State College and West Virginia University with AB and MA degrees. He was married to Wanda Lee Casto (1937-1946). He later married Iris Joanne Reese of Fairmont, West Virginia in 1953. They have one daughter, Sharon Lea Horne, who married Bobby Jo Poole of Glenville, West Virginia. They live at Evans, West Virginia. They have two daughters, Cayla Jo and Allison Nichole Poole. Sharon is a band director in Ripley schools. Bobby Jo is affiliated with AEP Coal Company.

Melvin Horne is a veteran of World War II. He served two years in the Italian War front. He served in the 36th Infantry Division. Later he was a surgical technician. *Submitted by Melvin T. Horne*

JACOB HORNBECK

Jacob Hornbeck was born 27 August 1857 in Wirt County, Virginia, now West Virginia. He was the son of Isaac and Eleanor Annon Hornbeck.

He married Mary Isabelle Powers in Jackson County on 31 December 1882. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Ellen Powers Powell. She preferred to use her mother's maiden name as a last name before her marriage.

Jacob, or Jake as he was called, was a farmer and lived in the Sandyville area.

Jake and Mary had eight children. They were Martha Jane, born 4 September 1881; Isaac Donzel "Don," born 20 February 1888; Laura Leota, born 30 August 1890; Russell Glen "Glen," born 22 January 1892; Louie Ashford, born 27 October 1894; Addie Ines "Ines," born 14 June 1897; Winfield Scott "Win," born 10 December 1899; and Emmitt Lee, born 27 October 1902. All the children, with the exception of Leota, were born in Sandyville. Leota was born in Reedy, Roane County, West Virginia.

Jacob died 8 August 1902 in Jackson County. He is buried at Independence, West Virginia.

Mary eventually remarried. Her second husband was Reuben Weekly and her third husband was Sam Milligan.

She died 13 September 1939 at Bellaire, Ohio, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery there.

Leota Hornbeck grew up, married Jasper Milstead and moved away from Jackson County.

This summer she will be 100. Her mind is still very clear and she loves to tell stories about her childhood spent in Sandyville. *Submitted by Janis McConkey*

HOSCHAR

The Hoschar lineage (which has many spellings) is descended from the German and French originally.

Johann Theobald Hoschar, born about 1697, was a wheelwright in Altwiller, France. He married Anna Barbara Wieders October 12, 1724. Baptized March 1, 1707, in the German Reformed Church in Diedendorf, France, records show.

Theobald and his family arrived in America on September 15, 1749, aboard the Ship Phoenix. They settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and records indicate he died there April 1785. The will is on record in Lancaster County.

They had seven children: John Peter, Heinrich, Anna Barbara, Cattarine, Margretha, Elizabeth and Friedrich. Records shows that Peter, Henry and Friedrich took the Oath of Allegiance in Berk County, served in the Revolution Militia in Pennsylvania.

My line comes from Friedrich. He was born March 6, 1753; died September 17, 1823; he married Christina Kreinert November 19, 1775. They had six children, one of whom was Andrew born about 1776, in Berk County Pennsylvania. He married Susanna (no last name could be found). They lived in Harrison County, Virginia, in 1826. They made a will in Mason County, Virginia, August 18, 1860, having named six children: Fredrick S. T., John Peter, Andrew Kranier, Alphias G., Alexander Blair, Katharine.

Fredrick S. T. Hoschar married Catharine (Katie) Hall August 31, 1830; he died February 10, 1874, she died December 14, 1863; both are buried in the Antioch Cemetery on Cow Run near Cottageville, West Virginia.

Fredrick and Katie had one child, Andrew John, born 1837. He died March 20, 1896 at age 59. He married Elizabeth Jane Brannon April 9, 1864; she died January 27, 1925. They had seven children. Andrew Thomas, born July 4, 1867, died April 27, 1950, married Martha Parsons; John William, born February 2, 1864, died February 15, 1958, married Martha Adeline Rhodes; Matilda Jane married John William Rhodes July 3, 1891; Fred E., born May 2, 1872, died December 1904; Anna Cochenne married Benjamin F. Rhodes July 3, 1891, and the sisters had a double wedding; Phillip Edward born August 2, 1875, died March 4, 1947, married Frances Priscillia Fultz December 18, 1903, and had twelve children.



Phillip E. and Frances Hoschar

Phillip E. and Frances' children were: First child, a boy, died at birth; Milton, born May 13, 1906; Vinton E., born July 25, 1907, died January 24, 1983; Marlie Jane, born April 11, 1909, died March 15, 1923; Johnnie, born February 8, 1911; Laura, born April 12, 1912, died October 24, 1913; Elizabeth Mariah (Stover), born April 12, 1915; Delbert, born August 15, 1914; Roy, born June 16, 1918; Altie Marie (Full), born August 13, 1921; Athey Blanch, born March 17, 1924, died July 2, 1926; Earlie Junior, born June 9, 1927.

My father, Vinton Edward Hoschar, married Mabel Hartley on June 27, 1936. They had six



Altie, Frances, Elizabeth, Earlie, Delbert, Vinton, Milton, Ray, and Johnnie Hoschar

children: Imogene (Shamblen), Maxine (Franklin), Kenna, Oliver, Vivian (Southall), Evelyn (Riffle).

There is a deed of record in Mason County dated January 8, 1844, entered February 1846, for fifty acres of land, surveyed June 2, 1846, located on Bee Lick Fork and Mock Camp Fork of Cow Run purchased from David Sayre (now a part of Jackson County) that is still a part of the home place.

I have most of my family history beginning with Fredrick born March 6, 1753. Part of the early history was sent to me by John Hoshor of Savannah, Missouri, who published a book on his lineage from Johan Peter Hoschaar, born March 17, 1729. *Submitted by Maxine Hoschar Franklin*

JOHN HOUSTON

Sam and John A. Houston, sons of John W. and Sarah E. Houston, married Emma and Jemima Guiler, daughters of William and Florence S. Guiler. They along with the Robert L. Thompsons and the Ezra Johnsons all migrated from Noble and Monroe Counties of Ohio down to Jackson County, West Virginia about 1872. The assumption for this migration being the low cost of land, most of which was uncleared and hilly.

Sam Houston built and operated a sawmill at the mouth of Sand Creek in Ravenswood which proved to be a flourishing business until the great flood of 1913 washed everything away. He had built a beautiful home in Ravenswood at the corner of Sand and Henrietta streets which is still standing. Sam and Emma later moved to Charleston, West Virginia and are interred in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

The other brother, John A. Houston, bought a farm on Beaty's Run about 1872. He married Jemima Guiler in 1866 at Whigville, Ohio. John had fought in the Civil War and stood guard over President Lincoln's body in Washington, D. C. John was born February 11, 1843, and died August 18, 1901 after suffering a heart attack while trying to get a cow out of a field of corn. Jemima was born April 26, 1847, and died February 18, 1934. They had lived on Straight Fork (Wilding) and Beaty's Run before moving to Ravenswood in 1894. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. At the time they moved to their farm in West Virginia, there were four children. Their last child,



Mary Myrtle Houston, 1898



Iola, Mary, John, Jemima, John Elmont,
Florence Shaffer, Frank Leslie, William Guiler

Mary Myrtle, was born on the farm in Jackson County. Their children: William Guiler Houston (January 11, 1867-July 9, 1942) married Dessie Bushon and lived at Cincinnati, Ohio. They had one daughter, Iola. John Elmont Houston (April 29, 1868-March 5, 1928) married Margaret Rose and first lived at Davis, West Virginia, and later at Warwood, West Virginia. They had one son, John. Florence Shaffer Houston (May 14, 1870-September 22, 1952) married Edward E. Crouse at Crow Summit in Jackson County on December 27, 1901. He was from Berkley Springs, West Virginia and she had met him at Davis, West Virginia. They had three children: Ernest, Helen and Houston. Ernest F. Crouse (born September 11, 1903 at Coketon, West Virginia, died February 18, 1962) married first Helen Noland. After her death, he married second, Jean Gyer. He had one daughter, Marjorie, who married Donald Gaines. Helen Crouse (born June 12, 1906 at Brilliant, Ohio) married Frank Melcher on January 30, 1928. They have one son, Edward R. Melcher who married first Rose LeMasters. They have a son and a daughter. Edward married second Nancy Wahl and they have two daughters. Helen lives at Barnesville, Ohio. Houston E. Crouse (born June 8, 1909 at Brilliant, Ohio, died January 30, 1976) married first Omeda Carman. They had one son, Charles Carman Crouse. Houston married second Jean Gyer Crouse. Frank Leslie Houston (September 16, 1871-December 3, 1964) never married. Mary Myrtle Houston (July 8, 1877-December 25, 1954) married Rader L. Thompson. The John Houston farm lay close to the Robert L. Thompson farm. Robert L. Thompson, son of Isaac and Adeline (Laughlin) Thompson, was a school teacher and a member of the state legislature. Rader, the oldest son of Robert L. and Elizabeth (Thornburg) Thompson, married Mary Myrtle Houston in June 1900 at Davis, West Virginia. Rader was a dentist in Reno, Nevada, for approximately 50 years. To this union was born four children: Paul Leemon Thompson (born July 1901 at Moundsville West Virginia, died August 1978 at Roseville, California) married Theresa and had no children; William Houston Thompson, (born March 11, 1907, Covington, Kentucky, died August 1962 at Albuquerque, New Mexico) married Hazel Van Lear and had two daughters, Vivian and Shirley Ann; Iola Virginia Thompson (born April 11, 1909 at Covington, Kentucky) married Howard Johnson, April 9, 1925. Howard obtained his degree in Business Administration from Bowling Green College of Commerce, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and his MA in Education from the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He served as principal of two junior high schools in Logan County, West Virginia before he was selected to open up the new business department in the

Sherman District High School at Seth, West Virginia, a position he held for several years. After this position, he assumed the principalship of his alma mater, Ravenswood High School from which he had graduated as valedictorian in 1922. He was principal at Ravenswood High School from 1938-1950. He was the principal of Ripley High School for two years. He finished serving 30 years in education as head of the business department at West Liberty State College. He died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in October of 1963 and is buried at Independence Cemetery, Sandyville, West Virginia. Howard and Iola Johnson had one son: William Carlyle Johnson, born March 21, 1933; Richard Leslie Thompson (born May 6, 1912, at Gassaway, West Virginia, died January 5, 1989 at Calistoga, California) married Margaret Frame and had one daughter, Charlotte. Submitted by Iola (Thompson) Johnson and Helen (Crouse) Melcher

HOVEY-WHITTINGTON-GOFF

Rush Marshall Hovey (January 20, 1876 to December 18, 1964) born in Clifton, Mason County, West Virginia, married Susan Lovinia (Susie) Whittington Hovey (March 28, 1875 to June 10, 1940) born in Mason County, West Virginia.

Rush Hovey as a young man worked for H. D. Wells in Spencer in his undertaking business. Mr. Wells was Mr. Hovey's first cousin, their mothers both being daughters of W. R. Goff. He worked in cabinet making. At the time, caskets were made locally. He moved to Glenville, Glimmer County and set up an undertaking establishment, but it was destroyed by fire. He worked for a furniture store in Parkersburg and later farmed near Liverpool, Jackson County.



Rush Marshall Hovey, ca. 1897

Rush and Susie Whittington Hovey had four children: Margaret Corda Hovey (May 6, 1900-present) married Howard Haynes; Ida Kathleen Hovey (October 1, 1901 to c 1985) married first Morley Durbin (died 1925) married second Harry Benedict; Helen Evelyn Hovey married Enoch Dwight Staats, M. D. (See STAATS-HOVEY entry) and Rush Edwin (Bus) Hovey (June 20, 1912 - December 22, 1932) killed in a road construction accident between Sandyville and New Era, West Virginia.

Rush Marshall Hovey was the son of James Edwin Hovey (April 18, 1847 to February 8, 1937) of Chester, Meigs County, Ohio, and Cordelia Ellen Goff Hovey (April 6, 1847 to June 1, 1936) of Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia. He had one sister, Ida Kate Hovey (born September 16, 1868) who married Winn Sayre and a brother, Clay Hovey (July 24, 1881 to August 27, 1887), who was killed in a hunting accident.

James Edwin Hovey was the son of Marshall Hovey and Elizabeth (Eliza) Fox (born March 4, 1818). The Hovey family settled in Chester, Ohio when it was the county seat of Meigs County. Marshall Hovey was a cabinet maker. He died young and left a widow with two young sons: James and William M. Hovey (William was a



Susan Lovenia "Susie" (Whittington) Hovey

captain in the Union Army in the Civil War). Eliza Fox Hovey married second a Mr. Lalance and had a daughter who later married a Sayre. Eliza Fox Hovey Lalance was the daughter of Samuel (born October 10, 1791) and Jane Fox (born July 5, 1795). Her brothers and sisters were: John O. Fox (born April 17, 1813); Sallyann Fox (born October 6, 1815); Samantha (born March 4, 1820); Angeline C. Fox (January 4, 1823); Matilda Fox (born March 4, 1825); Cynthia Fox (born November, 1827); Almyra Fox (born July 14, 1830; Rhos Fox and Mary Fox (born June 15, 1834).

James Hovey age 18 moved to Spencer, West Virginia, where he met his wife. They moved to Clifton, Mason County where he ran a hotel and was Justice of the Peace. Later he moved back to Spencer where he was in the mercantile business.

James Hovey was married 69 years to Cordelia Ellen Goff, daughter of William Rush (W. R.) Goff (June 1, 1813 to October 24 1892) and Sarah Bush Goff (December 13, 1817 to November 16, 1896) of Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia. W. R. Goff and Sarah Bush, were married July 7, 1836, in Lewis County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of George and Mary Wolfe Bush.

W. R. Goff was the commander of a company of the Virginia Militia for eight years. He was a Justice of the Peace for thirteen years. Because of the changing county lines, he served in Jackson five years Wirt County three years, and Roane County five years. He built the turnpike, started the first bank in Spencer and sold the land to the state for the state mental hospital there.

It is said that W. R. Goff gave each of his fifteen children a farm, a horse, and a saddle when they each got married. They left many descendants as there was not a death in the family until all of his children were married and had at least one child.

The children of W. R. and Sarah Bush Goff were: Cyrus G. Goff (1837-1936) married Susan DePue; Mary E. Goff (1839-1857) married P. L. Woodyard Pool; Margaret Ann Goff (1841-1927) married Clay Clayton Smith; Melissa Jane (Jenny) Goff married William Petty, III; Hiram W. Goff (1843-1868) married Virginia A. Hoff; (Cordelia Ellen Goff Hovey); Almada (Allie) Goff (1849-1936) married first Alfred Somerville and second William Wigal; Sarah Alminta Goff (1851-1908) married Leonard Dillon (Jack) Simmons; George F. Goff (1855-1901) married Bertha Tyson; Lewis Summers Goff (1857-1947) married Mary Elizabeth (Polly) Simmons; Sylvanus Wellington (Van) Goff (1859-1931); John Albert Goff (1861-1885) married Rosa Lee (Rosie) Tanner; Martin Kidd (M. K.) Goff (1863-1955) married first L. Dara Sheppard and second Minnie M. Casto; Emma Kathleen (Kate) Goff (1865-1914) married John Holswade.

William Rush Goff was the son of Hiram Goff and Margaret Rush Goff. Hiram Goff was a Major

under General Boothe in the war of 1812. He was the son of Salathiel Goff (1748-1791) and Elizabeth Gray Goff. She was the daughter of William Gray and Nancy Broom Gray of Jamestown, Virginia. Salathiel was a Captain in the militia in the Revolution. He was the son of Thiel Goff and Joanna or Nancy Strother Goff.



James Edwin and Cordelia Ellen (Goff) Hovey

Susie Whittington Hovey was the daughter of Matthew (c 1842-c 1910) and Evaline Riffle Whittington (June 26, 1844 - January 28, 1934) of Mason County, West Virginia. He was a farmer. They had thirteen children. The rest were: John Wesley Whittington (1864-1938), Elizabeth Frances Whittington Mitchell (1868-1890), William Alexander Whittington (1868 to 1890), Emily Catherine Whittington Flinn (1869-1947), James Robert Whittington (1872-1958), Mary Bertha Whittington Plants Swisher (1877-1945), Leila Bell Whittington Russell (1879-1941), Alva Mathew Whittington (1880-1902), Carrie Alice Whittington Duff Greenlee (1882-1968), Daisy Lee Whittington Mash (1884-1971), Flora May Whittington Wood (1886-1952) and Lawrence Franklin Whittington (1888-1962).

Mathew Alexander Whittington (April 25, 1842-March 1910) was the son of John and Elizabeth Tillis Whittington. Evaline Riffle Whittington (June 26, 1844-January 28, 1934) was the daughter of Samuel Riffle (born 1795) and Catherine Husher Riffle (June 17, 1782-April 18, 1878). Submitted by Mildred Haynes Henrie and Betty Durbin Kester

HOWARD

George Homer Howard born 1829, in Wheeling, resided in Jackson County in 1850. After the death of his first wife, Affier Orvilla Evans and two young children, he married in Jackson County, 5 March 1865, Nancy Flinn (1835-1921), daughter of William and Mary (Staats) Flinn. George died 1913; they are buried in Flinn Cemetery on Little Sandy.

George was the son of John H. Howard, born 9 October 1800 and Sibyl Workman born 3



George and Nancy (seated), Oliver, Henry, Hattie, Ernest, and Liddie Belle "Lillian" Howard

January 1798 in Maryland. John died 11 October 1855 and is buried near Portland, Ohio. They married 9 May 1822. John is said to have been killed by Indians on his way West to search for gold. John and Sibyl's children were: Caroline (1823-1898) married Henry Lamp, had nine children and resided Grant District, Jackson County; David W. born 1825 Ohio, married 13 February 1851 Mary Eliza Tribbet. David resided in Jackson County in 1850. After his marriage, he and his family were in Meigs County, living there until around 1867 when he and family moved to Lane County, Oregon; Joshua W. born 1827, died 1864 in St. Louis, Missouri, of smallpox while in service during the Civil War. He married 25 November 1849 in Meigs County, Phebe Ann Wells. They had six children and resided Meigs County until he enlisted in Co. G, 4th West Virginia Volunteers; George Homer and Nancy (Flinn) Howard's five children: Royal Hayworth (1866-1867); Henry Coleman Howard (1868-1942) was the minister who preached the first Mother's Day Sermon in the Methodist Church in Grafton. He married 6 November 1895 in Jackson County Hattie Luemma Ernst. Their son, Hubert Coleman Howard (1901-1968), married 1941 Genevieve Coudy; two daughters, Nancy Coleman Martin, resides in California, four children. Ann Coleman Howard married Frank and resides in Kentucky. William Flinn Howard (1870-1949) came to Jackson County around 1877, married Annie Bell King; five children, Wesley Baxter Howard (1896-1941); Harry Rodney Howard (1898-1965); Wilma Clare (Howard) Snyder (1901-1970); Nancy Faythe (Howard) Battin. 1904; Bertha Elizabeth (Howard) Miller (1906-1977). Oliver Abraham Howard (1872-1963), married Ella Rardin. They had five children: Bernice Marie (1910-1928); Homer Earl, (1912) married Mary Lambert; Carroll Edward (1914-1980), married Eleanor Howell; Ronald Porter (1918-1976), married Ruth Freeman; and Catherine Ruth, (1921), married Dana Armstrong. Liddy Bell (1879-1962) never married and wanted to be called Lillian. Hugh (1832-1862). Richard Baxter (1837-1907), married Catherine Flinn, daughter of William and Mary (Staats) Flinn and had one daughter Capitola. After Kate's death, Richard married 1874 in Jackson county Susan Amanda Knotts. They had six children. Abraham W. (1838-1915), married Henrietta Davis, born Little Haven, England, and had daughters Florence and Kate. Some of this information is taken from the George Howard Bible which is in possession of Earl and Mary Howard. Submitted by Coletta Jean (Battin) Ray

HOWARD

I was born 10 May 1904 on the Perry farm on Little Sandy, Jackson County, West Virginia. I was named for my father's mother, Nancy (Flinn) Howard. She was a mid-wife and with Lucy Cline, a neighbor, and Dr. Bachtel, attended my birth. Lucy, not being very fond of my grandmother, called me Faythe and that is the name I was known by for most of my life.

My mother, Annie Bell (King) Howard born 25 August 1870, daughter of William H. H. King and Margaret Louise Hall, was raised by her grandparents, John and Isabella (McHenry) King in Grant District. My father, William Flinn Howard born in Newport, Kentucky 11 June 1870, came to Jackson County around 1877, died 1949, son of George and Nancy (Flinn) Howard. George was the son of John and Sibyl (Workman) Howard. Nancy was the daughter of William and Mary (Staats) Flinn. William and Annie Bell married 21 July 1895 in Jackson County. She died 23 September 1924, was buried in Flinn Cemetery on Little Sandy, later removed to Ravenswood Cemetery where William is also buried. Their five children, born in Jackson County: Wesley Baxter

Howard (1896-1941), was in World War I, never married, died in California and is buried in Ravenswood; Harry Rodney Howard (1898-1965), in France in World War I, married in Jackson County 22 July 1922, Zella Mae Hupp (1899-1979), daughter of Michael and Jennie Ellen (Burke) Hupp. Rodney and Zell's four children: Anna Ellena Howard is married to Gilbert Buckley. By first husband, Paul Ervin (1922-1976) she had four children: Nancy Ann Ervin married Kenneth Wayne Scarberry, children: Mark Allen and Kristen Ann; John Rodney Ervin married Rita Jane Bolling, children: Rita Ann and Phillip Patrick; Linda Mae Ervin married Fred Allen White, children: John and Paul; Patty Susan Ervin married Monty Lee Dean, children: Monica Ann and Stephanie Michelle; Robert Rodney Howard married Betty Jo Bond, son Robert Rodney, II; Mary Louise Howard married Oral Smith, one child: James Edward married Debbie Hughes, had daughter: JoAnna Dawn Smith; Ray Edward Howard married Loretta Smith, children: Randy Clayton, Angela Rae, and Mitzie Dee Howard; Wilma Clare Howard (1901-1970) married Harvey Snyder (1901-1986), one child: Herbert Howard Snyder married Becky, daughter: Jennifer; Nancy "Faythe" Howard married in Akron, Ohio, 14 May 1928, Samuel Battin (1905-1964), son of Samuel Solomon and Ann Martha (Warren) Battin. I now reside in Parkersburg, our children: Coletta Jean Battin married Charles Harvey Ray, children: Gary Charles, Nancy Jo and James Scott Ray; Samuel Howard Battin married Sharon Rose Aleshire, had



Wilma Snyder, Nancy Battin, Bertha Miller

son Jeffery Howard Battin married Tammy Lynn Greenhill, by his first wife, Sue Ellen Taylor; Bertha Elizabeth Howard (1906-1977) married Lawrence Miller (1900-1977), one child: Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Miller married Michael Lynch, three children: Kerry Elizabeth married Tom Aldrich; Lorri Ann married Alfred DeAngelus, children: Jessie and Gregory Lee DeAngelus; Michael Miller Lynch married Teresa Lynne Hasty. Submitted by Nancy "Faythe" (Howard) Battin

EARL AND MARY L. HOWARD

Earl Howard, born May 27, 1912, in the Little Sandy area of Jackson County, West Virginia, son of Oliver Abraham Howard, (August 31, 1872-February 15, 1963) born in Kentucky and came to Jackson County when he was seven years old. His mother Ella May Rardin was born in Clay Lick, May 24, 1878 and died July 28, 1965. Earl Howard married Mary Lambert (born July 5, 1914) in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on September 10, 1940. They have always lived in the Little Sandy area and Earl has done farm work all of his life.

Mary's parents were: Floyd Cleveland Lambert, born September 20, 1893, and died August 18, 1973, and Laura Shaver, born October 24, 1882, and died January 28, 1964. Floyd Lambert came from Willowdale area of Jackson County and Laura from the Locust Knob, Shaver School, now known as the King Hill area of Jackson county. Mary has one brother Claude Vernon Lambert,



Earl and Mary Howard, 1938

born January 20, 1908. He and his wife Velma Virginia Cox, live at Eleanor, West Virginia.

Mary's father Floyd Cleveland Lambert had one brother and three sisters: William L. married Alice Allen; Mandy, married Lee Emerick; Mary, married C. N. McBride; Naoma, married Arthur King.

Mary's mother, Laura Shaver, had eleven brothers and sisters: Albert; Rebecca, never married; Neely, married Holly Sheets; Lou Elsie Belle, never married; Henry, married Ada Anthony, second marriage was to Ruby Walters; Johnny Lawrence, married Mable Kimes; Marshall, married Eunice Beaver; Maude, married Harry Robey; Margaret, married Clyde McMillan; Anna married Jesse Jackson; William, married Velma Boso.

Earl's brothers and sisters were: Bernice Marie (March 16, 1910 - July 17, 1928); Carroll Edward (December, 8, 1914 - July 11, 1980); Ronald Porter (September 8, 1918 - March 6, 1976); Katherine Ruth Armstrong, born November 17, 1921, lives in Statesville, North Carolina.

Earl's father Oliver Abraham, had two brothers and one sister: Henry (Harry) Coleman (May 12, 1868 - February 9, 1942); William Flinn (1870-1949); Liddy Belle (Lillian) (1879-1962).

Dr. Harry Coleman Howard, preached the first official Mother's Day sermon at Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. As a young man, he worked as a pharmacist at E. H. Nowell Drug Store in Ravenswood. After filling prescriptions for several years, he decided to trade his white medical coat for a pastoral robe and returned to college to study for the ministry. He is highlighted in the "Wonderful West Virginia" magazine, April 1979, in the article "First Mother's Day Preacher."

Earl's mother Ella Mae Rardin had nine brothers and sisters; Emma Burdette, Eva Beaver, Isaac Lewis, Otto, William, John, Mollie Slaven, Porter H., Clarence.

Earl and Mary Howard live at Sherman, West Virginia, on the Clay Lick road, on land that belonged to Earl's father. Submitted by Earl and Mary Howard

J. J. AND HANNAH (MOUNT) HOWELL

Hannah Cansada, the fourteenth child of Ezekiel and Catherine (Bell/Weaver) Mount, was born in 1833 West of White Oak (now Volcano) in Wood County (W) Virginia on the Mount farm along the road to Eaton. Pretty and petite as a child, she grew to be a handsome, shy young woman. In 1856, she married Jacob Jasper Howell, born in 1835, the son of Paschal Walker and Eliza (Marple) Howell. Jacob had probably been born in Lewis County (W) Virginia, but at the time of his father's death in 1843, the family was living in Barbour County. After Eliza (Marple) Howell

remarried to William Thrash, the family moved to Wood County (W) Virginia and through the years as a boy and young man, Jacob often lived and worked on the neighboring Mount farm. It is said that Hannah and Jacob's mothers were kinfolk through the Weaver family.

Taking all their housekeeping possessions on a sled, Jacob and Hannah moved over the ridge to a log home Jacob had built just north of the Mount home. It stood near White Oak Fork of Walker Creek in Wood County (W) Virginia, on the road to Walker, west of White Oak (now Volcano). Jacob built all their furniture and Hannah cooked at a stone fireplace. Jacob farmed some of their hilly land, raised livestock for their own use and to sell and hired out his team for extra income to support his and Hannah's family that eventually numbered twelve children. Of these, Olive Virginia ("Ollie") (m. James Bramble); Emmaline ("Emma") (m. Charles Lewis Lambert); Leaneore Clarisa ("Nora") (m. Samuel Ball); Eliza Ellen (unmd); and Jacob Jasper Howell, Jr. (m. first Mary L. T. Paxton and second Clarissa Pribble) were born while Jacob and Hannah lived in the farm west of Volcano. Oil and gas were found on the 114 acre Howell farm in the early 1860's and during the next few years they sold parcels of their property and leased portions to the Longmoor Oil Company who had the farm platted.



Jacob Jasper and Hannah (Mount) Howell, 1860

About 1866 the Howells moved their family to the Muses Bottom area of Jackson County, (W) Virginia near where Jacob's brother, William Marple Howell, lived with his family. Here their other children, Mary H. (unmd); Paschal Walker II, (unmd); Ida May ("Addie") (m. Oth Cline); Willie Maud ("Wid") (unmd); and Waneta Mount (m. Thomas DeWitt) were born.

In the mid-1800s, after their home along the river had been inundated with flood water, the Howells built a new, larger home back from the Ohio River where it still stands today, alongside the road that leads into old Murraysville, West Virginia where the Howells attended church and the children went to school. Oil and gas were found on this property too. Jacob farmed the rich, flat river bottom land and at one time had a truck farm, shipping vegetables and fruit up and down the river on the barges and paddleboats that stopped at Howell's Landing. By 1888, six of Jacob and



Home of Jacob and Hannah Howell, 1890

Hannah's children had died: Leaneore Clarisa (Ball), Eliza Ellen, Florence A., Mary H., Paschal Walker II and Willie Maude. They are all buried in a long row in the little cemetery on the hill overlooking old Murraysville.

In the 1880s, Jacob would travel from time to time to Sullivan County, Missouri to visit his old friend, Henry Sherman DeWitt, who had left West Virginia some years before. On these visits, Jacob would purchase parcels of land in Sullivan County and by 1894, Jacob and Hannah, along with their six surviving children and the husbands and children of two of their daughters who had married, had moved to Missouri where they all settled on farms near the little towns of Mystic and Owasco. Jacob and Hannah lived their remaining years in Missouri. Jacob died in 1907 and Hannah in 1899. They are buried at the Pleasantview Cemetery on a hill west of Mystic in Sullivan County, Missouri. Submitted by Iris Lambert Hall and James M. Hall

ARCHIE HOWERY

The family of Archie and Patricia Howery has lived in Jackson County since around 1960 when we located here for employment with Kaiser Aluminum (Ravenswood Aluminum). We were originally from Kanawha County, but had also lived in Chicago and Cleveland.

Archie is the son of the late Fletcher and Delcie Cooper Howery of East Bank. His brothers are Kellis, Don, Jack and Ashby. His sisters are Doris, Margaret and Georgia.

Patricia is the daughter of the late Jack and Katie Malone Massey. Her brothers are Thedford (deceased) and Jack; step-brothers, Leon (deceased) and James; and half-brother, William Malone (deceased).

Our first son, Kenneth, was born at Charleston General Hospital on August 8, 1955. He married Phyllis Cavender (Daughter of Charles and Lois of Evans) on June 6, 1975. They have three children, Brian (1978), Matthew (1980) and Stacy (1984).

Our second son, Gene, was born at Charleston General on January 21, 1960. He married Sandra Grugin (daughter of James and Betty of Ripley) on May 28, 1982.

Our third son, Jerry, was born at Charleston General on August 5, 1962. He married Angela Donohew (daughter of Wilbur Donohew and Sharon Donohew) on February 18, 1984. They have two children, Amanda (1981) and Nicholas, (1984).

Our fourth son, Deron, was born at Jackson General Hospital on August 2, 1965. He resides at home.



Archie, Patricia, Jerry, Kenny, Gene, and Deron Howery

Our family has an athletic background. All of our sons attended Ripley High School and participated in sports there. Patricia's brother, Jack, played semi-pro baseball.

We enjoy family get-togethers and have annual Fourth of July cookouts and Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We also try to plan a summer vacation at Myrtle Beach for the entire family. We

also enjoy deer hunting. Only one of us, Gene, has been successful at this so far, killing one deer in Jackson County and one in Oklahoma. *Submitted by Patricia Howery*

FRED O. AND MARY C. (TOLLEY) HUDSON

Fred O. Hudson born Jackson County 6/23/1888, son of Lydia (Aplin) and Benjamin T. Hudson, married Marjorie Eakins. They had one child, Gladys. Marjorie died a short time after Gladys was born. Fred then married Mary C. Tolley, daughter of William H. and Agnes J. (Thomas) Tolley. Their children were: Warren, Shirley, Helen, Bruce, Jean and Homer. They attended the Geneva School. They sold the farm to cousin Elmer Eakin and moved to Ohio in the early 40s and bought a farm there. Warren went in to the service and Helen and Bruce went to Canton, Ohio to work. Shirley got married and moved to Charleston, West Virginia. Jean and Homer attended High School in Columbiana County, Lisbon, Ohio.



Fred and Mary Hudson

Warren came home from the service and married June Henthorne, daughter of William Jennings Nutter and Nina E. Carpenter. Nina married Cecil Henthorne and June grew up using her stepfather's name, Henthorne. Warren was still in the service and they went to the Panama Canal Zone and their first child, Iris Louise, was born there. They returned to Ohio and there three children were born, namely: Sandra Marie (born and died 4/7/49), Midge (born 9/3/54) and Warren Jr. (Pete) (born 6/29/56). They moved back to West Virginia and reared their children in Wirt County, West Virginia, where they still live. Shirley married William (Bill) Stutler and lived in Charleston where they reared four sons, Danny, Tommy, Larry and Ronnie. Helen married Matthew Amato, lives in Columbiana County, Ohio and they had two sons: Gary and Ricky. Bruce made a career in the Air Force and married Lucille Legler in Fort Collins, Colorado. They had four children: Kathy, Karen, Bruce K. and Karla.

All the children, except Karla, who lives in California at the present time with her husband who is in the Air Force, live in the Denver area of Colorado.

Jean married Edsel Truman from Charleston, where they spent the early part of their life. Edsel was transferred to Elmira, New York by his employer, FMC. He was there only a few years when he had a heart attack and died at the age of 48. They had three sons: Steve, who is now in Texas in the Air Force, married and has two children. David lives at Corning, New York and works for Corning Glass. He is married and has two children. James (Jim) lives in Mebane, North Carolina, is married and has three children. Jean moved to Mebane where she works as a lithographer in Burlington, North Carolina. Homer married Juanita Tingen and they have four girls and one son, Melody. Susan, Cheryl, Patty and David. Homer and all of his family, except Melody, lives in Laurinburg.

Fred and Mary moved back to West Virginia in 1958 near the house where they had reared their family. Mary became ill and Shirley and Jean moved them to Charleston near them. They helped in her care until she passed away in 1968. Fred stayed on in Charleston until he became disabled. He lived with Warren and June for a while and then in a Nursing Home in Parkersburg. He died September 27, 1973. They are both buried in the Halbert Cemetery, Near Gay, West Virginia. *Submitted by Warren P. Hudson and Shirley Stutler*

LYDIA APLIN (TIBBLE) HUDSON

Lydia Aplin born 6/13/1851, oldest daughter of William Henry (Billy) and Mary Francis (Lett) Aplin. She married Venson Tibble in 1871. They had two children: Clara and Frank. Clara married Mack Brabham and their children were: Mary, Roy, Chalmer, Henry and Lucy. Frank married Flora (Nuzum) and they had one son.

Lydia and Venson were divorced and on 10/20/1877 Lydia married Benjamin T. Hudson. To this union was born: Erma, who married Clovia Brabham. Their children were: Delmer, Zack, Jay, Eunice, May, Belva, Lena, Jane and Freda. Florence married Henry Eakins. Their children were: Carletta and Rufus. Henry died and she married Lee Whited. They had no issue. Carl B., married Lizzie Price. Their children were: Wayne, Paul, Averill, Reva, Belva, Ruby and Theodore, who died in infancy. Lillie married George Eakins, brother of Henry above. Their children were: Overton, Elmer, Edith, Columbus (Tubb), James, Glendine, Mayford, Brooks, and two children who died in infancy, Thelma and Rupert. Fredrick Oscar, married Marjorie Eakins, sister to Henry and George above. They had one child, Gladys, who married Ross W. Conley. Marjorie died and Fred married Mary C. Tolley in 1921. Their children were: Warren, Shirley, Helen, Bruce, Jean and Homer.



Lydia (Aplin) Tibble Hudson

Lydia's father, Billy Aplin gave each of his surviving daughters 390 acres and built each a house of some stature. Lydia lived in her house and reared her family; Benjamin left home when his youngest child was a baby and went to Ohio and had another family there.

Benjamin died in Ohio, and is buried there. Lydia died in 1928 and is buried at Halbert Cemetery, near Gay, West Virginia. (See William Henry Aplin, Family History) *Submitted by Grandson, Warren P. Hudson*

HUGHES-HERDMAN-BARR-DONOHEW

Our history begins with a double Hughes relationship. John Barr born March 4, 1831, died June 30, 1891, married Nancy Miriam Hunt born June 15, 1840, died February 18, 1917, both buried in Spruce Cemetery, Mason County.

Nancy Miriam Hunt Barr was a daughter of Abijah and Mary Jane Hughes, both buried in Antioch Cemetery.

Mary Jane Hughes Hunt was a sister to Job Hughes that married Anna King, both buried in

Antioch Cemetery.

William Hughes, a son of Job and Anna King Hughes, married Margaret Herdman; both are buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason County.

Margaret Herdman Hughes was daughter of Peter Herdman and Nancy Flowers Herdman, both buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery.

Delda Ann Hughes born April 9, 1872, died December 15, 1943, a daughter of William and Margaret Herdman Hughes, married Isaac Barr, born June 9, 1874, died January 5, 1931, both are buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason County.

Isaac Barr was a son of John Barr and Nancy Miriam Hunt Barr. Children of Isaac and Delda Ann Hughes Barr: Cecil born May 23, 1895, died February 20, 1963, never married.

Guy born October 15, 1897, died April 13, 1963, married Lucy Batterell. Nettie born September 4, 1899, died August 12, 1922, married Elmer Pullins. Bertie born October 23, 1900, died January 30, 1950, married Iva Sines. Louis born January 20, 1903, died a baby. Addo born August 12, 1904, died October 23, 1986, married Audrey Gerlach. Nancy Margaret "Peep" born June 30, 1907, died May 6, 1984, never married. Russell born November 15, 1909, died December 31, 1987, married Frances Gerlach. Daisy born January 6, 1912, married Ernie Donohew. Freda born June 28, 1913, died October 5, 1981, married Blonda Dixon. Johnny born August 23, 1917, died February 9, 1981, never married.

Daisy Barr, daughter of Isaac and Delda Ann Hughes Barr, married Ernie Denver Donohew, born April 20, 1911, died October 20, 1972, buried in Longview Cemetery. His parents were Loechiel "Okey" Donohew, born September 25, 1882, died June 30, 1957 and Ethel Sayre Donohew, born September 27, 1887, died February 17, 1965, both are buried in Longview Cemetery.

Parents of Loechiel "Okey" E. Donohew were Andrew, born April 27, 1849, died in 1936 and Martha Rollins Donohew, born July 12, 1852, died August 9, 1918, buried in Longview Cemetery.

Parents of Ethel Sayre Donohew were Benjamin, born January 3, 1855, died February 8, 1938 and Euphamie Stover Sayre, born April 19, 1860, died November 16, 1901. Both are buried in Spruce Cemetery, Mason County.

Family of Ernie and Daisy Barr Donohew: Grant Elman married Naomi Winter. They had five



Ernie and Daisy (Barr) Donohew

children: Teresa, Pamela, Grant Elman II, born May 24, 1959, died April 19, 1978, Julia, Nathan and seven grandchildren. Lillian married Earlie Hoschar. They have three children: Shirley, Larry and Ricky Allen and two grandchildren. Kenneth married Mary Lou Sayre. They have three sons: Stephen, Calvin and Brett and four grandchildren. Wilbur married Sharon Fielder. They have two daughters: Angela and Sherri and two grandchildren.

Vesta married James Livingston. They have one son, James Ronald. Christina married Charles King. They have three children: Ginger, Richard and Jessica and one grandchild. Carol married Louise Hunter. They have two sons, Anthony and

HAZEL C. HUGHES

Hazel Elva Casto was born to G. W. and Myrtle Casto at Rockcastle in Jackson County. She had two older brothers (also born at Rockcastle) — Harlan and Willard. A younger brother, Raymond, was born at Evans.

Elva Battrell, who later married Oak Casto, stayed in the Casto home at Rockcastle helping with the children and housework. Hazel was given the middle name of Elva after this lady.

As a small girl, she moved with her family to Evans, West Virginia, where she spent her childhood. At age ten she joined the Evans 4-H Club and completed many projects during the years she was a member. First county camp she attended (got very homesick) was at Enoch Staats' farm near Salt Hill. In addition to county camps, she attended girls state camps. Other 4-H activities included teaching music or recreation at county camps, judging livestock, attending a leadership camp at Jackson's Mill. There she was presented a Leadership Pin along with two others — first time given. In 1930 she became a member of Jackson County 4-H Alumni.



Childhood home of Hazel Hughes

Hazel attended the Evans Methodist Church each Sunday and young people's meeting that night under the direction of C. A. Hill. Mabel King and she would walk a mile to church and ring the bell each Sunday. In her teens she taught the primary and junior class.

She attended grade school in one room at Evans. First teacher was Susie Pinnell; second grade, Sattis Simmons; and other years, Lloyd Stone. She graduated from Ripley High School in 1931. Principals were Virgil L. Flinn and R. L. Custer. After graduation she worked one year for The Jackson Herald as a news reporter. About 1933 she began writing the Evans news and submitted it to the Herald.

In 1935 she became a member of the Order of Eastern Star with her mother, Myrtle Casto. Eugenia Kerwood was Worthy Matron.

In 1939, she graduated from Martz Beauty School in Huntington, West Virginia, with 2,000 hours of beauty culture. She then came to Ripley and operated Hazel's Beauty Shop on Court Street.

In 1934, she joined Millcreek Valley Farm Woman's Club and served on various committees.

In 1940, she married Blaine Y. Hughes, son of Phillip S. and Margaret Belle Hughes of Flatwoods. They bought the Dave Raines dairy farm near Ravenswood.

Blaine graduated from Ravenswood High, served with the Army's Quartermasters in Cheyenne, Wyoming, worked at Harpold Hardware, Pinnell and Pfoest construction, and Boso and Ritchie construction.

Both became members of Cedar Run Methodist Church. Blaine was secretary-treasurer and Hazel teacher of primary and junior class. She also was a member of the Ladies Aid.

Blaine had a fall and died November 18, 1978. He is buried at Otterbein Cemetery near Evans.

Rosalie H. Howell Craft, H. D. A. and Hazel organized the Ohio Valley Farm Woman's Club November 29, 1943, with six members joining. She has served as president and also held other offices.

In 1958 the Hughes family were winners of the "Farming for Better Living" for Jackson County.

Blaine and Hazel had two children born at the Priddy Hospital in Ravenswood — Gloria Sue and Gary Lee.

On September 18, 1962, County Extension 4-H Agent, Marcella Sparks, with Hazel as leader, organized the Ohio Valley Go-Getters 4-H Club with 18 members. She continued as leader for nine years. "This Is Your Life" and an appreciation banquet given by the 4-H Club and leaders on May 18, 1975, honoring Hazel for her many years of faithful service to the club, members and parents, was held in the Jackson County Bank room.

Hazel was County President of Farm Woman's Club in Jackson County 1960-62. Also served as a member of the Board of Directors to get a county hospital.

She joined the Ravenswood Woman's Club in 1959 and served on several committees. She was a member of the Flatwoods Ladies Aid Society.

In 1982 she was selected to represent Jackson Extension Homemakers Clubs as County Belle to the Folk Festival at Glenville.

Hazel remembers that she and her brother Raymond walked a mile to grade school at Evans, carrying a dinner bucket. When a hard rain came, it flooded the road and they would ride the working horses — called Pearl and George — down the road, through the water, then tie their reins up and send them back up the road to the barn.

Her hobbies are family history, collecting U. S. and foreign stamps and dated seals, scrapbooks total fifty.



Hazel C. Hughes

Gary has three children: Jason, Jared, Amanda. Jason, currently a sophomore at West Virginia University, is State President for FFA.

Hazel's grandparents were James Mason and Flora Jane Parsons Kessel and Clermont Thaw and Permelia Ann Shinn Casto.

In the Hughes' kitchen hangs a sign that is Hazel's motto: "Let each life that my life touches be a little better for it." Submitted by Gary L. Hughes and Gloria Sue Hughes

DR. JAMES T. AND PAULINA KESSEL HUGHES

Dr. James T. Hughes came to Ripley to open a practice in Internal Medicine in July, 1967. Dr. Hughes is a native of Spencer, born July 25, 1933, to Howard Kelley and Electa Geist Hughes. His father was a pharmacist and his mother, a nurse. He was graduated from Spencer High School, and received his degree in pharmacy from West Virginia University in 1955. He attended the two-year medical school at West Virginia University, and was granted his Medical Degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He spent two years of Hospital training at Philadelphia General

Hospital before becoming a Flight Surgeon with the United States Navy. After completing his tour of duty in Pensacola, Florida, he finished his residency program in Internal Medicine at West Virginia University Hospital.

Dr. Hughes and his wife, the former Paulina Beth (Polly) Kessel, are the parents of two sons. James Russel Howard (Rusty) earned his degree in business management from West Virginia University and now resides in Dallas, Texas. Benjamin Todd (Ben) was granted a degree in political science from West Virginia University, where he also was awarded his Law Degree. He worked in Charleston before moving to Atlanta, Georgia.

The Hughes family has been active in church and community endeavors. Dr. Hughes, a Board-Certified Internist, has served as chief of staff at Jackson General Hospital and is secretary of the Executive Board there. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Epworth United Methodist Church in Ripley.

Polly Hughes is a graduate of West Virginia University with a degree in journalism.

She is serving on the City Council of Ripley and is Vice-Chairman of the Jackson General Hospital Foundation. Polly and Jim have been active in community theater, having been instrumental in reorganizing Kith 'n Hills Little Theatre, and have performed in numerous shows the group has presented. Submitted by Mrs. James T. Hughes

JESSE HUGHES

The Thomas Hughes family was Welsh, emigrating to Virginia and eventually to Hacker's Creek in Harrison County. In 1778 when Indians ambushed and killed Thomas Hughes, tradition says that Jesse, his son, vowed "to kill injuns as long as he lived and could see to kill them." Jesse married Grace Tanner (1755-1842), daughter of Edward Tanner, in 1770 or 1771. In that same year, they built a cabin on a tributary of Hacker's Creek forever afterwards known as "Jesse's Run."

Some of Thomas Hughes other children were: Sudna, married Col. Michael Stump; Thomas, born 1754, died in Jackson County 1837; Jonathan, married Sarah Abigail Jackson 1785; Elias, married Jane Sleeth, moved to Ohio in 1797; Mary, married Benjamin Cox 1795; Job (Jacob), married Mary Hamm 1791. There were three other sons; William was killed by Indians, James and Charles immigrated elsewhere.

Jesse Hughes, greatest pathfinder of Western Virginia, was slender with light hair and piercing gray-blue eyes "like those of a mountain panther." He could see at night about as well as one too, and like a panther he could slip up on a deer or an Indian. He could outrun anyone and his endurance was proven when he ran nine miles with three Indians in hot pursuit! He had extraordinary hearing and was so familiar with the sounds of the forest that any deviation he viewed as a warning and would investigate until he found the cause.

As a scout he had no peer, patrolling hundreds of miles of wilderness all over the Virginia border and Western Pennsylvania, down the Ohio River to the Little Kanawha, then the Kanawha, and on. His name was a terror to the Indians and a comfort to the scattered settlers who depended on him for protection.

After the treaty of Greenville, Jesse sold his land on Jesse's Run and moved to Indiana. He soon returned to Virginia, settling in Jackson County. After improving his land and living there for years, like Daniel Boone, he found his land belonged to a previous claimant and this pioneer who had helped so many settlers in their quest for land, died landless. His very grave is lost.

Jesse's children were: Martha, born 1773, captured by Indians December 1787, returned from captivity December 1790. Married Jacob Bonnett 1792, lived and died in Harrison County; Jesse Jr., born 1775, married Susanna Mock 1800; Thomas

lived and died in Jackson County; Massie (Mercy), born 1779, married Uriah Gandee 1806; Susana (Sudna), born 1780, married Elijah Runner 1800; Rachel, born 1777, married William Cottrill 1794; Elizabeth, born 1782, married James Stanley 1800; William, born 1785, married Rebecca Staats 1807; Lourania, born 1803, married Uriah Sayre, 1825; Nancy Agnes, born 1810, married George Hanshaw (Henshaw).

Deborah Hughes married William Bibbee 1795. Some historians say she was Jesse's daughter, some say she was his sister. Joseph Bibbee, brother of William also married a Hughes daughter, probably Jesse's sister. *Submitted by Audrey Sayre Hartley*

JOHN HUGHES

John Hughes was born 1834, died 1897, son of Joseph H. Hughes and Susanna (Bibbee) Hughes; Susanna was the daughter of William and Deborah (Hughes) Bibbee; the Bibbees lived on Lick Run. Joseph and Susanna, were married December 29, 1815.

John's father, Joseph H. Hughes, purchased 225 acres lying upon the waters of Crooked Fork, on the 23rd day of February, 1831.

Joseph H. Hughes, departed this life without a will and left Susanna and the following children, William D. married and divorced Malinda Rhodes, he then married Mary Jane (Campbell) Giles; Job E. married Elizabeth Campbell; Robert married Mary Rhodes; Elijah married Nancy; Josephus married Mary Ann Pilchard; Isaac married Tabitha Jane Coe; Louise Ellen married William H. Lewis; Jemima married Lebrand Pilchard and John married (widow) Mary Ann (Radabaugh) McLoughlin.

Robert and Mary Hughes, had a daughter, Deborah, who married Joseph T. Burns, October 9, 1870; Deborah, who was born in the county March 5, 1849, had a great uncle Job Hughes, who was one of the pioneers of Union District. (information on page 53 of Hardesty's History)

John married Mary Ann, born 1827, died 1897, Mary Ann was in the Flatwoods Church, taking Communion when she died; she was the widow of Eli H. McLaughlin, born 1825, died 1855; Eli was a minister with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and upon coming to Jackson County he changed over to Methodist; he is buried along with Mary in the King Cemetery, west of Ripley. Mary and Eli had the following children: John L. McLaughlin, married Nancy Hawk; Sidney, married George Fletcher; Leverna, moved to Kentucky; Rachel, who was one of the school teachers at Antioch; and Eli H. McLaughlin married Evaline Coe and later moved to Wood County Territory, Oklahoma.



Philip S. Jr. and Margaret (Wilson) Hughes

John and Mary were married May 10, 1858. Mary had purchased 60 acres of land in Flatwoods; it was here Mary and John raised her children by Eli, and their children: Joseph Hooker, born 1859, died 1929, Anise Barnhart, born 1861; Arretha Stanley, born 1863; Philip Sheridan, Sr., born August 1867, died 1923; and Jona W. Hughes, born 1869, died 1870, and is buried in the Flatwoods Cemetery.

My grandfather, Philip Sheridan, Sr., married Margaret Belle Wilson, daughter of Andrew L. and Ann Marie (Bowland) Wilson. Philip purchased the 60 acres of land from his siblings and built a home in 1909. Philip was a school teacher and was living in Ravenswood with his family, when he was driving to his farm on May 25, 1923, his vehicle was struck by a train and he later died at the St. Joseph Hospital, Parkersburg. He left a widow, Belle, and nine children as follows: Edith, Etta, Esther, Philip Jr., Wayne, Blaine, Raymond and Ralston. Belle died February 5, 1932; Philip and Belle are buried in the Flatwoods Cemetery.

I, Gwendolyn Hughes-Robinson, live two miles from the Hughes Homestead, and today the home is occupied by Etta Day and Esther Hughes. *Submitted by Gwendolyn Hughes Robinson*

PHILIP S. HUGHES, JR.

Philip Sheridan Hughes, Jr., better known as "Phil," was born May 24, 1907, in Union District, Flatwoods Community, Jackson County; he was the fifth child, first son, born to Philip Sheridan Hughes, Sr., and Margaret Belle (Wilson) Hughes. Belle was the daughter of Andrew L. Wilson and Ann Marie (Bowland) Wilson. Philip Sheridan Hughes, Sr., better known as P. S. Hughes, was born August 30, 1867, in Jackson County, West Virginia and he married Margaret Belle Wilson, born February 13, 1879, at Hemlock, on February 8, 1898, by the Rev. George Harrison, and the rest of their children were: Edith Cora, married Charles F. Dawson; Etta Marie, married and divorced Dewey Day; Ruby Alice, married Joseph Sheranko; Esther Pearl, never married; Philip Sheridan Hughes, Jr., married Edith Coe; Wayne W., married Mary E. McCoy; Mary Helen, died in youth; Blaine Y. married Hazel E. Casto; Raymond E., married Pauline Starcher; Ralston R. married and divorced Dorothy Ronayne, and then married Bonnie Sue Maness.



Philip and Edith (Coe) Hughes

February 7, 1929, Philip Junior married Edith Coe, at the residence of Rev. Leroy Johnston. Edith, born May 11, 1906, was the only daughter of George Washington Coe, son of John Adams Coe, Sr., and Susan (Bibbee) Coe, was born, July 16, 1857, and Amanda Allie (Lloyd) Coe, daughter of Nehemiah Lloyd and Harriet (Mullinex) Lloyd, born May 15, 1865, she was the daughter Phil and Edith lived on the Coe Homestead, close to Hemlock. This land was purchased by Edith's grandfather, John Adams Coe, Sr., June 22, 1850. Philip was a driver and mechanic for the Jackson County Board of Education. He drove school bus number 13, and retired in June 1973 after 32 years of

service. He was also a farmer. Edith was a school teacher having taught in Kanawha and Jackson County. Philip was a Methodist, having been Trustee, Teacher and Superintendent of the Flatwoods United Methodist Church. He died March 19, 1974. Edith had belonged to the Hemlock United Brethren Church and later moved her membership to the Flatwoods United Methodist Church, where she was a teacher. She was the President of the Flatwoods Ladies Aid Society at the time of her death, June 20, 1976. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

Philip and Edith's children are as follows: Gwendolyn Lorene, born November 6, 1929, married Howard C. Robinson and lives on the Coe Hughes farm outside Ripley; Aloise Yvonne, born June 20, 1938, married Charles J. Bosworth and they live near Ripley; they have two children, Michaelle married Larry Bruce Weese II and they have two children, Tamela Lee and Larry Bruce III; they live at Silverton. Aloise and Charles have a son, Craig Philip. Philip and Edith's third child was a son, Howard DeVaughn, born October 10, 1944. He married Sandra Sue Simmons; they have a daughter, Denise Marie. They moved in 1988 to Spartanburg, South Carolina. *Submitted by Aloise Hughes Bosworth*

ROBERT HAMILTON HUGHES

Robert Hamilton Hughes came to Jackson County from Summerfield, Noble County, Ohio, in the spring of 1873, bringing his wife, Elmyra, and seven children. They traveled by covered wagons carrying all their belongings until they reached the Ohio River where they loaded their wagons on board a steamer, going downriver to Ripley Landing. From there they again traveled by wagons until they arrived at Stone Ridge (Parchment). Robert was the new owner of 300 acres, bought from John Riley. It was good timberland and small game was plentiful with occasional deer. They lived in an old hunter's cabin until 1875 when they moved into their newly built two-story log house.

Robert was of Welsh descent, the son of Francis



Robert Hamilton Hughes, (1836-1901)

and Nancy (Howell) Hughes. He was one of eight children, but only he and his youngest brother, Alfred Bailey Hughes, survived. Four died young, and two brothers died in the Civil War, unmarried. Robert's father Francis (1803-1890) had two brothers, Elisha Hughes and Brice "Reece" Hughes. Robert was born December 30, 1836, Jerusalem, Monroe County, Ohio; died June 11, 1901, Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia; married September 13, 1860, Elmyra Grisell (a Quaker), daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Adams) Grisell. Elmyra was born October 18, 1836, Monroe County, Ohio, died December 21, 1920, Roane County.

Robert was a farmer. He taught school in the winter in Ripley. He had attended Albany University in Albany, Athens County, Ohio, 1857/58 and 1858/59. On October 6, 1879, he was ordained as Deacon of the Methodist Episcopal Church, later appointed Presiding Elder of New River District

from 1884 to 1889. About 1882, Robert sold his farm. In 1884, he purchased 93 acres on Lick Fork of Spring Creek, Spencer, Roane County, building a new house on it. In 1895-96 he was superintendent of Roane County Schools.

Children: Ann Amanda, born 1861, died 1927, Wirt County. School teacher. Married (1) December 25, 1881 (later divorced) William Thomas McCutcheon (1858-1938). Children: Mary Elmyra, James Robert, Thomas Sermon, Ernest Worden and Lulu Ann. Married (2) Charles Farrar. Laura Frances, born 1863, died 1958, Jackson County. School teacher. Married May 25, 1884, Peter Matson Riley (1853-1927). Children: James Hughes, Elsa Irene, Daniel Dawkins, Roy Jackson and Peggy Elizabeth. James Edward, born 1864, died 1885, Fayette County. School teacher and clerk. Arthur Lotus, born 1866, died 1957, Kanawha County. Farmer and Methodist minister. Married March 14, 1888 Jennie Ann Graham (1864-1941). Children: Lotus Graham, Christopher Marble "Ben" and foster daughter Ruth Delanoy Hughes. Robert Emmett, born 1867, died 1948, Melbourne, Florida. Attorney-at-law in Charleston, West Virginia. Legislature Delegate in 1903. Married (1) Mamie Florence Wintz March 14, 1889. Children: Foster, Laura, Rives, Hugh Lattimore, Emmett Dalzell and James. Married (2) Nora Morgan. Thomas Sermon, born 1869, died 1944, Santa Cruz, California. Owned small ranch in California, with a cork tree and orange grove. Married January 25, 1891, Ella Maude Daniell (1871-1948). Children: Paul, Ruth, Eva and Ella Mary. Birdsey Northrup "Bud," born November 8, 1871, died October 24, 1957, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Farmer and Methodist minister. Legislature delegate in 1907-08. Married June 2, 1901, Flora Belle Daniell (1868-1954), daughter of James Wetherelt and Elizabeth Catherine (Wolfe) Daniell. Children: Birdsey Daniell, Rosa Hannah "Pinky," born 1873, died 1888, Roane County. Mary Belle, born 1876, died 1890, Roane County. Eva Elmyra, born 1879, died 1943, Kanawha County school teacher. Ora Neta, born 1881, died 1968, Kanawha County. Married (1) Clayton Howell. Children: Violet. Married (2) 1912, Harley Inman (1878-1922). Children: Myra Belle, Raymond Hughes, Beulah Grace, Stella Mae. Birdsey and Flora's only child, Birdsey Daniel Hughes (1904-1977), married (1) Glema Bell Coleman (1906-) March 7, 1925 (Divorced 1937) Children: John (1926) and Betty (1928). Married (2) Elma Jane Goff, October 17, 1946.

Submitted by Betty (Hughes) Shank

ABIJAH HUNT

The first record of the Hunt Family which settled on Cow Run in what is now Union District of Jackson County is the marriage of Abijah Hunt to Mary Jane Hughes (1806-1891) on June 15, 1828. They established their home on Cow Run. Census records state Abijah was born in Pennsylvania.

Abijah enlisted with the Confederate Army at Charleston, West Virginia, September 22, 1862, and served as a Private with Company B of the 22nd Virginia Infantry. He was captured at Ripley, West Virginia, by the 7th West Virginia Cavalry, January 4, 1865, and was a prisoner of war at Wheeling, West Virginia, Cumberland, Maryland and Camp Chase, Ohio. He took Oath of Allegiance at Camp Chase on May 16, 1865.

No authentic records of the parents of Mary Jane Hughes have been found but indications are that she was the daughter of Job Hughes who married Mary Hamm in Harrison County, Virginia on August 29, 1791. Tradition has it that she was a niece of Jessie Hughes, the famous Indian fighter. She was an outstanding woman of her day and an accomplished mid-wife. She was always ready to go at a moment's notice when her services were needed. Everyone knew her as Aunt "Pop" Hunt.



Mary Jane (Hughes) Hunt

Abijah and Mary Jane died only three days apart and are buried in the cemetery across the road from Antioch Church.

Children who lived to adulthood were: Mary Jane (1828-1923) married Elijah Sayre, Sr., about 1844. (See Elijah Sayre 2705-8.) Mazilla (1829-1913) married September 22, 1845, Ephraim Sayre (See Ephraim Sayre 2708-8.) Benjamin (1832-1920) married (1) Mary Campbell, (2) Martha Sayre; and (3) Rebecca Conrad. Isabelle (1834) married William H. Roseberry. Job Lewellyn (1837-1899) married (1) Sarah "Sallie" Barnett, and (2) Emaline Zearley. Mariam Nancy (1840-1917) married (1) John Barr, (2) William Cain, and (3) Carl Morris. Henry Fisher (1843-1865), never married. He enlisted with the Confederate Army on June 1, 1861 at Ripley, West Virginia, and was a Private in Company B of the 22nd Virginia Infantry. He was captured in 1864, and became a prisoner of war at Camp Chase, Ohio, where he died of pneumonia on January 28, 1865. His burial grave is #936 just south of Camp Chase, Ohio. Ruamy (1845-1949), married Daniel Sayre (See David Sayre 2710-8)

I am the great, great grandson of Abijah Hunt. My paternal line from Abijah is Job Lewellyn to Benjamin W. and to my father, Lawrence O. Hunt.

Submitted by Alvin Hunt

JACOB L. HUNT

Jacob L. Hunt (1837-1898) was a son of Abijah Hunt and Mary Jane Hughes. Sarah Barnette (1833-1893) married Jacob, September 1, 1858, daughter of John Barnette and Nancy Carter. They lived on land deeded by his parents to him, located on Left Hand Cow Run Creek. Their children were: Charles Fisher, William Robert, Benjamin W., John, Frank, Mary Louise, Nancy Darl and Lydia.



Jacob and Sarah (Barnette) Hunt

He, together with his father and his brother-in-law, John Barr, joined Company B, 22nd Virginia Infantry (C. S. A.) September 22, 1862, in Charleston, Commonwealth of Virginia. His brother Henry Fisher was already a member of Company B.

Jacob was known as "Job" and J. L. After Sarah died, he deeded his Left Hand Cow Run lands to his children, then remarried the widow, Emaline

Zearley (1845-1899), on November 15, 1895. Jacob and Sarah were buried in Antioch Cemetery. Emaline was buried in Stephens Cemetery, Mason County. Jacob was a grandson of Jacob Hughes and Mary Hamm, and a great grandson of Thomas Hughes, whose wife's maiden name was probably Baker. Thomas was massacred by Indians along Hacker's Creek, near Buckhannon, probably to avenge his son, Jesse's War actions against Indians.

Submitted by Charles W. Lewis (G. Grandson)

J. J. HUSSELL

John Jacob Hussell, and his wife, Mary Eva Hardman Hussell, were born in Bavaria, Germany. They came to America in 1847, landing in Canada, then settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. But longing for their own land, they moved to Jackson County, Virginia, in 1854. The last two of their eight children were born in Jackson County, West Virginia.

John Jacob Hussell was a blacksmith and had a small farm near Mt. Alto. The children of John and Mary Hussell were: Annie Marie, who married Sigismud Low. Catherine, married William Glenn. Alexander, died in infancy. Mary Catherine, married Timothy S. Cross. Amelia Catherine, married Samuel Kiesling. Jacob Conrad, married Annie Mary Euler. Joseph Vincent, married Margaret Rollins. Albert Frederick, married Alice Malissa Zearley and Jane Zearley Smith (sisters).

Some descendants of John Jacob and Mary Eva Hussell, who still live in Jackson County are: Dallas Click, Mrs. Raymond (Audra Click) McIntyre of Cottageville, Park Hussell, Mt. Alto, Bernard Hussell of Mt. Alto and Mrs. Carroll (Micki) Burge of Millwood.

Several Hussells are buried in Jackson Chapel.

Submitted by Velma Hussell Oshel

OTIS AND JESSIE HUSSELL

Lee Otis Hussell, born May 9, 1899, of Albert Hussell and Malissa Alice Zearley, married Jessie Althea Durst, born November 7, 1901, of Thomas Dellmire Durst and Mary Elizabeth Shirley on November 4, 1924 in Pomeroy, Ohio. "Oat" bought the family farm from his father in 1926. This same farm located on Little Mill Creek, Jackson County, has been in the Hussell name since Oat's grandfather, John Jacob, purchased it from a George Foster for \$650 on April 14, 1858.



Lee Otis and Jessie (Durst) Hussell

Lee Otis and Jessie had nine children: Mary, Lee Otis, Jr. (Boss), Irene, Carl, Donald (Doc), Mildred (Mickey), Bernard (Moke), Shirley and Robert. Their eight surviving children bore them twenty-four grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren by the middle of 1989.

Mary married Charles Santmire of Toledo, Ohio, and raised two girls, Susan and Karen. Susan has one son, Charles. Chuck and Mary now reside in Swanton, Ohio.

Lee Otis, Jr. (Boss) married Orpha Roush of Letart, West Virginia. They have four children: Robert, William, Sharon and Bruce. Robert has a daughter, Heather; Sharon has three daughters,

Jennifer, Kelly and Erica. Bruce has a son, Scotty, giving the Hussells five grandchildren. Lee and Orpha live in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Carl married Eilene Smith of Holland, Ohio. They had three children: David, Sally and Shelly. David has two sons, David and Daniel and a daughter, Jennifer. Sally has three boys, Stanley, Cy and Christopher and one girl, Hannah. Shelly has two girls, Sarah and Emily and one boy, Tyler. Carl later married Joyce Bryant of Liberty Center, Ohio. They now live in Neapolis, Ohio.

Donald (Doc) married Mary Esterlene Thomas of Roanoke, Virginia. Doc and Esterlene have two boys, Stephen and Gary, and one grandson, Nathan by Stephen. Doc and Ester now live in Roanoke, Virginia.

Mildred (Mickey) married Carroll Burge (Jake) of Millwood, West Virginia. Mick and Jake raised three children, Marsha, Charles and David. Marsha has a daughter, Kaylee and a son, Dakota. Charlie has two daughters, Charla and Channing. David has one daughter, Nicole. Jake and Mick are residing in Millwood, West Virginia.

Bernard (Moke) married Luanne Gibbs of New Haven, West Virginia. Their four children are: Theresa, Roy, Bryan and Tammy. Theresa has one daughter, Autumn. They live in Mt. Alto, West Virginia.

Shirley married Paul Wasserman of Toledo, Ohio. Their children are: Eugene, Paula, Leslie and Rebecca. Eugene has three boys, Zachary, Alexander and Jason. Paula, one boy, Joshua and Les has one son, Casey. Paul and Shirley live in Toledo, Ohio.

Robert married Nancy Wanzor of New York; they had one daughter, Pam. Bob is now married to Brenda Gibson and lives in Lugoff, North Carolina.

Lee Otis and Jessie lived on the farm until January 1976 when they moved into a mobile home in Millwood. Here they enjoyed their retirement years watching traffic on Rt. 2 and the Ohio River and talking on the phone. Lee Otis died on Sunday, July 8, 1979, and Jessie on October 15, 1983. Both are buried in Fairview Chapel Cemetery with their daughter, Irene, who died accidentally in her third year of life.

Sixteen acres of the 175 acre Hussell farm were subdivided so each of the eight surviving children could have two acres each. *Submitted by Paul Wasserman*

AVERY NED HUTCHINSON

In Great Britain, the Hutchinson family was of nobility and landed gentry. The surname Hutchinson is of ancient origin. Comes from Gaelic word "Huches," signifying "House." First records date 1282, in York County, England.

Earliest American records begin late 1600s with Andrew Hutchinson (born 1687) of Loudoun County, Virginia. Andrew's son Joseph Hutchinson (1725-1817) was a Sergeant, Virginia Infantry Continental Establishment. Joseph's eldest son, Oliver (1777-1848), filed claim to land on Little Kanawha River (now in Wood County). Oliver's fifth child, Nathan (1811-1885), made his home in Wood County. Nathan's third child, Kenner (1848-1936), settled in Jackson County. Kenner and his wife Sarah had eleven children. They built the house now standing on Liverpool Road. 4.1 miles from Sandyville (remodeled three times). Kenner's second son, Forest Loring Hutchinson (1876-1964), and wife Nellie Blanche Johnson, had a son, Avery Ned Hutchinson (1916-1981). Upon graduation from high school, Avery constructed houses, farmed, worked at United Fuel Gasoline Plant sixteen years, and finally spent his last twenty years of public work at Kaiser Aluminum Ravenswood Works as a set-up and repair man.

Married his loving wife, Sara Lenora Staats, June 23, 1941. His early married life included a

two and one-half year term of service in World War II in Seabees Division of U. S. Navy. He was stationed in Virginia and in the South Pacific, primarily in the Philippines. When he completed his service in the Navy, Sara and Avery began to remodel Grandpa Kenner's house.

On July 23, 1947, their only child, Margaret Mae, was born. She was married on October 10, 1966, to Jack Pursley. Of that marriage, two sons, Jason, born January 17, 1973, and Tracy, born August 28, 1974. They divorced August 19, 1985. Margaret remarried May 28, 1987, to Robert E. Mellon, Sr., and gained three step-sons, Robert Jr., (28), Michael (26) and Paul (24).



Avery Ned Hutchinson with daughter, Margaret, and grandsons, Jason and Tracy Pursley

In 1975, Sara developed terminal cancer and in January, 1976, while Sara was hospitalized taking cobalt treatments, Avery suffered a severe stroke. The stroke paralyzed his entire right side and took away his speech. With much effort, therapy and family urging, he recovered all his strength and most of his speaking ability. He was left with a slight speech impairment. Due to the stroke, he took a medical retirement June, 1977. Cancer finally claimed Sara on September 20, 1977.

During his retirement, he busied himself with light farm work, keeping up his house and yard. He was a member and took an active part in the Meadowdale Baptist Church and helped extensively in the fund raising, remodeling sketches, and finally the actual remodeling of the church. He had a thirty year membership in the V. F. W. During the winter months of 1979, he compiled the complete up-to-date family history and distributed to his cousins xerox copies for them and their families. At that time he had the opportunity to become interested and join the West Augusta Genealogical and Historical Society. A heart attack claimed Avery February 18, 1981. *Submitted by Margaret Mellon*

HARRY L. HUTCHINSON

The Hutchinsons migrated from England settling in Loudoun County, VA in the early 1700s. In 1852, Nathan Hutchinson (Harry's great-grandfather) laid claim to land on both sides of Sand Creek from Sandyville to Leroy in Jackson County. Nathan's son, Seldon, (Harry's grandfather) settled at Meadowdale and later moved to Washburn Run near Leroy. A successful farmer, he became one of the largest landowners in Jackson County and donated land for the Meadowdale Baptist Church and cemetery. It was said at the time of his death in 1901, "Everyone in Jackson County owed money to Seldon Hutchinson." His son, Kenner, followed in his fathers footsteps and was a successful farmer, merchant and large landowner living at Sarvis Fork, Liverpool, Meadowdale and Ravenswood. Seldon and Kenner both served as president of the Jackson County Bank and their portraits still hang in the Board Room.

Harry, eldest son of Kenner Hutchison, was born in 1892 at Sarvis Fork. After serving in World War I, he married Velma Mason, daughter of Charles and Della Mason. Charles Mason was also

a successful merchant and influential businessman in Jackson County having helped reorganize the First National Bank in Ravenswood. Harry, like his father, was a merchant by choice and operated stores in Charleston, WV and Stackhouse, NC before returning to Jackson County in 1924 to operate the store at Duncan. He was also Postmaster and being mechanically inclined operated an automobile repair shop and did general hauling. His was one of a few rural homes enjoying home generated electric lighting. When rural electrification came to Jackson County, Harry was one of a few qualified to wire homes for electricity. In 1946, Harry and Velma moved to Ravenswood where he worked at the municipal power plant until his death in 1951. Velma became active in the Jackson County Library and served as librarian at Ravenswood from 1954 until her retirement in 1968. Velma passed away in 1979.



Harry and Velma Hutchinson

Harry and Velma had two sons. Kenneth (1920-1968), born in Stackhouse, NC, graduated from Glenville State College and taught school until entering the service in World War II. Following his discharge, he and a partner operated an automobile dealership in Ravenswood. Later he returned to teaching and worked for the State Highway Department. He married Wilma Westfall of Liverpool in 1947 and they have one son, Kenneth Craig, and three daughters; Stephanie Day, Melanie Radecke, and Denise Starcher, all of whom still reside in West Virginia. Ronald, born 1925 in Ravenswood, attended Marshall University and graduated from Duke University with a degree in Civil Engineering. Employed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Cincinnati, OH and Vicksburg, MS he has been involved in pavement research applicable throughout the world. Ronald married Ila Palmer of Ravenswood in 1946 and they currently reside in Vicksburg, MS. They have three daughters, Linda Nitzschke in Huntington, WV (Her husband is president of Marshall University), Kathy Christy in Mariemont, OH and Susan Hutchinson in Las Vegas, NV. *Submitted by Ronald L. Hutchinson*

HUTTON

Joseph Hutton born 1825 came from Longbottom, OH, married Ann Parkins 19 May 1845, Kanawha Co. Children: Oliver April 12, 1847, James 1848 married Emma Jane Harmon 1869 died 1889; Mandany 1850 married Orville Leach; Leah 1852 died 1853; Ann 1845 died 1855. Also adopted son John W. Landers 1863. Ann Parkins Hutton died Dec. 1842 buried Old Antioch Cemetery Putnam Co. Joseph remarried Matha Lindsey. She died 1890. Joseph died 1898 buried New Antioch Cemetery, Confidence, West Virginia.

Oliver Hutton married Julia Ellen Harmon, Sept. 6, 1866 Putnam Co., daughter of Rev. Thomas Harmon and Segious Collins. Children born Putnam Co: Columbus Ed. 19 Aug 1867 married Clara A. Null 1885; Minerva F. Oct. 1869 married Morg Tittle died 1943 buried New Antioch Cemetery; Segius Almedia 3 Nov 1871 married George Oliver Higginbotham 1887 died 1944 buried New Antioch Cemetery. Thomas Wilford 12 Aug 1874 married Sophrona Ellen Harrison daughter of Jasper Newton Harrison and Sarah Salinda Searles 26 Sept. 1897 by Rev. H.K. Blankenship; Mary E. April 1877 married John Winnell 1895 died 1903; Oliver Franklin 7 May 1880 married Linda Estella Westfall 20 April 1902, Belgrove, died 12 June 1968 Charleston, buried Fairplain Cemetery; Joseph G. 1883 married Nema, died 1908; Robert Emory 12 Aug 1885 married Annie Laura Carpenter Dec. 1910 died Oct. 1955, buried Goshen Cemetery, Kentuck. Lilla B. 1888 died 1902; Louella May 24 March 1892 married Benjamin Blaine Westfall died 24 Feb. 1920 buried Sattes Cemetery, Charleston. Oliver Hutton died June 6, 1917, buried Casto-Hutton Cemetery Bear Fork, also Julia Ellen 25 April 1930. Oliver and Julia left Putnam for Jackson around 1900.

Thomas Wilford of Jackson Co. Sophrona Ellen of Mason Co. born 17 Aug. 1877 purchased property in Jackson 1901. Children: Gracie Mae 14 Feb. 1899 married Walter Fields Dec. 1916, died 25 May 1972, buried Reamer Hill Cem. Kanawha Co. Linnie Ethel 14 June 1900, Higby, married Philip Fulton Mankin 10 Sept. 1919 Kentuck by John H. Skeen at the road side near Mary F. Skeen, died 6 Nov 1983 Tiffin, Seneca Co. Ohio buried Seneca Memory Gardens; Myrtle Leona 30 July 1902 Belgrove, married Ernest Clay Casto 5 Sept. 1918 died 1 Nov. 1982 buried Graceland Memorial Park Ruthdale, WV.; Zelda Icy 5 July 1904 married Harley Parvin Buckalew 17 May 1924, died 3 March 1963, buried Tyler Mt. Memory Gardens; Almedia Ellen 14 Nov. 1906, married 7 April 1924 Other Barnett Boggess; Cecil Clovis 23 Sept. 1909 married Edith Wolfe, drowned Brevard Co. Florida on St. Johns River 15 Aug. 1973, buried Grandview Memorial Park, Dunbar; Pearly Faye 21 Feb. 1912, married 5 May 1930 Clarence Basil McCubbin, resides Charleston, McCubbin Drive; Thelma Opal 27 Jan. 1914, died 23 Feb. 1930 pneumonia, buried Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston.



Thomas and Sophrona Hutton

Thomas Wilford died 27 May 1956 Charleston, Sophrona Ellen died 28 March 1956 Charleston. Both buried Spring Hill Cemetery. Thomas Wilford worked for WV Water Service. They lived on Collis Street. He had the greatest vegetables and she, the most beautiful flowers in Charleston.

Submitted by Faye McCubbin

HUTTON

Far back in the beginnings of history, English people were named for the work they did or the place from where they came. Of course, after that the children were named after the father.

Hutten or Hutton was a name given because of the place they came from. Hutton then meant a kind of level plateau running along the side of a mountain range. Hutton: one who came from Hutton (village on the spur of a hill).

Documentation for the Hutton Coat of Arms design can be found in Burke's General Armory.

Joseph Hutton, came from Long Bottom, Ohio to Red House, Putnam County, then, Virginia. He was a farmer and a school teacher. He married Anne Parkins.

One of several children of this marriage as listed in the family Bible as: Oliver Hutton-April 18, 1847-died June 6, 1917.

Oliver Hutton married Julia Ellen Harmon, daughter of Thomas and Segious (Collins) Harmon near Red House, Putnam County, which was then West Virginia. To this marriage were born: Columbus E., Minerva F., Segious A., Thomas W., Mary E., Oliver F., Joseph G., Robert E., Lillie B., Louella M.

Oliver Hutton, son of Joseph Hutton, went into the timbering business for an Englishman, Courtney, at Leatherwood which was close to Clendenin, Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Oliver Hutton and all his family moved to Bear Fork, Jackson County, West Virginia. Here he and his family, relatives and hired help operated a "band mill" for Courtney. All the surrounding country was "timbered" and thousands of "staves" and "ties" were floated down Bear Fork, Tug Fork and Mill Creek to Ripley.

Staves were used in the manufacture of barrels and kegs.

Here on the waters of Bear Fork, Oliver built a nice home and also went into the store business.

This location of Hutton's business was within about a mile of the Roane County line. Oliver Hutton and his sons were so well established here on the waters of Bear Fork that this little community was known as Huttonville. He was also a farmer.

Oliver Hutton died in 1917. Julia died in 1930. Both are buried in the Casto Cemetery on the hill opposite the site of the old White Pine School.

All the Huttons moved away from Bear Fork by the time of the death of Julia except Robert Emory Hutton and Franklin Hutton.

Emory Hutton married Annie Laurie Carpenter. To them were born: Robert Hermon, a retired school teacher now living in Ravenswood. Marion Delmer Hutton: retired, teacher, machinist, delegate and insurance agent. Now living in Evans. Sennit Basil Hutton, disabled WW II veteran, living in Ripley.



Robert, Annie Carpenter, Emory, Basil and Delmer Hutton

Franklin Hutton married Linda Westfall. To them were born Ernest, Golden, Herschel, Dewey and Edna. None now reside in Jackson County.

Submitted by Delmer Hutton

OLIVER FRANKLIN HUTTON

Oliver Franklin Hutton, born May 7, 1880, Confidence, Putnam Co., West Virginia, was the son of Oliver 1847-1917, and Juliana Ellen Harmon Hutton, 1849-1930. He was of Scotch-Irish and Indian descent.

He was the grandson of Joseph Hutton 1825-1898, and Ann Parkins Hutton, part Indian, 1821-1852. Records indicate Joseph may have been born in York County, Pennsylvania. Joseph Hutton came from Long Bottom, near Pomeroy, Ohio, riding a "Big White Horse" to "woo" the heart of Ann Parkins, who lived on the left-hand fork of Poca River, Kanawha County, now Putnam County, West Virginia. He was a farmer and school teacher.

In the latter part of the 1890s, Oliver Franklin Hutton moved with his parents and members of his family, to Bearfork, Belgrove, Jackson County, West Virginia. Brothers and sisters: Columbus "Ed", a Baptist Minister-1857-1955, Ordained-1925, Minerva F., 1869, Segius Almedia-1871, Thomas Wilford, 1874, Mary Ellen, 1877, Joseph G. 1883, Robert Emory, 1885., Lilla B. 1888, Louella M. 1892.

Oliver Franklin continued to work for the Courtney Company, which was in the Timber Business, in the Leatherwood Clendenin area of Kanawha County, West Virginia. He was also a farmer. Oliver Franklin married Malinda Estella Westfall, at the home of the bride, April 20, 1902. Malinda Estella born on Flatfork, Roane County, West Virginia, September 24, 1882-1947. Children Edna Florence, 1903-1904, Earnest Edwin, 1905, born in the Leatherwood, Clendenin area, Kanawha County.

Oliver F. and Malinda Estella later moved to Bear Fork, Belgrove, Jackson County, West Vir-



Malinda Estella Hutton

ginia, where was born children: Hersel Glemvil-1908, Golden Carroll, 1911-1981, Dewey Delmar, 1914-1948. Malinda Estella was the daughter of John Henry and Barbra Raines Westfall. Oliver Franklin, wife and children moved in 1919 from Belgrove, Jackson County, West Virginia, to Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia. They moved by horse and wagons as far as Pocatalico, leaving the wagon and driver with their furnishings, at the beginning of the hard road, and had an "exciting" ride to Charleston, by what is called a "Jitney"-1917 Ford Model touring. They soon found that was a "delightful" life-style, and were now introduced to the "fast lane".

They returned in 1920 to Jackson County, West Virginia, to live on a farm they had purchased, about five miles east of Ripley. This occasion



Oliver Hutton Farm

brought about the family's first train ride, Charleston, West Virginia, to Ripley, West Virginia.

Oliver Franklin worked for Boso and Ritchie, Road Grading Contractor, as a foreman for several years. His parents, Oliver and Juliana Ellen Harman Hutton lived on a farm and had a general store, Bear Fork, Belgrove, West Virginia. They are buried along with Edna Florence, Oliver F. and Malinda Estellas' daughter, in the Casto Cemetery, Belgrove, West Virginia. Oliver F. and wife, Malinda, along with their youngest son, Dewey Delmer, 1914-1948, were tenderly laid to rest in the Fairplain Cemetery, Fairplain, Jackson County,



Oliver Franklin Hutton, 1944

West Virginia. Malinda Estella Westfall Hutton passed away April 27, 1947, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Oliver Franklin Hutton, June 12, 1968, Charleston, West Virginia. Submitted by Hersel G. and Opal Hutton

HYDE

The earliest records of the Hyde family of Jackson County are found in Harrison and Mason Counties, (West) Virginia. James Hyde, Sr. and his wife, Sarah, and family were in a part of Mason County that is now Jackson County when Mason County was formed in 1804. James, Sr., was born before 1840, probably in England. James owned several plots of land in Harrison and Mason Counties. Sara Hyde (maiden name unknown) died between 1803 and 1810, and James Hyde, Sr. died in early 1810. His will was probated in Mason County on 30 April 1810.

James Hyde, Sr. lists two grandchildren, Betsy and Joseph Stout, in his will. This grandson is believed to be the Joseph M. Stout who married Merrey Carney and is the progenitor of the early Stout family in Jackson County.

James and Sarah Hyde were the parents of at least the following children: (1) James Hyde, Jr. who married Catherine Hardman on 20 March 1801 in Harrison County, and died 1810/11 in Harrison County; (2) Isaac Hyde, who married Nancy Sims on 20 October 1800; (3) George Hyde, who married Nancy Turner on 13 December 1796 in Harrison County; (4) Catherine (Kathy) who probably married Mr Stout by 1800; (5) Sarah Ann who was born about 1775. Sarah died between 1850 and 1860 in Jackson County; (6) William, married Martha Tanner on 18 March

1805 in Gallia County, Ohio; and (7) Charity Hyde, who married Nicholas Harpole on 3 March 1804 in Harrison County.

Daniel Hyde, son of James and Catherine (Hardman) Hyde, Jr., was born about 1805, and married Mary Richards, daughter of William and Margaret (Matthews) Richards, on 12 November 1824. Peter Hyde, son of Daniel and Mary, was born 28 June 1834 in Harrison County and married Margaret Ann Stout, daughter of Joseph B. Stout and Martha (Patsy) Childers, on 21 February 1856 in Harrison County. Amos Sylvester Hyde, this writer's great-grandfather, son of Peter and Margaret, was born 5 April 1859 in Harrison County. Amos married Levoila Davis, daughter of William E. and Anna (Willis) Davis on 22 November 1880 in Doddridge County.

The above Hyde families are mentioned in *Pioneer's of Jackson County History* by John A. House in the Hardesty's *Jackson County History*. Most of the Hyde family had moved from Jackson County by 1840, but many descendants of the Hyde-Stout, Hyde-Harpole and Hyde-Shinn families still live in the Jackson County area. Submitted by Dr. James F. Stephens

DAVID FRANKLIN HYDE

David Franklin Hyde was the grandson of the Jackson County pioneer, Jacob Hyre, and the son of Jonathan Hyre and Elizabeth Wright Hyre. He was born on the family farm on July 31, 1849. He was the youngest of five children of Jonathan and Elizabeth.

He had little formal education but was an avid reader in his later years. He was a highly opinionated and outspoken person for those that were not acquainted with him.

Being young and wanting to expand his horizons, he spent several years in Mason County. Returning home, to help his aging father, he purchased a tract of land owned by his father. This tract contained the stone house contracted by Jonathan with local stone masons. The Civil War interrupted the construction, but was resumed afterwards. Plagued with labor troubles, sentiment against him because of his stand during the war, and the lack of funds, Jonathan abandoned the project. This left the house an incomplete shell.

David spent some time in trying to complete the construction with the skills that he had learned from the stone masons. But time being of the essence, David contracted with local carpenters to finish the construction of the exterior and interior of the house. This was to be the new home of David and his bride, Sarah.

David married his brother-in-law's sister, Sarah Roush, at Cottageville on December 22, 1874. According to family history, they were married on horseback in front of the church.



David And Sara Ann Hyde

David had a friend in town and agreed to always greet each other. One spring day, David was in town when his friend saw him from a distance and hailed a greeting. David was on the opposite side of the street and pretended not to hear him. Being persistent, his friend forced the situation and both

met in the middle of the street, shaking hands and laughing about being up to their shoe tops in the mud.

He was a self sufficient and progressive farmer. Over the years the farm had been cleared, orchards and a vineyard were planted near the house. In 1904, David won a bronze medal and certificate for his grapes at the Worlds Fair in St. Louis.

The medal had its place on the family organ in the parlor. The certificate was kept out of sight and only brought out on special occasions. The certificate was bordered by nude Greek goddesses which was the reason for its banishment to the closet.

The family was blessed with five children. Lellia Hyre (1876-1961) married Omer Parsons, Elida George Hyre (1880-1931) married Mae Parsons, Hester Elizabeth Hyre (1884-1886), Eunie Hyre (1887-1913) married James Spears, and Opie Franklin Hyre (1889-1981) married Fredda Mae Stewart.

The old stone house on Shatto Road, east of Ripley, was the home of David and Sarah until their deaths. David died March 11, 1940, six days after his wife; both are buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. Submitted by Gene Hyre

JACOB HYRE

Jacob Hyre was a pioneer of Jackson County migrating from the Jane Lew- Buckhannon area of Virginia. His grandparents immigrated from Switzerland to the western frontier of Virginia near what is now Petersburg, West Virginia.

He was born in Harrison County, Virginia, on January 10, 1784. His parents were Jacob Hyre and Elizabeth Powers Hyre and were from early pioneer families of now West Virginia.

Jacob arrived in Jackson County in the year of 1815 with his wife Mary Beath Hyre, sons Jonathan Hyre and John Allen Hyre, and daughter Rebecca Hyre. He settled on the south side of Mill Creek, about a mile above the forks with Tug Fork. This site is opposite the Shatto residence on Shatto Road east of Ripley on Route 33.

The area was a wilderness at that time and a hardship on the young man and his family. There were times when it would have been easier to return to their former home in the Buckhannon area. With the persistence of his wife and a growing family, it was imperative that he make this move a success. Over the years, his dreams and aspirations became a reality.

His family grew with the additions of another daughter, Mary Elizabeth Hyre, and a son, Jacob Beath Hyre. These were the only children that were born in Jackson County.

Family history indicates that Jacob came upon a buffalo at a nearby spring. Jacob shot and wounded the buffalo. Following with his hounds, it was soon brought to bay. The buffalo was dispatched and the robe was taken as a trophy of the encounter. The bones of the buffalo were later found by his son, Jonathan, while clearing a beech grove, verifying the encounter.

Over the years a farm was carved out of the wilderness. This took years of hard work by Jacob and his eldest son, Jonathan. The farm grew with the additional purchases of adjoining lands up Mill Creek. The farm extended from ridge to ridge and included good bottom lands and hillsides for meadows.

The children of Jacob married and became prominent members of the community. Jonathan Hyre (1812-1880) married Elizabeth Wright and farmed lands adjacent to those of Jacob's. John Allen Hyre (1812-) married Miriam Rader; Rebecca Hyre (1813-1882) married Michael Rader; Mary Elizabeth Hyre (1816-1903) married David Harpold; and Jacob Beath Hyre (1818-1851) married Catherine Aultz and after her death married Arrilla Casto.

Jacob died on December 19, 1858, and was

buried in the Board Cemetery at the mouth of Joe's Run with his daughter, Rebecca Hyre Rader.

In the census of 1860 and a few years after the death of Jacob, the combination of the estate of Jacob and the lands of his son, Jonathan, totaled over 2,000 acres. The family had prospered, purchased and expanded the family holdings but they were land rich with little money reserves. *Submitted by Gene Hyre*

OPIE FRANKLIN HYRE

Opie Franklin Hyre was the eldest son of David Franklin Hyre and Sara Ann Roush Hyre. He was born on the family farm on December 22, 1889. He was the youngest of five children.

After his formal education, Opie went into joint business ventures with his brother, Elida. They timbered in the spring and fall and thrashed wheat in the late summer. On one venture, they covered a wagon with metal roofing and went into the local communities selling patent medicines and remedies.

With little success in his business ventures, he decided to further his education. He attended Lee's Academy at Fairplain. He continued his education during the summers and through extension courses from Marshall, New River State, and Glenville State Colleges. After several years, Opie completed the requirements for a teaching certificate.

One of his first teaching assignments was a one room school in Logan county. The majority of his 35 years of teaching were at one room schools in the rural areas of Jackson County.

During this time, Opie married Fredda Mae Stewart at her home in Parchment Valley on March 16, 1912. The couple had their differences, Opie was six feet and two inches tall, Fredda was about five feet tall; he was a Democrat, and she a Republican. These contrasts along with their good nature, provided many an enjoyable hour at family reunions and at election times.



Opie and Fredda Mae Hyre

The family grew with the birth of three boys. They were Herbert Franklin Hyre (1918) married Dolly Patton; Kermit Stewart Hyre (1921) married Ruth Starr; and Ephriam Guy Hyre (1924-1985) married Ruth Waybright.

In 1931, Opie moved back to the family farm to help his aging father. Opie's sons left the farm during World War II. After the war they sought jobs in industry. Opie and Fredda remained and worked the farm until the late 1970s. He was a self sufficient and progressive farmer and took great pride in his garden and his Hereford cattle.

The day the banks closed as a result of the depression, the Jackson County sheriff met Opie at the mouth of Joe's Run to relay the message of the banks closure. The sheriff asked if he could help in any way. Opie said that he had 75 cents and a few checks in his pocket. The checks were not of any use at that time, but that he was in better financial condition than most. He indicated that he had plenty of food from the farm and that he could provide most of his needs.

Opie was an avid reader of books, poetry, newspapers, and news magazines. He loved to read

and memorize poetry in his spare time. He had a special friend in town, Walter Tolley, and when they met each would take a turn in reciting the latest verses that they had memorized. Both men took great delight in their feats and would part with kind words and laughter.

The old stone house on Shatto Road, east of Ripley, was the home of Opie and Fredda. Opie died on June 12, 1981 and is buried with his wife in the cemetery at Fairplain. *Submitted by Kermit S. Hyre*

RUBY RUTH HYRE

Ruth was born 6/2/1923 to William Henry and Millie Margaret Stanley Waybright. She married Guy Hyre on 8/29/1942. He was the son of Opie Franklin and Fredda Mae Hyre of Shatto Road and was born 8/23/1924.



Ruth and Guy Hyre at Rader School

Guy worked for Union Carbide from 1947 to 1981, 34 years. He and Ruth enjoyed camping with their five children and family and friends.

They moved to Florida in August of 1984 and bought a tract of land with a mobile home.

Guy died October 9, 1985 in Florida of a heart attack. *Submitted by Sandy Heinrichs*

HEZEKIAH JACKSON

My father has always told me that I have a Jackson line but until recently I knew little of them. Through the effort of my maternal grandmother, Mary R. Pinckney, I have learned that this family was probably early settlers in Jackson County since my g-g-g-grandfather, Hezekiah Jackson, was born there about 1838/39, the son of Daniel Jackson and his wife, Mary (maiden name unknown). On 3 June 1858 at Sand Creek, Jackson County, he was married to Maria Jane Hartshorne, daughter of John Wesley Hartshorne (deceased) and his wife, Margaret Farley Hartshorne, then a resident of Jackson County. Maria Jane was born in Monroe County, Ohio, 31 August 1840. The children of this marriage, all born in Jackson County, were: 1. John N. born about 1861; 2. Daniel K. born about 1862, died before July 1890 leaving widow, Mattie, but no issue; 3. Mary Martha Everetta, born about 1864, married 8 April 1880 in Jackson County to Eli Neptune; 4. Simon W. born about 1866; 5. Ezra C. born about 1868; 6. Sebastian C. born 16 Sept 1872; 7. Della died in infancy; 8. Nannie M. born 31 Aug 1875; 9. Samantha C. died in infancy; 10. Samuel Wilbert born 28 Sept 1881; 11. Alonzo Jefferson born 18 January 1883; two sons: Jacob A. and Cato died in infancy (dates of births unknown).

Hezekiah Jackson applied for a pension on 11 Feb 1882, while a resident of Ravenswood, Jackson County, and stated that he enlisted in Company I, 11th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry of the U. S. Army, and that he was honorably discharged at Richmond, Virginia, on 17 June 1865. He stated that his disability was the result of severe exposure and starvation while confined in Libby Prison at Richmond during the winter of 1864-65 where he

contracted "catarrh in the head" and rheumatism, from which he had never recovered; the pension was granted, and he received it until his death 23 January 1890 in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas, where they had moved from Jackson County. After his death, his wife, Maria Jane, received a pension until she died 13 May 1917.

Number 3 in the list of children of this couple, Mary Martha Everetta Jackson, was married to Eli Neptune on 8 April 1880 in Jackson County, and my descent from Hezekiah and Maria Jane Hartshorne is through them, down to my father, Everett Brown Neptune, Jr. (see the John Neptune Family in this volume).

Some Jackson County names from the pension applications of Hezekiah and Maria Jane may be of interest to descendants of early families there. These person signed affidavits or witnessed papers concerning the pensions: Charlotte Wood, age 64 in 1890, stated that she was a neighbor of Maria Jane Jackson and Hezekiah and that she was present when their son, Alonzo Jefferson Jackson, was born 18 January 1883; J.L. McLaughlin, R.T. Wetzel, Elia6s D. Conger, Sebastian Hartshorne, Louis H. Hughes, and Eli Neptune, son-in-law of Hezekiah. *Submitted by Rebecca Ann Neptune Gibson*

JOHN JARRETT

John Jarrett, born 10 Dec., 1818 and died 1 Sept., 1895, was the eighth child of Isaac and Mary Jarrett. The Isaac Jarrett family from Virginia came to Belmont County, Ohio about 1806. John's brothers and sisters were Phillip, Nancy, Comfort, Elizabeth, Isaac Jr., James, Rachel, Mary, Permilia, and Margaret Ann.

On 5 Dec. 1837 John was married by Hammond McBee, J.P. to Sarah Buckby (1818- 1885), the daughter of Richard and Catham (McColum) Buckby in Belmont County, Ohio. John and Sarah raised their large family on their farm in Washington Township, Belmont County, Ohio until 1873. Then they sold their property and moved to Jackson County, West Virginia. There they bought 700 acres of virgin timber land, built their new home and started farming again. They are buried high on the hill behind the David Pittman home in Jarrett Cemetery off Claylick Road.

John and Sarah's children were: James M. (1841-1864) married Jane Williams, the daughter of Ephriam and Lydia Williams. James and Jane had two sons — Silas and George A.. James died on 28 Nov. 1864 at the Post Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee of measles during the Civil War. Jane raised her boys with the help of her parents and after their death she moved West with her sons. Silas lived in Fulton, Jackson County, Kansas in 1900 and George A. lived in St. Charles County, Missouri.

2nd child: Hannah (1843-1881) married Isaac L. Peters. Their children were Sarah Jane, Cyrus R., Mary E., Hannah F., John W., Josephine, Samuel A., Catherine A., and an unnamed son is buried with Isaac and Sarah in Jarrett Cemetery off Claylick Road in Jackson County.

3rd child: Cyrus (1845-1934), a Civil War Vet, married Eliza A. Hall. Their oldest son, Alonzo, married Mattie King. Alonzo's children are William Russell, a retired school teacher now living in Columbus, Ohio; Leonard who married Beatrice Watkins and lived in Harrisville, Harrison County, Ohio; and Otto. Cyrus and Eliza's older children were Hannah Florence, Lester, Leota (Oatie), Myrty, Franklin, and Bessie.

4th child: Alfred R. (1847) married Margaret O'Neal in 1868. Their children were Albert; James F.; Mary Olive who married a Reeves; Emma Geneva who married Edward King; Irwin and Marshall Charles who married Rosa Fox. Charles and Rosa's children are Bernice, Willa Corinne, Gilda, and John Marshall. These children live in California.

5th child: John Jr. (1849) married Dorcas

Orem in 1873. John was also a Civil War Veteran. Their children were William S., Mary, John III, Arthur, Alice, and Charlie.

6th child: William (1851) married Louisa Koontz on 8 April, 1875 and lived in Williams-town. Their children were Luellen; Henry Leroy who built the first radio in Moundsville, W.Va.; Dora May who married Bruce, and lived in Columbus, Ohio; Shirley Jacob; Edna Rosalie who married Frank Spoonholtz; George Stanley; and Charles Leslie.

7th child: Sarah A. (1853) married George W. Peters. Their children were Elizabeth A. James W., Isaac E., John H., George E., Mary C., Franklin, and Jesse. These children lived around Moundsville, West Virginia.

8th child: Mary E. (Mollie) (1855) married James A. Seaman. No children were born to them but they raised Sarah (Sadie) (Safereed) McGrew's children. They lived at Ripley, West Va..

9th child: Catharn (1857) married Joseph Safereed, the son of Samuel and Catherine (Derenberger) Safereed. To them was born Sarah C. (Sadie) who married F.A. McGrew, and Mary Alice.

10th child: Isaiah (1860-1944) married Mary B. Orem. Their children are James D., (school teacher) whose wife was named Tressie, lived in Center Point, West Virginia; Addie married Loren Petty and lived in Akron, Ohio; John Elmer, farmer, lived at Sherman, West Virginia; Jesse (school teacher) and wife, Mary, also lived at Sherman; Denzel married Blanche L. Puckett. To them were born two sons — Blaine and Donald. Denzel and Blanche were High School teachers in Ravenswood. Denzel lives on Race Street in Ravenswood; Hazel married Harley Bunner and lived in Akron, Ohio; and Lacy Gladys married George Lee and lived in Ravenswood.



Denzel H. Jarrett

11th child: Emmett (1864), a farmer, married Rose Hintzman and lived around Sherman until he retired to Williamstown, West Virginia. Their children were Charles; Minnie Mae who married Israel Nesselroad; Harvey; Helen married a Haverstraw and lived in St. Marys, West Virginia; and a son who died at birth. *Submitted by Donald Jarrett*

JEFFRIES

Francis Marion Jeffries (1850-1923) and wife Elizabeth (Montgomery) Jeffries reared a large family in Jackson County, living at Frozen Camp and later at Belgrove, near Gay. They lived out their lives in the Belgrove area and were buried in the family cemetery on the farm.

William Lafayette (Lafe) and his wife, Dora, operated a farm, a small grocery store, and reared a large family on a section of the home place, near the cemetery.

Thomas Edward (Tom) and his wife, Emma, also lived out their lives there, operated a farm, a small grocery store, and reared a family.

A son, H.E. (Holly) and his wife (Ella), also lived in the area. Holly died during the World War I flu epidemic.



Frances Marion, Okey H. and Elizabeth Jeffries

Another son, John M. Jeffries, worked for years at DuPont, Belle, WV. When he retired, he and his wife Ada came back to the farm, built a house, and lived there the rest of their lives.

The youngest son, Okey Harrison, (Okey) married a local girl, Golda Stalnaker; they lived and died on the family farm in a log house which he renovated. Okey was a school teacher and taught in many of the local schools. He retired from teaching, but continued to live on the farm until his death.

A daughter, Mary El Dora (Dora), married James Theodore Romine, and they lived their lives on a farm on Coxes Fork at Jingo, later called Zona, and now Harmony. They reared a family of nine children and were buried in the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery nearby.

Another daughter, Tillie, married an Anderson who died young. She reared a family in Spencer, Roane County. *Submitted by William (Ted) Romine*

JEWELL

The Jewell family came from Montgomery Co, Va. and is believed they originally came from England. The earliest records we have dates Thomas Wesley Jewell born in Loudan Co, Va. in 1764. The first Jewell to come to Ripley was Hamilton Jewell, grandson of Thomas Wesley Jewell and wife Elizabeth Walters Jewell and nine children. Hamilton was a Private in Co. F 11th Regt. Va. Volunteers, during the Civil War and was taken prisoner Oct. 2, 1862 at Boonesboro. He had four children born in Ripley. We have no record of where he went when he left Ripley. Two of his sons stayed in Jackson Co, John Henry and Charles Allen.

John Henry married Miriam A. Parsons and lived on the left fork of Sycamore Creek. They had nine children, and lived there until his death in 1936.

His children were, Samuel Green, married to Edna Romine and moved to Parkersburg ran a dairy there. They had two children, Thomas Oscar and Cora Savannah.

Calvin Luther married Dolly Parrish and had two sons, William Calvin and John Parish. They lived in Pittsburg and he was supervisor for A&P Stores. Calvin and Dolly both died at an early age and John Henry took young William and John to raise until they were grown. William moved to Minneapolis Minn. and worked for American Food, married and had four children. John married and moved to Canfield, Ohio and had three children and was a supervisor in five states for a food chain.

Leona married Dr. E.S. Goff and moved to Spencer and had one son.

Cora married Paul Jenks and moved to Akron, Ohio and had two sons.

James Edward married Teckla Szatkowski from Poland and moved to Daly California where he was a barber.

Edith or Effie, as she was called, married Tom Marmin, a policeman, and lived in Akron, Ohio.

George W. married Emma Cox and was a Chiropractor and Deputy Sheriff of Ritchie Co. They had one son, George W. who was a doctor

in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jessie, George's twin sister died, as a child.

Lucille May married Charles Ross who was a president of a rubber company in Akron, Ohio and later returned to Parkersburg.

John Henry's first wife died in 1904 and he married Myra Miller and after her death, he married



John H. and Myra (Miller) Jewell

Jemima Brown.

John Henry's brother, Charles, married Melcena Fogelson and moved to Ravenswood. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years in Ripley. He had four daughters and two sons. Charles was a guard at the jail at the time of trial and hanging of John Brown.

John Parrish Jewell has been working to locate more information on Hamilton Jewell, his great-grandfather and his other children, who moved from Ripley and believed gone back to Va. *Submitted by John Parrish Jewell*

JOHNS

Amos Delphord Johns (1892-1968) was the son of William Oliver Johns (1867- 1953) and Emmazetta Staats Johns. William Oliver was the son of James C. Johns (1836-1891) and Cornelia Rader (1840-1918). James C. was in the 22nd Virginia Volunteers. In May 1861 he was made captain after the death of Benjamin Chase in the battle of Virginia Central Railroad at Lewisburg, Virginia in the Civil War. He is buried in the Johns Cemetery at Gay, Jackson County, West Virginia. Cornelia is buried at Ravenswood, West Virginia. James C. was the son of William Johns (1812-1885) and Lucinda Archey (1813-1899). Both are buried at Gay, Jackson County in Johns Cemetery. William was the son of James Johns who married Rebecca Woods in 1793 in North Carolina. His father was Isaac Johns.

In January 1915, A. Delphord Johns married Leoma Louise Cottle (1900-1977). Her father was Newman Cottle (1881-1964). Her mother was Georgia Lee Burdette (1882-1956) who later married James Kenner Evans (1879-1952). Georgia's father was Perry Dixon Burdette (1852-1930). His father was Thomas Burdette (1833), mother Matilda Argabrite (1833-1854).

Seven children were born to Delphard and Leoma Johns at Gay, Jackson County.

Walter Ray Johns (1915-1979). In 1937 he



A. Delphord and Leoma Johns family

married Dorothy Ellen Morris (1917). Born to this union was Patsy Lee Johns (1938) and twin sons, Larry and Garry (1944-1944). Patsy Lee married Bobby Staats Anderson (1936) in 1956. Their sons are Rickey Ray (1957) and Randall Keith (1961). Rick married Tara Lynn Winter (1959) in 1977. Their children are Brandi Renae (1981) and Amanda Rae (1984).

Lucille (1917) married Grover Woodrow Waybright (1915-1980) in 1932. A daughter Imogene Louise (1934) married Jerry D. Fox (1931) in 1952. Adopted a son, Steven K. Fox, (1956) married Joan Justice in 1976. Their children are Jonathan Lee (1977), Naomi (1980), Sarah Ann (1982). A son Randy Scott (1959) married Ginger in 1987. John Delphord Waybright (1940) married Carolyn Jo Burchett (1941). They have two daughters Cindy Rachele (1962) married Steven Poole in 1986, and Cheryl Leslie (1965). James Woodrow Waybright (1944) married Shirley Kingery in 1975. They have twin sons, Jeffrey and Jason (1977). Patricia Kay (1946) married Gary Henley in 1966. They have Christopher Brian (1968), Troy David (1971) and Karla Jean (1974).

Geneva Johns (1920) married Robert A. Clay (1914-1987) in 1940. Their children Carolyn Sue (1942) married Oscar Crede (1942) in 1961. Children Terry Sue (1962), Scott Allen (1965), Tracey Lynn (1970). Robert Eugene Clay (1944) married Bonnie. Their children are Robert (1976), Ashley Brooke (1979).



Ray, Lucille, Geneva, Garnet, Helen, Willidean and Betty Johns

Garnet Johns (1921) married Charles Hurbert Argabrite (1918) in 1941. Born to them a daughter, Joyce Ann (1942), and a son, William Charles Argabrite (1944). Joyce Ann married Ernest Raines in 1960. A son Charles Otis (Chuck) Raines (1961) was born. He married Sonia Ann Skinner (1964) in 1982. They have a daughter Kayla Lee (1987). Joyce and Ernest divorced. She married Roger Walters in 1965. Their son Timothy Walters (1968) was married to Susan Hinzman (1986). William Charles Argabrite married Louella Smith (1946) in 1964. They have two children Vicky Jo (1965) who married Michael Turner in 1989 and a son, Bobby Joe (1967). Bobby Joe and Missy have a daughter, Amanda Rae (1986).

Helen Virginia Johns (1923) married Paul C. Davis (1920) in 1942. A son David Delphord Davis (1942) married Jan Zepeda. They have a daughter Tracey Ann (1969), and a son David (1972). Larry Ray Davis (1955) married Vicky Wilbond in 1982 and have a daughter Jamie (1989). A daughter, Phyllis Ann Davis (1960-1968).

Willidean Johns (1925) married Kermit Miller (1918) in 1942. Their daughter Rebecca Ellen (1944) married Herman H. Hall (1944) in 1970; they divorced. They had a daughter Jennifer R. (1973).

Betty Lee Johns (1928) married James L. (Ike) Hardman in 1946. Their children James Frederick (1947) married Karen Caplinger in 1967. They

have a daughter Brooke Ashley (1982). Deborah Lee Hardman (1951) married Peter Pivaronas in 1978. A son Gregory Gay Hardman (1959). *Submitted by Rebecca Miller Hall and Willdene Johns Miller*

EZRA JOHNSON

My Johnson line is of Scotch-Irish origin. My great-great-grandfather, Ezra Johnson, was born August 19, 1776 in New Jersey. He married Sarah Slaught (1779-1863), daughter of Phillip and Rosanna Chamberlain Slaught from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Phillip Slaught served as Captain in the American Revolution (verified by D.A.R. records at Washington, D.C.). In 1819 Ezra moved his family to Somerset township, Belmont County, Ohio. These early settlers raised a family of nine children: Ezra, Jr., Zephaniah, Job, John, Rosanna, Polly, Rachael, Lovena and Hannah. Ezra, Sr. died September 2, 1856, interred Neptune Cemetery, Malaga, Ohio.

Ezra Johnson, Jr. (1805-1889) married Catherine Carter (1811-1879), daughter of Thomas and Sarah Carter of Irish descent. Ezra Jr. and Catherine owned a fine 200-acre farm one mile south of Malaga, Monroe County, Ohio and raised their family of 14: William, Thomas, Pius, Benjamin, John, Joseph, Armsted, James, Carter, Rose Ann, Mariah, Mary, Sally, and Lovina. Ezra moved his family from Malaga, Ohio to Sarvis Fork, Jackson County, West Virginia in 1872 where he remained until his death (1889).

Benjamin Johnson (1838-1906) married Mary Jane Booth (1839-1906) from Jerusalem, Ohio, the daughter of Isaac Booth, born 1809 in England. Benjamin and Mary purchased 114 acres from Nancy Scyoc near Meadowville, West Virginia in 1881, where they resided until their death. This union produced nine children: John, William Isaac, Charles, Louisa, Viola, Sarah, Florence, Nellie and an infant daughter.

William Isaac Johnson (1869-1958) married Mary Elizabeth Boggess (1870-1925), daughter of William F. and Samara Scyoc Boggess. Family members say William met Mary at a spring which was commonly used by the two adjoining family farms. William Isaac was industrious, teaching school at Sarvis Fork School during the early part of his life in addition to farming. William and Mary purchased 100 acres from her father in 1900 near Meadowdale, and raised their family of six children: Harley, Holly, Howard, William, Mary E. and Addie L.

Howard Johnson (1901-1963) married Iola Virginia Thompson, born 1909, daughter of Rader and Mary Houston Thompson of Ravenswood, West Virginia. This union produced one son, William C. Johnson. Howard Johnson graduated valedictorian of his high school class at Ravenswood and also played the violin. He earned his Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky and was principal of Ravenswood High School for several years.

William C. Johnson, born 1933, graduated Marietta College 1955 Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa with majors in mathematics and physics.



Mark, Carla, Theresa, Billy, Susanna, William, and Chad Johnson, 1982

He attended the U. S. Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned Ensign in December 1956. He married Theresa Lopez, born 1945, daughter of David and Catherine Martinez Lopez of Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 11, 1964 and this union has produced Carla K., William E., Mark H., Benjamin C., Susanna K. and Mary E. In July 1965 he joined United Airlines and at present is flying a Boeing 737 jet aircraft as Captain. *Submitted by William C. Johnson*

JOHNSON

Joseph Benjamin "Benson" Johnson (1852-1924), the first Johnson born in Jackson County, was the son of Isaac W. and Rachel, daughter of John D. and Susanna (McDade) Casto. Isaac's father was Joseph Johnson, a carpenter, born in 1793 in New Jersey and Nancy Rhodes, born in 1798 in Allegheny County, Maryland. There Isaac, Rachel Jane and William J. were born. They moved to Jackson County where Louisa was born in 1836.

"Benson's" sisters: Margaret, born 1842; Catherine, 1844; Melissa, 1849; and brothers: Davis, born 1847, and John J., born 1850.

In 1871 Benson married Jane "Jennie" Virginia Southall (1855-1930), daughter of Perlina (Hix) and William Southall. They settled on a farm on Southall Ridge where a granddaughter, Virginia Anderson and husband, Joseph, now live. He treated many passersby to a glass of delicious grape wine. Jane, a kind, gentle lady, had a penchant for cleanliness.



Joseph Benjamin "Benson" and Jane Virginia (Southall) Johnson

Their children: Hattie (1872-1954) married Everett Casto; children, Beulah, Leonard, Orel and Telitha Jane.

Columbus "Lum", born 1873, married Leona Rayburn in 1895. Della, born 1875, married Marion Bass in 1900, George Wilson (2nd). Josephine, "Jossie", (1881- 1931) married Martin Parkins. Children: Osmond, Otmer, William Clarence, Olan, Edgar and Jesse Ray, a Bataan Death March survivor of WW II, who died in 1961. Lula Pearl (1888-1953) married Cornelius M. Sharp. They were parents of Oral, Margaret Virginia, Harry Floyd, Cornelius II, and Pauline "Polly".

George Washington (1887-1947), youngest son of "Benson", married Sept. 30, 1917 Pearl Marie McGraw (1897-1963), daughter of Charles Henry and Mary (Fields) McGraw. He was principal of Ripley Elementary School in the early 1900s. Later, he operated an insurance agency.

Children: Margaret, born 1919, married John Darrell Karr. They are parents of Carol (Substelnny), Dr. Robert D., George W., CPA; John Charles, Mary Ann (Hess) and an adopted son of George and Donna Karr, George Jeffery.

Georgia Marie born 1920, married Charles Tolley. Children: Richard, David, Nancy, (MacDonald), Judith Ann (Hayes) and Daniel.

Charles Joseph (1923-1945) died in WW II in France.

George Washington, Jr., born 1928.
Betty Jo, born 1931, married Lonnie Anderson.
They have a daughter, Brenda Fletcher.

George W., Jr., married Joanne Talbott, daughter of John Grimes and Lola (Chappell). They have resided in Columbus, Ohio, where he is retired from Western and Southern Insurance Company. Children: Christine, born 1947, married Garland George. They are parents of Bryan and Lisa.

Cynthia, born 1951, married Bruce Hill.

Charla, born 1965, married William Schoen.

Charles "Chucky", born 1968, is single. He and his father, George W., Jr., are the last Johnson, by name. *Submitted by Margaret J. Karr*

OTIS AND GEORGIA (BAKER) JOHNSON

Otis Johnson, born in 1881 in the Letart District of Meigs Co., Ohio, his parents were Luman and Mary Moore Johnson, both were born in the Sutton District of Meigs Co. His paternal grandparents were John F. Johnson, a sailor who came to America from Germany around 1803 and settled in Meigs County in 1810, and Lydia Circle Johnson, born in Shenandoah County, Virginia came with her parents to Mason County in 1807 and shortly after to Meigs County, Ohio. Otis Johnson's maternal grandparents were James Moore I and Hannah Toland Moore, who were married in Pennsylvania and came to Meigs County in 1830s.

Georgia Baker Johnson was born in Reedy, Roane County, WV, in 1892. She was the daughter of John Baker who was born in Sandyville in 1866, and Mary McMurray Baker who was born in Hazel, Meigs County. Georgia's paternal grandparents were Andrew F. and Margaret Powers Baker who were born in Monroe and Noble County, Ohio respectively. Andrew and Margaret came to Jackson County about 1861. Andrew served in the 14th Militia Regiment and participated in the campaign against Morgan's Raiders. Georgia's maternal grandparents were William McMurray, who was born in Ireland and came to America in 1847 with his parents who settled in Meigs County in the 1850s, and Anna Barber McMurray who was born in Meigs County. William and Anna McMurray came to Jackson County in about 1870.

Otis was an identical twin and one of 14 children. When he was about 27 he began working at the St. Dennis Mill in Ravenswood near the old Ravenswood House Hotel. While working there he met Georgia. They were married in 1910 and lived in a house by the Ohio River at the end of Mulberry Street in Ravenswood, close by the mill where Otis worked. In 1911, their first child, Gladys Lucille, was born. A son, Carl Francis, was born in 1913, just a few days before the great flood that washed their house away.

Four other children were soon born; Eulah Mae in 1915, Clarence William in 1918, Mary Virginia in 1920, and Vera Delores in 1922. In the 1920s, Otis Johnson began working for the Boso and Ritchie Construction Company. One day Otis came home from work feeling ill and within a week, on January 26, 1926 died of influenza and pneumonia. Georgia raised her family on her own. She continued to live in the Ravenswood area and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. In 1942, she married Charlie Hudson. Most of their life together was spent in an old home on Wilson Street. Charlie Hudson died there in 1967. Georgia spent time living with her children until she died on September 19, 1979 as a great-great-grandmother. Otis and Georgia are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

Gladys married Fred Callinger and they lived in Wood County. They had two children; Peggy and William. Carl married Marie Johnson and they lived in Kanawha County and had a daughter, Teresa and a son Stephen. Eulah married Walter

Baumol and had a daughter, Deborah, and a son Walter, Jr. They lived in Roanoke, Virginia. Virginia married Carroll Lytton. They had four daughters; Nancy, Sandra, Katy, and Jean. They lived in Kanawha County. Clarence married Eva McDougal and they have a son, Gary. They live near Waterford, Ohio. Vera married Raymond Kelbaugh and they live in Sherman, Jackson County. *Submitted by Stephen W. Johnson*

ALEX JONES

The third generation of Moses Wheeler Jones was Alex Jones b. 1852 d. 1924. He married Susanna Jordan. She was born 6-21-1858 d. 1943. They had nine children: Liza married Berry; Kate married Steve Hedrick; Henry married Lara Larch; Radia married Jim Blackshire; Fanny married High Harper; Doc Lewis married Nancy Davis; Media married Loren Johnson; Fred married Gatha Harper; Esta married a Lanham.



Alex Jones

Susanna Jordan, daughter of William Jordan and Julia Gibson, had nine brothers and sisters: Absalom Jordan (b. 1855) married Elizabeth Cunningham; Mary (b. 1859); Ruth (b. 1861) married Joe Thompson.; Franklin (b. 1863); Nancy (b. 1865) married Frank Jones; Julia (b. 1868); William Jr. "Billy" (b. 1871) married Cynthia Parsons; Rose (b. 1874); Virginia (b. 1877).

Alex Jones had six brothers and sisters (?): Thomas (b. 1848); Emily (b. 1850); Robert (b. 1854); Noah (b. 1858); Lousanna (b. 1860) married John Sisson; Rosanna (b. 1860) married John Elmore. *Submitted by Rebecca Jones Barnard*

ARNOLD JONES

On December 27, 1908 Arnold Jones was born to Doc Lewis Jones and Nancy Davis Jones on Middle Fork, Advent, WV in southern Jackson County. When Arnold was three and his brother, Orville, was eight months old, their mother died. Doc didn't stay in one place very long after Nancy died; he worked in logging camps and traveled a lot. He was in New York when he died in 1948. Their grandparents, Alex and Susanna, took them in and raised them. They went to school at White Oak or Second Creek, according to which they thought had the best teacher.

Arnold enjoyed working on the farm with his grandfather and loved animals. When he was 14 he had a spotted horse named "Rex" which he taught to do tricks and wouldn't have anything to do with anybody but Arnold. He would lie down so Arnold could get on his back; then he would stretch out.

Many times Arnold would go with his grandfather to Charleston on a wagon with potatoes, apples, chickens, turkeys, and bring back supplies — middling meat, sugar, coffee, etc. They would have to go through mud and creek beds, which was the road. At Rt. 21 the mud would be up to the horses' bellies; they would hitch several items together in order to get through the deep mud. They would stay all night at Slip Hill and camp. If it got



Arnold Jones

dark they stayed at Aunt Louisa's.

Arnold helped veterinarian, Jim Blackshire, with sick animals when they got foundered on food, with castration, and with dehorning. He would work in the store, and helped Uncle Asp Jordan cut grass and wood to get money to buy shoes and clothes. He and his brother, "Coon", hunted opossums, rabbits, and polecats; the dog would bay them and Arnold would hold them up by the tail; they got good money for the hides.

Arnold married Charlotte Fowlkes September 1966. We have two sons, Marshall and Lewis. We moved on the old home place in 1974 in a mobile home. In 1983 we built a house on the land. Marshall graduated from Ripley in 1985 and joined the marines. Lewis graduated from Ripley in 1989 and is going to Marshall University. *Submitted by Charlotte Fowlkes Jones*

DOC LEWIS JONES

Doc Lewis Jones was born 1886 and died 1948 in New York. He married Nancy Davis in 1908.



Doc Lewis Jones

She was born in 1890 and died 1912. Nancy was the daughter of Benjamin Davis (born 1846, died 1925) and Louisa Jane Goff (born 5-1-1850, died 3-18-1915). Nancy's brothers and sisters: Libium Davis married Hester Jones. He was born 8-27-1868; J. Braxton born 6-20-1872 married Violet Harper; Jasper born 1-15-1875 married Leoda Price; George Leck born 12-30-1879; Marcenia born 1886 married Robert Jones; Margania born 1887 married Johnny Harper; Lessie born 1889 married Vernis Mack. *Submitted by Tammy Jones Lemaster*

JOHN AND SARAH JONES

JOHN FRANCIS JONES, born April 15, 1852, married Sarah Raines, born February 2, 1860 in



John and Sarah Jones

Roane County. Moved to Ravenswood in the 1920s to farm just below town. They had seven children, six sons and one daughter.

1. WILLIAM LEWIS JONES, born Feb. 17, 1881 and died December 3, 1955 married Viola Minerva Ellis, Dec. 18, 1902. Their children: (A) Opal Marquardt, born Oct. 2, 1903, died April 12, 1975. (B) Orpha, born Sept. 26, 1904, died June 4, 1974. (C) Ora Allman, born October 13, 1906 died March 16, 1957. (D) Delta Hafer, born January 30, 1908. (E) Joseph Francis, born February 27, 1911, died April 24, 1989. (F) Mabel Holl, born March 18, 1912. (G) Alice Trowbridge, born August 21, 1913. (H) (Harry) Orland, born May 3, 1916. (I) Glazier, born June 22, 1918, died April 1, 1956. (J) Pearl Mason, born December 7, 1919.
2. J. KENNY JONES, born August 19, 1882, died December 5, 1941.
3. OMAR JONES, born November 5, 1889, died August 21, 1984. Married Margaret Doolittle, September 20, 1913. Their children: (A) Gail Crabtree, had daughter Pearl, deceased. Grandchildren, Gayle Louise, Sally and Barbara. (B) Marie Jones, married Elmer Jones, children Joann and Kenny. (C) Juanite Stockus Ganning, children, Linda and Russell.
4. HOYT JONES, born September 17, 1891, died April 20, 1984, married Esta Gandee, September 24, 1916. Children: (A) Grace Taylor, children: Susan, Sally, Judy, and David. (B) Gertrude Baker Hughes, son Sidney. (C) Carl Edward, children: Sheila and John.
5. HOWARD JONES, born August 20, 1893, died December 8, 1976, married Madge Fox, November 6, 1920.
6. OLLIE MAE WILDMAN, born June 20, 1899, died March 17, 1981, married Claude Ray Wildman, December 30, 1922. Children: (A) Mary Ernestine, deceased. (B) Charles Ray, son Brian. (C) Sarah Louise Breesawitz Sayre, children: Brenda, Billy and Bobby. (D) Alice Jean Icenhower, daughters Joanna and Kimberly. (E) John, son Edwin. (F) Barbara Lockhart, children: Mark, John, and Megan.
7. FRED JONES, born March 7, 1901 and died January 20, 1927. Submitted by Delta Hafer

MOSES WHEELER JONES

Moses Wheeler Jones (b. 1776 d. 1805) married Sarah Brown 1805. She was born 1781. They had 13 children.

Henry Jones (b. 1825) married Catherine Dooley 4/18/1846. She was born in 1828.

Alex Jones (b. 1852 d. 1924) married Susanna Jordan (b. 6/21/1858 d. 1943).

Doc Lewis Jones (b. 1888 d. 1948 in NY) married Nancy Davis 1908. She was born in 1890 and died in 1912.

Orville Coon Benjamin Jones (b. 5/1911 d. 11/1974) married Reba Tully 1934. She was born 3/26/1916. Orville grew up on First Creek, Middle Fork, Jackson County. His mother died when he was approximately eight months old. He lived with relatives until he went to Charleston to work. As a boy he worked with Billy Jordan on the farm and

went with him to Charleston to get supplies for his store. Reba Tully said the first time she saw him he was on the wagon going through Two Mile. At that time she made up her mind to marry him. She had never seen anyone so good looking.



Orville "Coon" Benjamin Jones

Orville Ray Jones (b. 1/17/1938) married Beulah Burdette. He lives on part of the old farm and owns the Billy Jordan farm where the cemetery is located.



Orville Ray "Bud" Jones and Betty Kay Jones

Children of Orville and Reba Jones: Barbara (1934); Nancy (1936); Betty Kay (1938); Orville Ray (1938).



Orville Ray Jones

Children of Orville Ray and Beulah Jones: Rebecca (2/25/1961); Tammy (5/28/1962); Barbara (5/7/1966); Orville Jr. (8/17/1969).

Grandchildren of Orville and Beulah Jones: Jeremy Hall Barnard (6/17/1982); Sarah (8/9/1985); Randy Lemaster (7/28/1982); Nicole (11/8/1987). Submitted by Beulah Burdette Jones



Orville Ray Jones Jr.

OLLIE G. AND WILLIAM C. JONES

In 1920 Ollie Gertrude (Jones) 1895-1955 and William Clayton Jones 1892-1943 settled in Jackson County when they purchased one half of the Mangus farm on the Middle Fork of the Poca River on land adjoining his mother Geneva (Atkisson) 1869-1925 and father Squire Jenkins Jones 1866-1972. Ollie was the daughter of Margaret Belle (Jarvis) 1874-c. 1897 and William Marshall Jones 1869-1948 of Roane County, Wva.

Ollie G. Jones, who retained the same last name all through life (she from a Northern branch and Clayton from a Southern branch of Jones) gave birth to nine children. Aristotle 1914, Dessell 1916, Mildred 1918, Clifford 1920, Virginia 1924, William, Jr. 1926, Delores 1932, Rebecca 1935 and Markle 1936. But Delores and Rebecca died in their childhood. The family home, was built above the original log house on the property. Locust poles were a cash crop and hauled down from the hills behind the log house. Hardwood timber was cut for market; it also supplied some lumber for the homestead, cellar house, and out buildings. A suspension (swinging) bridge was erected across the Middle Fork for foot traffic. It served not only the Jones and Mangus families; but all travelers using the footpaths crossing the country to and from their destination. This swinging bridge was especially enjoyed by the youngsters — as a swimming hole was underneath it.



Ollie G. and William Clayton Jones

Clayton farmed, carted coal, etc. and worked in the gas/oil fields. In 1929, after being low bidder (\$129.99) he was awarded the Star Route mail route. With the help of his son, he delivered mail by horseback in winter and in foul weather and by automobile in summer and good weather. Clayton kept this route until 1933 when he was underbid.

In 1934 Ollie was awarded the ADVENT Post Office, which she ran from the home until c. 1946. Bossie, her youngest son's dog became a banc to the postal inspector — after patrons complained

of being chased or bitten by this dog, the inspector ordered Ollie to get rid of the dog or control him better. But being an independent sort, she refused, saying she would neither send the dog away or tie him up since Bossie belonged to her son.

During the early 1940s, the Jones family had a gas well drilled on their property and gas lights installed in their home. The Jones home remained a haven to the family and was frequented by many visitors and many happy times were spent at this home by the grandchildren — especially this granddaughter.

In time some of the children moved away: Aristotle and his family to Delaware, Mildred (Shaffer) and her daughters to Florida, William Clayton, Jr. and his family to southern West Virginia.

But Dessel (Ray), Clifford, Virginia (Shamblin) and Markle remained in the area. Markle is presently erecting another home on the old family farm.

William died at home from cancer in 1943. Ollie was killed in a tragic automobile accident in 1955 in Kanawha County. *Submitted by Betty Shaffer Evans*

ORLAND AND MARCELLA JONES

Harry Orland Jones was born in Walton, Roane County, West Virginia, May 3, 1916. He was one of ten children, six girls and four boys, born to William Lewis and Viola Ellis Jones. The family moved from Walton to Ravenswood West Virginia in 1923.

Harry Orland, who is known as Orland to his friends, was a proficient musician who played guitar and sang over a local radio station until he enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1942. He was stationed for training in Texas, Oregon and Washington before he was sent to the Pacific War area in 1943. His 796 Ordinance Company of the 96th Division landed on Leyte in the Philippines on January 1944. He was honorably discharged in January 1946.

Orland married Marcella Rivenes of Onida, South Dakota on February 20, 1946 in Lockport, NY. They returned to Jackson County in July 1946 and rented the Darrel Rector farm until 1949 when they purchased a farm on Road Fork where they still reside.

Orland has worked for the CCC's in the 1930s and later for the State Road Dept., Hartley Oil Co. V.F.W., Vanness and Farmer's Federal Savings and Loan from which he retired after 18 years.



Roger, Orland, Marcella, Deborah, and Kevin Jones 1971

Orland keeps himself busy with a large garden where he enjoys raising vegetables which gives him pleasure to share with family and friends. Marcella works as Postmaster at Sherman, West Virginia

Some interesting things which happened during his younger years were to drive turkeys to market, moved to Ravenswood in a buggy with a cow tied on behind from Walton to Jackson County, and later walked with groups of young folks to church

and social gatherings.

Orland and Marcella are the parents of the following three children:

Roger Keith: born January 16, 1947, married Donna Blizzard and they live in Charleston WV. Their children are: Roger Keith stationed with Air Force in the Phillippines. Gina married Keith Carte and lives in Charleston, WV.

Deborah Ann: born July 7, 1952 married Michael Warrell and they live in Dover, Delaware. Their children are: Becky, who attends Lauder College of Design in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Michael, who is a junior at Dover High School.

Kevin Rivenes: born August 23, 1957 has one daughter: Tabetha Lynn. *Submitted by Marcella Jones*

ORVILLE B. "COON" JONES

Born in Jackson Co. May, 1911, Orville Benjamin "Coon" Jones, 5th generation of Moses Wheeler Jones, 2nd son of Doc Lewis Jones and Nancy Davis Jones married Reba Tully 1934. We had four children, 15 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. Barbara Lou b. 9/4/34 married



"Coon" and Reba Jones

Hanson Haskell Vincent; Nancy b. 2/7/46 married Luthur Buckner; Betty Kay b. 1/17/38 married Sam Talbert; Orville Ray (Bud) b. 1/17/38 married Beulah Burdette. Vincent grandchildren: Michael Douglas m. Diane Houston; they have two children. LeAnn m. Mike Miller; they have three children. Donnie m. Jeanie; they have one child. Mary Jane m. Steve Yosa; they have two children. Nancy m. Scott Cosin. Buckner grandchildren: Ricky m. Sherry Maynard; they have three children, 2nd m. Donna Stanfield. Cheryl m. Eddie Estep; 2nd m. Frank Austin they have one child. Susan m. Dale Rose; they have two children. Stuart m. Amy Holstein. Talbert grandchildren, Gregory m. Ginger Baldwin; they have three children. Tonja m. Randy Asbury; they have one child 2nd m. Jeff Miller; they have one child. Jones grandchildren: Rebecca m. Richard Barnard; they have two children. Tammy m. Randy Lemaster; they have one child. Barbara m. Paul Hilbert; they have one child. Orville Ray Jones, Jr. *Submitted by Reba Tully Jones*

ORVILLE R. JONES

My Mom and Dad;

Orville Ray Jones sixth generation of Moses Wheeler Jones, married Beulah Burdette. They have four children: Rebeca, Tammy, Barbara, and BJ. We moved to a farm at Advent, Jackson County, from Vermillion, Ohio, in 1975. The farm has been in Dad's family for several generations. The land was nothing but pine trees, and grass was growing in the middle of the main road not much traffic at all; but it has changed some. The ride to school on the bus was very long and very bumpy. The bus didn't run past our house. We got on the bus at 6:50 a.m. and got home around 5 p.m. We really enjoyed living on the farm; we had horses, cows, and other animals. We started showing a couple of our horses at shows, and we went riding every weekend in the summer time. We raised our own



Barbara, Paul Hilbert, Beulah and Orville Jones

beef and vegetables so we always had a lot of work to do. The roads were so bad we always had a four wheel drive vehicle. We all graduated from Ripley High School. Rebecca lives in Sissonville. Tammy lives on part of the farm. I went into the Air Force and was living in Oklahoma. I met Paul Hilbert there; we came back to Jackson Co. to get married; we had a yard wedding. Upon discharge, I moved back to Jackson Co. Paul my husband is in Japan. My brother, BJ is in the Air Force stationed at Alconbury Base in England. My Dad and Mom have four grandchildren: Jeremy, Randy, Sarah, and Nichole. *Submitted by Barbara Jones Hilbert*

(WILLIAM) LEWIS AND VIOLA JONES

Lewis Jones was born to John and Sarah (Raines) Jones on 2-17-1881 at Ryan, Roane County, and married Viola Minerva Ellis on 12-19-1902 and they had ten children. They moved from Roane County to Jackson County in 1923. (The same day as dedication of the United Brethren Church in North Ravenswood.) Oscar Moore moved household goods and part of family and Lewis and Viola came in a buggy with the smaller children and a cow tied behind the buggy. He purchased a farm from his brother, Omar, on Turkey Run. The children attended country school and one of their teachers, Jesse Alexander, lives in Ravenswood. Lewis farmed and worked at the stone quarry at Crow Summit. Family is all scattered.



William Lewis and Viola Jones

1. Opal born 10-2-1903 married Earl Marquardt of Akron, Ohio — both deceased.

2. Orpha (deceased) born 9-26-1904 married Virginia Bunner (deceased) had one son (a) Randolph of Stowe, Ohio who has son, Bill and daughter, Tina. Married Garnet Parsons and one daughter (b) Donna French has two sons.

3. Ora (deceased) born 10-13-1906 married Cecil Allman — four children: (a) Austin has Freda, Bill and Diane; (b) Dorothy Mason of Marmora, NJ has Cathy, David, George, Dennis, Susan Sally and Michael; (c) Donald (deceased) has four children; (d) Ronald of Ravenswood has Jeff, Steve and Brett.

4. Delta born 1-30-1908 married Everett Hafer of Ravenswood. They were married 47 years. Everett died in 1980.

5. (Joseph) Francis (deceased) married Lucille

Smith-five children: (a) Charlott of Sacramento, CA has two daughters, Sabrina and Sharie; (b) Alice Faye (deceased); (c) Lois of Sherman, children, Scott, Tammy and Darlene; (d) Connie (deceased); (e) Jackie of Orient, OH has Timmy, Micki, and Jason. Married Mary Lawson has one son, Joe, lives at Princeton, WV and three step-children, Margaret, Peggy, and Cathy.

6. Mabel 3-18-1912 married Lcroy Holl (deceased) of Wadsworth, OH, two children: (a) Marvin has one son, Jeff; (b) Barbara has four sons, Rex, Ronald, Yogi and Mike.

7. Alice 8-21-1913 married Ross Trowbridge (deceased) of Kingswood, WV, two sons: (a) Bill, Taveres, FL; children, Lisa Laura, Amy and Adrian; (b) John Scott, Lockport, NY.

8. (Harry) Orland born 5-3-1916 married Marcella Rivenes of Onida, SD, children: (a) Roger of Charleston, WV, two children, Roger Keith and Gina; (b) Deborah of Dover, DE, two children, Becky and Michael; (c) Kevin of Ravenswood, one daughter, Tabetha.

9. Glazier (deceased) born 6-22-1918 married Eula Barber who resides in Parkersburg, WV — one daughter (a) Carol of Little Hocking, OH, has two children Jeff and Jenefer.

10. Pearl born (12-7-1919) married Walter Mason (deceased) of South Dennis, NJ, two children: (a) Larry of San Jose, CA, who has a boy and a girl; (b) Sandy of Cape May Court House, NJ, has one son, James. *Submitted by Pearl Mason*

JORDAN

U. S. (Sanford) Jordan, son of William and Rebecca (Burford) Jordan of (Wood) W.Va. was born 11 Feb. 1870. He had two brothers: Andrew J. Jordan, born 1868 and Josephus "Joseph" Franklin Jordan, born 22 Apr. 1876. Andrew married Silvia S. Bearlia (Berry) and Josephus "Joseph" married Alcinda Kimes.

Sanford "Sant" Jordan married Mary M. Smith, daughter of Lenox Ernest and Elizabeth (Burford) Smith, then made their home at Sherman (Jackson) W.Va. There they had 14 children. The eldest John Henry was born 17 Jan. 1890. He married Icia Lena Swain, daughter of John and Talitha (Milhoan) Swain on 20 July 1912 in Parkersburg (Wood) W. Va. They lived there for two years before moving to Akron (Summit) Ohio. John and Icia had two children: Opal Clarastine, born 4 Aug. 1914 in Jackson County, W.Va. and Ray Denzil, born 8 Oct. 1920 in Akron (Summit) Ohio. John Henry died 11 Jan 1943 in Akron; his wife Icia died 30 Dec. 1977 in Marietta (Washington) Ohio. Both are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Barberton, (Summit) Ohio.

"Sant" and Mary's next child was Nora May, born 1894. She married Floyd Nesselrode on 18 Mar 1913 in Ravenswood, W.Va. Lydia born 1897 died of burns caused by a brush fire in May 1910. Cora born 1899 was married 12 Sept 1917 in Wooster, Ohio to Sam Kohler. Everett born 1902 married Alice Hinton in 1922. Everett and Alice lived in Stark Co. Ohio where they had five children, Margaret, Mae, Eunice, Elda Louise and



U. S. "Sanford" and Mary Jordan family

Everett, Jr. Alice died in 1959 and was buried in Wartsler Cemetery (Stark) Ohio. After the birth of Everett, "Sant" and Mary had Earl who died in infancy. (He may have been a twin of Everett). May Belle born 1903 married Albert Diehl and died 1918. "Sant" and Mary had another daughter, Thelma. No official record has been found for her, but according to family records, she may have died in Navarre, Ohio. Margaret T. was born 20 Nov. 1907 and died 15 Feb. 1909. Walter born 1909 died 1926. Paul Oscar born 13 Nov 1910 was married and living in Wheeling, W.Va. in 1943, when John Henry died in Akron, Oh. There were three other children who died in infancy — Charles, William and Frank. Research indicates that one of these boys was a twin of John Henry.

Sanford's wife Mary died after the birth of Paul in 1910. She and all the young children are buried in the Jordan Cemetery near Topins Grove (Jackson) W.Va. Josephus Franklin Jordan is also buried there.

Sanford married Lettie Daugherty after Mary's death, but was divorced after two years. Family records show that there were other marriages after that but when this article was written in 1989, no official information has been found for them or the date of his death. *Submitted by Ray D. Jordan*

WILLIAM W. JORDAN

William Wilson Jordan was born December 11, 1870 at Advent, West Virginia, and died 2 Aug 1958, at the home of his daughter, at the junction of Camp Creek and the Pocatalico River in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He was the son of William Jordan and Julia Ann Gilliam, a grandson of Pleasant Absolum and Ann (Burchett) Jordan on the paternal side and Isom and Rebecca (Phipp) Gilliam on the maternal side. He married January 20, 1892 at Kentuck, West Virginia, Cynthia Jane Parsons, a daughter of James Ervin Parsons and Sarah M. Harper. Cynthia Jane was born at Cicerone, West Virginia. February 5, 1875 and died 10 Aug. 1953 at Ripley, WVA. They were known as "Uncle Billy" and "Aunt Cynt" by their many friends and neighbors. They had seven children.



Cynthia Jane (Parsons) and William Wilson Jordan

First was Ida Virginia, born October 24, 1893 and died October 12, 1938. She married Leftridge Romeo Summers, August 29, 1909 and had nine children. Second, Alva O., born February 8, 1897, died October 20, 1898. Third, Hattie Pearl, born August 22, 1899, died May 27, 1903. Fourth, George Burl, born August 2, 1902, died July 15, 1976, married May 21, 1922 Hattie Harmon, and had six sons. Fifth, Julia Edna, born March 16, 1907, died July 18, 1908. Sixth, Harry Chapman, born March 21, 1909, died ? in Florida, married 1932 Marble Landers, and had one child. Seventh, Mable Mae, born January 28, 1912, married December 13, 1931 Byron Carnegie Jones, and had five children. They lived at Camp Creek, Jackson County and on the Pocatalico River until the death of Byron in 1987; Mabel Mae (Jordan) Jones now (1989) lives in Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia.

"Uncle Billy" was well known in Jackson County as he was the county assessor at one time and ran a country store on the ridge between White Oak Run and Second Creek for a number of years. In their later years they resided at Sidneyville, then the last years of "Aunt Cynts" life on Klondyke Road in Ripley, near their son George Burl and family, after which time "Uncle Billy" spent the rest of his life with his son, George, on Klondyke Road near Ripley, and with his daughter, Mabel Mae Jones, who lived at the junction of Camp Creek and the Pocatalico River, in Kanawha Co. West Va. Both "Uncle Billy" and "Aunt Cynt" are at rest in the Jordan cemetery at Advent, Jackson County, West Virginia as are several of their children, and other relatives. Their son, George Burl Jordan, taught school in his younger years, before he went to work as a U. S. Mail Carrier where he spent the middle years of his life carrying the mail through the countryside. His later years were spent as Postmaster at the Ripley Post Office until his retirement.

Ida Virginia and Leftridge Romeo Summers lived at several places in Jackson and Kanawha Counties where Leff followed the trade of farmer and lumberman until his death October 25, 1936 of pneumonia. Ida Virginia followed her beloved husband in death two years later on October 12, 1938, of heart failure, leaving seven children to mourn their passing. Two daughters, Audrey Summers and Ruby Myrtle (Summers) Haynes preceded Ida Virginia in death.

"Uncle Billy" and "Aunt Cynt" raised a neighbor boy, Fleming Boggess, to manhood and provided him with all the necessities to start a successful life on his own. They also raised two grandsons, "Eugene Odare and Hansford Iven (Hank) Summers". The latter was six years old when he was taken into the home. "Uncle Billy" at this time was 62 years old, and "Aunt Cynt" was 57. They lived to see the death of Eugene Odare in an auto wreck at Kenna, and the marriage of Hank after his discharge from the U. S. Air Force. *Submitted by Dale Summers*

KALT

Charles Ernst Kalt (5/27/1824-8/16/1881) was born Ernst Carl Ludwig Kaldt in Frankenburg, Hesse, Germany. He immigrated to America and married Maria Keziah Fuhrman of Lititz, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, and became the parents of nine children: George Julius (who died as an infant), Julius Augusta, Henry Andreas Josiah, John Stuart, Alice Josephina, Charles Lewis, Maria Justina Emilie, William Franklin, and Walter Paul Cornelius.

Charles Ernst Kalt came to Jackson County and purchased a farm between Sandyville and Liverpool on December 18, 1877. He then returned to Columbiana County, built a raft large enough to hold the whole family, their possessions, and, with stalls for livestock, put it on the Ohio River at East Liverpool. They started out for West Virginia, floating down the river by day and pulling into shore at night. Finally they reached their destination after having traveled some 200 miles on the river to an area near Ravenswood where they continued on land to their farm near Sandyville.

Eventually Alice Josephine Kalt Rogers and William Franklin Kalt settled in Athens County, Ohio. Julius Augusta, Henry Andreas Josiah, and John Stuart Kalt settled in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Maria Justina Emilie Kalt Hutchinson settled in Harrisville, West Virginia. Charles Lewis and Walter Paul Cornelius Kalt remained in Jackson County.

Charles Lewis Kalt (3/14/1854-1960) was married to Lucy Haynes. They were the parents of Letitia (Letty) Kalt Robinson, Henry Lewis Kalt, Doris Kalt Curry, and Hazel Maxine Kalt Stanley,

all deceased. Charles Lewis operated a store and the post office at Crow Summit.

Walter Paul Cornelius Kalt (9/17/1873-4/22/1952) was married to Luella Williams (1878-1906). Their children, William Jennings Kalt and Inez Kalt Kirby, are both deceased. After the death of his first wife, Walter married Lora Jane Mullinex (7/7/1890-10/27/1982). They were the parents of Ruby Mae Kalt Badgett (3/12/1911-6/24/1988). Glen Darrell Kalt, who presently lives in Ripley, and Gerald Lynn Kalt of Havelock, North Carolina. The Kalts operated a store at Frozen Camp for many years. They came to Ripley in 1947 and operated their store on Main Street until 1949 when they moved to Parkersburg and opened a store at Mineralwells for a short time before they retired.

Glen Darrell and his wife, Edna Hainline Kalt, have three children: Barbara Kalt Knight, Cleveland, Ohio, William Darrell Kalt of Aiken, South Carolina, Deborah Kalt Sisson of Ripley, and four grandchildren. Deborah, her husband, Stephen, and son, Jay Kalt Sisson, live on Midway Acres. She is an art teacher at Ripley Middle School.

Much of the above information was furnished by Barbara Kalt Exley, New Philadelphia, Ohio, a great-granddaughter of John Stuart Kalt, and Bill Currey, Pocatalico, West Virginia, grandson of Charles Lewis Kalt. *Submitted by Glen D. Kalt*

KARR (KERR, CARR)

The first of our Karr line to come to Jackson County was David D. Karr (b. 1846, Wheeling, WV; d. 1898).

He moved there in 1866 ahead of his parents who came in 1871.

His father, (?John) Henry Kerr (b. ca 1812, Ireland; d. 1890), came to America from Ireland sometime between 1820-1839).

Family history says he came with two brothers who were weavers. Henry spent most of his life in Wheeling where he was a drayman. On 29 August 1839 Henry married Anna Agnes Fulton (b. 1822; d. 1892).

Their children in addition to David were: John (?Henry), Elizabeth, Katherine, Margaret, and James.

The family must have valued education since two of their sons, David and John, were school teachers. David was also the editor of the paper, and Justice of the Peace (1876). He started the Ripley Academy.

David and Louisa Francis Van Horn (b. 1851, Jackson City; d. 1941) were married 1 April 1869. She was the daughter of Brice Selby Van Horn (b. 1830, Baltimore, MD; d. 1889) and Sarah Jane Mills (b. 1828, Belmont, OH; d. after 1880).

Her paternal grandparents were Samuel Abraham Van Horn (b. 1790-1800; d. 1831) and Marie Louisa Messer (Mercer) (b. 1801-2 d. 1880) whose second husband was Miles A. Jacoby. Her maternal grandparents were William Mills and Martha E. Brooks.

Children of David and Louisa Francis were: Annie, Sally, Louise, Marie, William Morrison, Charles and Edgar.



Maguire Hotel (Corner of Court & Main Streets)

Louisa Francis in addition to her seven children reared 21 other children, some of whom were not blood related and one of whom was a black male, said to have become a judge in Wheeling. The large number of children was probably because of her hotel business interests. One such hotel was the Hotel Maguire which was located in downtown Ripley. A second one was the Hassler house also across from the courthouse in Ripley. Her son, William Morrison (b. 1878, Pond Creek, Pleasant View, WV; d. 1953) and his wife, Ida Jane Wendell (b. 1885 Staats Mills, WV; d. 1965) managed the second hotel in the 1930s.

Will and Ida met at the O.J. Morrison store where he was a clerk. Later he was a garageman, contractor, and policeman. Ida was a seamstress and milliner. One time they went all the way to Charleston by horse and buggy to get a pecan pie which was a secret recipe!

Ida's father was George Nestor Wendel (b. 1856 Staats Mills, WV; d. 1926) with a family line of Morris, Young, McWhorter, Glass, Smith, Hurst, Sims, Fields. Her mother was Hannah Margaret Staats (b. 1854; d. 1890) with a family line of Tolley, Carney, Hill, King, Parsons, Chestnut.

Children and grandchildren of Will and Ida were: Lillian m. "Happy" Fryberger (Shirley, Linda, Cindy). William Jr. m. Jeanne Flemming (David, Debbie, Bill, Jane Ann) Evelyn m. Charles Kessel, son (C.V.)

John m. Margaret Johnson (Carol, Robert, George, Mary, Johnnie) Annabel m. —Hill (Joe, Gary). *Submitted by Shirley Karr/Fryberger Woods Jordan*

DAVID KARR

David D. Karr was born October 16, 1845, died August 2, 1898. He married Louisa Frances Van-Horn who was born May 4, 1848. David was a school teacher. Later in life they owned and operated the Commercial Hotel which was located on the corner of Main and Maple Street in Ripley, across from the Jackson County Courthouse.

Edgar Franklin Karr, one of the children of David and Louisa Karr, was born January 25, 1887 and died June 1938. He was married to Ada Virginia Casto, daughter of Jacob and Phylena Casto.

Ada was born July 16, 1889 and died May 1, 1971. They were the parents of four children: France Elaine was born June 13, 1910, died March 16, 1983. She was married to Holly D. Casto and they had three sons, Jeems Edgar, William Eugene and Dickie Darrell.

John Jacob Karr, born April 18, 1912 and died July 21, 1981. He was married to Madoline Wilda McIntyre (born May 31, 1910 and died November 30, 1977) and they had two daughters, Lois Marie who was born June 13, 1932 and Ada Grace who was born May 15, 1936.

Charles Edgar Karr married to Hazel Bumgardner; they had no children. Helen Karr was married to Howard G. Ramsey and they had two sons, Patrick and Michael. Edgar Karr was a well known merchant in Ripley and the area; he owned the Model Grocery in Ripley until his death. The Model Grocery was located across from the Jackson County Courthouse on the corner of Court and North Street. Ada Karr was a very active person in the Baptist Temple where she and Ed were both members. She played the piano for church for many years.

John J. Karr worked in the family grocery store with his father for several years. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Corps in September 1942 and was in the Caserine Pass Invasion of North Africa during World War II; it was there he was wounded in the spine. He left the military in 1945. He was a charter member of the Ripley Volunteer Fire Dept. and he and Madoline both were active in the American Red Cross, both being Red Cross First

Aid Instructors and they were members of the Red Cross Disaster Team, one of the places they served was at the Silver Bridge Disaster in Pt. Pleasant, WV, which claimed many lives. Lois Marie married Ralph Eugene Nuckles (son of Virgil and Acel Nuckles), Ralph was born July 13, 1930. He was an employee of Kaiser Aluminum for 30 years and upon his retirement in March 1987 he was elected mayor of the City of Ripley, for a two year term. He was reelected June 1989 for another two year term. Lois served as a Deputy Sheriff for Jackson County for almost 17 years. They had three children; Patti Sue was born July 12, 1948; Ronald Eugene was born August 19, 1950, and Robert Cecil was born November 11, 1958.



Ralph Nuckles

Patti married Robert Lee Snyder; they had two daughters, Melissa Ann, born October 2, 1972 and Melinda Marie, born June 9, 1977.

Ronald married Barbara Jean Boggess and they had two children, Marcus Allen born August 25, 1971 and Kimberly Lane born December 2, 1973. Ron and Barbara later divorced and he married Donna Adkins from Pt. Pleasant, who had two daughters, Coleen and Shannon. Ron and Donna and their four children now live in Indiana.

Robert Cecil married Carla Heisman and they have one son, Devon Eric, born June 26, 1985.

Ada Grace Karr married Ed Divvins and they had two children: Robert Michael born September 21, 1956 and Deanna Lou born June 15, 1958. Deanna had two children by her marriage to Anon Nielson, Edward Thomas born January 9, 1982 and Laurel Eileen born January 12, 1985. Ada was a registered nurse and she later divorced and married Doug Clark; they reside in Florida where he is a contractor. *Submitted by Lois Nuckles*

EMORY KAY

Emory Kay was born October 16, 1889, near Foster Ridge, Jackson Co. WV, the fifth of seven children of James H. Kay and Elizabeth J. Duffield. Emory taught school in both Jackson and Kanawha counties, as well as being a rural mail carrier in Given for four years and selling life insurance.

In 1943, he founded Kay Real Estate Company and retired in 1955. He died August 7, 1975, and was buried in Grandview Memorial Park in Dunbar.

Emory married Carrie Elizabeth Brotherton on November 24, 1915, at Given, WV. She is the only daughter of seven children born to Lee White Brotherton and Nancy Alice Foglesong.

Carrie was born May 26, 1896, at Given, WV, and at the age of 93, is still living in Dunbar.



Emory and Carrie Kay 1965

Emory and Carrie had three children: Hazel born April 27, 1917, Virginia born October 10, 1918, and Emory Basil born October 1, 1922. All were born in Given, WV.

Hazel retired from Union Carbide in South Charleston in 1980, after 30 years service. Prior to her employment with Union Carbide, she worked for Fletcher Enamel for 14 years. She was a WAC in World War II. She was never married and lives in Dunbar.

Virginia married Randall Russell of Dunbar on August 9, 1941. He died in 1970 and was buried in Dunbar. Virginia worked for Fletcher Enamel for 10 years and for Kay Real Estate for 10 years. After graduation from Charleston Beauty Academy, she opened Modern Beauty Shop in Dunbar and continues to work two days a week. She has no children.

Emory Basil married Margaret Theresa Campbell of South Charleston on May 4, 1946, after returning from three years in the South Pacific during World War II. They are the parents of three children; Emory Benton born February 2, 1948, Linda Sue born July 27, 1950, and Daniel Lee born August 11, 1960.

Emory Basil and Margaret live in Dunbar where he is a Real Estate Broker.

Emory Benton Kay married Linda K. Denning on May 28, 1967. They are the parents of two children; Robert Benton born December 23, 1967, and Pamela Kristin born June 28, 1969. Ben lives in Sarasota, FL, where he is an attorney. Both children are students at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.

Linda Sue married Charles J. Boyd of Montgomery, WV, on September 12, 1970. They are the parents of two boys; Anthony Luther born June 8, 1973, and Charles Patrick born July 18, 1979. They live in Sarasota, FL.

Daniel Lee married Kimberly S. Adkins on December 18, 1982. They are the parents of two children; Justin Andrew born August 14, 1986, and Alexa Paige born July 8, 1989. They live in Charleston, WV, where Dan is a Financial Consultant with Wheat, First Securities, Inc. Submitted by Hazel Kay and Daniel L. Kay

EVERETT KAY

Everett and Ina Kay were married July 7, 1928, in Akron, Ohio. Everett and Ina were employed there at this time. On Saturday night, July 28, a shower party was held in their honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stewart, Akron, Ohio; the guests were served delicious chocolates and the male guests received cigars. The following year, they moved to West Virginia and in later years purchased a house and farm on Sycamore where they reared their family of seven children. A clipping taken from the Jackson Herald reads: "Increases in the Everett Kay family of near Ripley goes up by leaps and bounds. Early last Thursday morning, January 9th, Mrs. Kay gave birth to the second set of twins in the family within 14 years. The first twins are girls and were born 14 years ago and are now students in the Ripley High School. Their names are Lucille and Luella. The

second set of twins are boys; Dr. E.D. Staats was the physician."

Everett George Kay was the son of John and Cassie Thomas Kay, Evans, W.V. and was born March 12, 1906 and died September 9, 1968, is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley. At the time of his death, he was a retired foreman for the State Road Commission and a Jackson County farmer.



Everett and Ina Kay

Everett and Ina Kay's children are, Viola married Gene Ransom and had one child, Anglene, next married Henry Lewis; Henry has one son, Leslie Lewis. Lucille Kay married Herman Hinzman; their three children were Carolyn, Kelvin, and Michael. Carolyn married Steven Miller and have three children, Jason, Craig, and Tia. Kelvin Hinzman married Carolyn Fields and have three children, Sara, Matthew, and Jonathan. Michael Hinzman married Julia White and have one daughter, Ashley. Luella Kay married Jack Spears and their three children are, Sharon, Steven, and Sheila. Sharon Spears married Bill Thomsen and have two sons, Zane and Jeremy. Steven Spears married Becky Young and have three sons, Kenneth, Chad, and Aaron. Sheila Spears married Craig Long. Violet Kay married Donald Matheney and reared two children, Timothy and Lisa Matheney. Lisa married David Harter and have one son, David Michael, and Tim is not married. Kenneth Elbert Kay was born March 18, 1940 and died October 27, 1958 from polio and is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery. Larry Kay married Violet Sams and have four children, Stephanie, Eric, Jennifer, Kenneth and Violet had a daughter by a former marriage, Cindy Dragoo.

Garry Kay married Connie Gandee and has one daughter, Neida Jo and a stepson, R.W. Hall. Ina Kay was born in 1907 and still lives on the family farm on Sycamore. Her parents were Cam and Birty Barnett of Rockcastle. Submitted by Lucille Hinzman and Violet Matheney

HOLLIE KAY, JR.

This is in tribute to my youngest brother, Hollie Kay, Jr., who was born in Jackson County on Round Knob Run on June 12, 1924 and died in Italy during World War II on January 16, 1944. Like so many young men from our area, he sacrificed his life so that loved ones back home could live in peace and freedom.

Part of our family, the Sayres and the Stewarts, came to the Jackson County area from Pennsylvania and their ancestors came to this country from Wales. The Kays had been in Jackson County for many years before that. Our parents were Hollie Kay and Beatrice Parsons Kay and we were a farming family, living on Round Knob Run which is near Evans. Children of Hollie and Beatrice, besides Hollie, Jr., are Olive Kay Parsons, Monroe Kay, Adelaide Kay Duff and Virginia Kay Brooks. Paternal grandparents were Dick Kay and Alice Stewart Kay who were also farmers. Maternal grandparents were George Parsons and Adelaide Casto Parsons. He was a teacher and general storekeeper, with one store at his home on Parch-

ment and one in Rock Castle, West Virginia.

Hollie, as did the rest of his brothers and sisters, received his education to the eighth grade from Round Knob Run school. He attended part of one semester at Ripley High School but didn't like it so he quit. He was 18 years old and working in a steel mill in Pittsburgh when he decided to enlist in the army. He figured he would be drafted anyway so he went ahead and enlisted. Hollie knew several young men from the area that were in the army with him. We would receive letters from him and he told us that he did not like being in the army and he talked about the award he won for sharpshooting during his training.

While serving with General Clark's army in Italy, where he was shipped after his enlistment and training, we received a letter from Hollie six days after he was wounded. He said that he wasn't injured too badly. He told us about riding mules up into the mountains of Italy before he was injured. Ernie Pyle, a famous newspaper war correspondent, would also later write in his column about



Hollie Kay Jr.

riding the mules into the mountains of Italy.

We never heard from Hollie after that last letter when he was in the hospital in Italy. The Germans bombed that hospital and the Red Cross believed that Hollie was there when the bombing occurred. We never received his personal belongings. Hollie's remains are buried at Pine Hill Cemetery. He was 19 years old. Submitted by Olive Kay Parsons

JACOB D. KAY

Jacob D. Kay, born March 27, 1824 in Green County, Pa., son of John D. and Minerva Black Kay; he died December 28, 1903. He married Hannah Sayre-February 19, 1845, the daughter of Abel and Ruth Parsons Sayre. They lived in Parchment Valley, Jackson County. Jacob was a farmer and a U. B. preacher. They are buried at Foster Chapel, Jackson County.

Their children:

(1) Sarah J. born 1846. No record of death or marriage.

(2) Melinda, born 1848-married Charles Knopp.

(3) Phlorius, also known as Dick, born 1850, married Lenora Alice Stewart, October 8, 1874. Phlorius died 1932.

(4) James H. born March 12, 1853-died September 13, 1935. Married Elizabeth J. Duffield-September 14, 1877. She was the daughter of Robert Moore Duffield and Nancy Ann Moore-born January 22, 1856-died October 30, 1921.

(5) Margaret, born 1856-married Robert Sayre on or about June 30, 1878.

(6) Ruth, born 1857.

(7) Abel born 1860.

(8) Charles born 1862-died 1936. He married Rosa Postelwait, August 23, 1888.

(9) John M. born 1865-died 1926. He married Addie R. Hunt, December 1, 1887.

(10) Enoch born August 7, 1869. Married Adelpia Newberry, January 7, 1892.

James H. fourth child of Jacob and Hannah Kay, married Elizabeth Duffield, September 14, 1877 in Jackson County. They lived near Rockcastle, West Virginia. He was a farmer. He was born March 12, 1853, died September 13, 1935 at the home of his son Clarence, in Dunbar, West Va. Elizabeth died October 30, 1921. They are buried at Foster. Their children:

(1) William, born September 9, 1878-died October 23, 1946. He married Nancy Flowers.

(2) Charles born January 20, 1880, died 1955. Married Mabel Mary Parsons and after her death he married Amanda.

(3) Della H. born January, 1881, died October 16, 1889.

(4) B. Earl born February 2, 1887, died January 17, 1967. He married Bertha Blankenship.

(5) Emory born October 16, 1889-died August 7, 1975. Married Carrie Brotherton November 24, 1915.

(6) Clarence born May 13, 1893, died April 3, 1962.

(7) Clara born May 3, 1893, died January 12, 1913. She was a twin to Clarence.

James H. married Mary V. Faber in 1928. They lived in Ripley until their deaths. Mary was Judge Oliver Kessell's aunt. They were both 75 years of age at this marriage which was the second marriage for both of them.

Clarence R. born May 3, 1893-died April 3, 1962, son of James H. and Elizabeth Duffield Kay, married Mary Maria Brotherton, December 27, 1921 in Dunbar, W.V. She was the daughter of Robert and Susan Gardner Brotherton. Mary was born January 16, 1897-died January 21, 1977, at the home of her daughter, Florence Kay Green, in Coral Springs, Florida. Clarence served in the First World War in France. He taught school in Jackson County before moving to Dunbar, W.V. Worked in the Bank of Dunbar from 1927 until 1945. Kay's Real Estate was formed in 1938 — he worked part time in Real Estate until he retired from the bank and continued in real estate until his death. They are buried in Grandview Memorial in Dunbar, W.V.

Their children:

(1) Florence H. born October 6, 1922-married Lloyd H. Lucas, Jr. February 19, 1945. (1922-1964); married (2) David Green, August 27, 1968. (born August 16, 1925). His parents are Abraham and Mae Schwartz Greenberg. He was born in New York City and is a pharmacist.

(2) James E. born December 28, 1923; married Lorena Taylor (b. 1920); She is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Carter Taylor. James served three years in the second World War in the U. S. Navy. Worked in Kay's Real Estate 20 years and 20 years for the United States Post Office in Charleston, W.V.

(3) William Franklin born August 16, 1925, died February 1926.

James E. and Lorena Taylor Kay's children:

(1) James E., Jr. born October 17, 1943; married Mary Frances Knapp, MD. June 1, 1975-she was born September 20, 1943. Her parents were Judge Dennis R. and Helen Jordon Knapp.

(2) John E. born July 28, 1945; married Linda Johnston March 8, 1968; she was born July 20, 1944 Her parents were Robert and Virginia Heare Johnston.

Their children:

(1) Jason E. born July 10, 1971.

(2) Justin E. born September 1, 1974.

(3) Johnna E. born November 22, 1979.

Submitted by James E. Kay, Jr and Florence Kay Green

JOHN AND EDNA (WOODALL) KAY

John R. Kay and Edna L. Woodall Kay were united in marriage on the 24th day of April 1920 by Rev. William Haught. John Kay was the son of Charles M. and Rosa Kay who lived near Rockcastle in Jackson County at the time of the marriage of John and Edna. Edna L. Woodall Kay lived near Spruce Falls. Children of Charles M. and Rosa Kay are Virgel 1899, Loyd 1891, John 1893, Tina Withrow Kay 1895, twins who died at birth 1893, Orval 1900, Lona May 1903, Delbert 1906, Jessie and Sherlie 1908, Lettie 1910, Velma 1913, and Russell Roscoe 1918. Four are still living.

Edna L. Woodall Kay was the daughter of William R. and Willie French Woodall. Their children are Okie, Lola Woodall Greenlie, wife of Roy Greenlie, who is deceased but whose wife is still living, also Cora Woodall Sommers, Charles, Ben, Bertha, and their youngest daughter, Edna L. Woodall Kay.

John and Edna L. Kay were the parents of six children; Harold, William, Charles, Clyde died April 30, 1885 and buried at Foster Cemetery, one daughter Grace Kay Kessel, and youngest son, Vernon. John Kay was a life long farmer and carried the mail from Ripley to Rockcastle. His father, Charles M. Kay, carried the mail and in later years moved to Dunbar and worked in the glass plant. Edna L. Kay's father, William R. Woodall, was a sawmill operator for many years when there was a lot of virgin timber and sawed with a steam engine traveling over different counties, however, mostly in Jackson County.



Edna L. (Woodall) Kay (seated),
Grace, Harold, Vernon, Charles, Clyde

John R. Kay passed away July 3, 1967 and was buried at Foster Cemetery. Edna L. Kay passed away August 11, 1988 and was buried at Long Hollow Cemetery.

1. Charles M. Kay, was born February 24, 1926. I am a retired school bus operator for Jackson County. I drove from 1969 to 1988. I also did some carpenter work before becoming a bus operator. I attended Long Hollow School and went from first to eighth grade. In my first years of school the name was Victory and was later changed to Long Hollow. My first teacher was Clyde Casto. My other teachers were Albert Kessel, Austin Kessel, Willard Kessel, Opie Hyre, Georgia Stewart Grady, and Lucy Battal. It was a one-room school that I enjoyed it a lot.

I was divorced in 1969, then married Elizabeth Ann Baker in 1986 from Glenville. Submitted by Charles M. Kay

JOHN P. KAY

Our Kay family is descended from the English and has various spellings (KAY, KAYE, and KEY). It is believed our first ancestor was Hon. Philip Kay, who was born in London, England, March 25, 1696, and came to Maryland when he was very young. He settled in St. Mary's County, Maryland, in whose provincial courts he practiced his pro-

fession. He died in Maryland in 1764.

James Kay, my great-great-grandfather, was born in 1780 in Green County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1864. He married Priscilla Deacon of Maryland. He was buried at the Chase Farm Cemetery below Ripley. His children were: John D. Kay, my great-grandfather, (1800-1880) born in Virginia — buried in Otterbein Cemetery in Evans. He married Minerva Black of Green County, Pennsylvania, and came to Jackson County in 1832. Children were: Jacob D. Kay (1824-1903); Malinda Kay (1826-1844); Nancy Kay (1828-1913); Mary Jane Kay (1830-1863); James H. Kay (1832-); Esley Kay (1835-1904); Benjamin F. Kay (1837-); John Raemer Kay (1840-); Charles M. Kay (1843-1875); and, Warren G. Kay, my grandfather, (1846-), married Hester Herdman December 1871-buried at Antioch Cemetery, Cow Run. Children were:

Edgar Kay - died at an early age — buried at Antioch Cemetery, Cow Run.

Charles Kay - married — five children — lived at Pt. Pleasant — buried in Heights Cemetery, Pt. Pleasant.

Dudley Kay - married Emma Donohue — children were: Roy, Freda and Col. Sidney Kay of the U. S. Air Force — all deceased — buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Mt. Alto.

William R. Kay - married Maggie Fridley — moved to Wellsville, Ohio — one child, Gladys Kay — buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Mt. Alto.

Arvel H. Kay - married Nellie Barnhart — moved to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania — one child, Virginia Miller — buried at Beaver Falls.

Oma Kay Taylor - married Henry Taylor — lived at Letart — children: Velma Hoffman, Henry Taylor, Jr., Mildred Flowers and John Taylor — buried at Letart.

John P. Kay, my father, 1878-1974 — married Rachel Gruber (1890- 1979), daughter of David and Emma Aughey Gruber — one child, Lenora Kay. Lived on our farm on Lick Run near Cottageville. Moved to Dunbar, Kanawha County, in 1942 and lived there until 1953, when they purchased a home in St. Albans. Was employed with Fletcher Enamel Company in Dunbar until retirement in 1950. My parents were very active in church and civic activities in the community. He was President of the Board of Education in Jackson County in the 1930s. Had a talent for writing poetry and historic articles for various newspapers and magazines. I have a collection of over 300 of his poems. They are both deceased and entombed in Cunningham Memorial Park Mausoleum, St. Albans.



John P. and Rachel Kay

I was born in Jackson County and educated in the schools there. Came to Kanawha Valley with my parents in 1942. Employed with Union Carbide Corporation, South Charleston, as an Administrative Secretary, and retired in 1983, with 39 years service. I live in St. Albans and spend my winters in Clearwater, Florida. Enjoy traveling and spend most of my time on the road with my friends.

Submitted by Lenora Kay

GEORGE WILLIAM KELBAUGH

George William Kelbaugh, noted Jackson, Wirt and Roane County educator, was born February 10, 1876, in Jackson County to John and Mary (VanFosson) Kelbaugh. Mr. Kelbaugh was educated and lived most of his early years in the Wiseburg area of Jackson County.

On August 7, 1898, Mr. Kelbaugh married Minnie Isadora Dennis in Wirt County. Minnie, first child of Lemuel and Hannah Loretta (Winland) Dennis, was born June 28, 1876, in Monroe County, Ohio. The young couple purchased a 100-acre farm near Wiseburg where Mr. Kelbaugh built his first home, an attractive two-story wood-frame home. Modified to one floor several years ago, the house still overlooks Highway 21. About 1923 the Kelbaughs moved to North Ravenswood where George built a two-floor home on Washington Street.

Mr. Kelbaugh first taught at the Emma School in Wirt County about 1920. He also taught in Roane County, then in Jackson County where he retired about 1934. Mr. Kelbaugh's love for education continued beyond retirement when he often read stories to his grandchildren. One tangible result of all this sharing of love of learning and lore is that all three children taught school for a period, two grandchildren became career teachers and two great-grandchildren are in the ministry.

On June 1, 1936, the Kelbaughs opened a grocery/service station in Ravenswood on the corner of Sand and Race Streets in partnership with their daughter, Georgia, and son-in-law, Harry Gorrell. About six years later, the Kelbaughs sold their business interests to the Gorrells.

Noram Estel, first child of George and Minnie, was born June 16, 1899. Norma married James Ross Hare and lives in Carlsbad, California. Otmer John, born July 29, 1901, married Ovice Marie Wheaton on December 28, 1925. Otmer died December 5, 1987 in Geneva, Ohio. Georgia Minnie was born June 10, 1903. She married Harry David Gorrell on September 2, 1930. Georgia died August 14, 1965, and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. The Kelbaugh's last child, Ina, was born August 7, 1914. Just five years later, "Little Ina" died from polio on August 17, 1919.



Norma, George, Georgia, and Otmer Kelbaugh, Minnie (standing in rear), ca. 1907

Grandchildren of George and Minnie include children of Norma: William Hare and Glenn Franklin Hare both living in Southern California; of Otmer: Irene Normal Stoll, living in Madison, Ohio; and of Georgia: Otmer Ronald Gorrell of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Arnold Dayton Gorrell of Austin, Texas, and Dolores Vallee Smith of Washington, WV.

On June 19, 1942, George lost his wife in an accident during an air raid drill. George died three years later at his daughter's (Georgia) home on August 29, 1945. Both are buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Jackson County.

The Kelbaugh family has its roots in the Upper Rhine Valley of Germany where Christophel

Calebach was born about 1726, Christophel emigrated to the United States and married Elizabeth about 1756. In 1769 he bought a farm in Maryland which he called Spring Garden. Children of Christophel and Elizabeth include Henry (born November 6, 1757, died about 1837), Christian (died about May 1835), and Apollonia (October 25, 1766-about 1822).

Christian Kailbaugh married Elizabeth Noll about 1781. Their children were Conrad (September 16, 1782-April 11, 1863), Johannes (born 1784), Catherina (born 1788), Christian Jr. (1793-about 1828), John, Jacob, and Mary.

Conrad Kelbaugh, married Mary Dunham in Maryland on March 17, 1807. Their children included Elizabeth (October 17, 1809-September 12, 1882), Joshua (March 29, 1811-February 26, 1887), John (January 8, 1808-November 2, 1862), Jehu (1813-September 5, 1863), Christian (1820-1903), and Sarah.

Though most of Conrad's children remained in Maryland, Joshua moved westward in the early 19th century on a national construction project. Settling in Monroe County, Ohio, he married Mary Hatcher McLaughlin on August 1, 1844. Children of Joshua and Mary were Joseph (April 3, 1845-May 17, 1920), Nancy, John (January 12, 1848-September 3, 1906), Phoebe Jane, Basil (March 1851- December 31, 1927), Sarah Ann, James William (February 1, 1857-1934), and Margaret.

George's father, John, married Mary VanFosson in Noble County on September 29, 1867. John and Mary moved to Jackson County, WV, about 1875. Their children were Willis (born July 1867), Mariah Isophene (September 20, 1870-March 30, 1893), Huldah (December 10, 1872-October 8, 1878), George William, Criswell Thurman (November 15, 1878-July 8, 1918), Ida (1882-1950), and Charles (May 1884-1969). John was a Justice of the Peace in Jackson County from 1904 until his death. *Submitted by Irene Stoll*

JOHN R. KELLER

John (1869-1949), was the son of Anthony and Ruth S. Boland Keller of Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

Anthony Keller, his wife (Ruth S.), a small son (John), Anthony's brother (John), and John's wife (Lizzie) made their way down the Ohio River by raft or flatboat to the vicinity of Hemlock. It has been said John adopted the initial "R" at an early age for his identity.

John R.'s first marriage was to Mathilda Jane Ball (1869-1900), who's home was in the area of Cedar Run or Pleasant View. Two daughters were born to this union, Ruby Clare and Mary Elizabeth. After the death of Mathilda Jane, Dad married her sister, Sarah Eva Ball (1874-1920). Two daughters were born of this marriage, Ruth Mathilda and myself, Margaret Helen. After the death of my mother, Sara Evaline, he married a third time to Ella DeBussey Cline (1879- 1962) bringing her two children (Zelma Ruth and Clarence Cline) into the home.

Dad served in the following positions: Mayor of Ravenswood, Postmaster, Justice of the Peace, Deputy Sheriff, Committeeman, and was on the Election Board of Jackson County. Dad was, at one time, a schoolteacher before going into the brickmaking business with his father. He later owned a broom factory. After this venture, he owned and operated an insurance agency in Ravenswood.

He was active in the Christian Church; and he served Superintendent, Deacon, and Elder for a period of approximately 55 years. Dad also served as Custodian and Bell-ringer until his health denied him this privilege.

When the church was without a minister, Dad would hold Sunday School and administer communion. The young people used our home for weekly meetings.

A.J. Joyce, (of Myersdale, Pennsylvania) a student of Bethany College, went to Ravenswood and launched the local congregation into a building program in March of 1895.

Fifty years later, Reverend Joyce recalled how he and John R. rode horse-back through the country soliciting donations for the church.

The Keller brick factory made the bricks, and donated half the bricks for the church construction.

John R. was a member of the Woodsman and IOOF Lodge for approximately 50 years.

He is survived by three daughters: Mary Elizabeth (1897 widow of Charles O. Batton (1892-1972) of Ritchie County), living in New Martinsville, West Virginia; Ruth Mathilda (1903 widow of Wendell Jones, living in Newark, Ohio; and Margaret Helen (1914 widow of Justus L. "Jud" James (1905-1982) of Gilmer County).

Deceased are: Ruby Clare (widow of George Wilson of Necomerstown, Ohio), Clarence Cline and Zelma Ruth Cline Herron. *Submitted by Helen Keller James and Mary E. Batton*

KELLY

When Charles and his father, Charley, traveled to Parkersburg to look up "Aunt Blanche", he was unaware that he was walking in the footsteps of his ancestors. The following Kelly history was written by Charley's father's sister, Ava Blanche Kelly Cooper, at the age of 83.

John Kelly I (May 23, 1691-1779) Donegal, Ireland; came to America in 1772; settled near Philadelphia, organized in Westmoreland County a township, which he called Donegal; settled a township which he named Argyle; married Jane Auld. John Kelly II (1732-1804) Lancaster County, PA; married Margaret Hand. John Kelly III (circa February 14, 1786) married Ann Davis.

Archibald Kelly (1808) Marion County, VA, son of John and Ann, married Christina Sharp May 20, 1828; acquired a large tract of virgin land on Stover Fork in Roane County, (W)VA; purchased a flatboat near Morgantown, loaded family, household belongings, livestock; started down the Ohio, landing below Ravenswood, where the boat was traded for oxen and wagon. Their landing place was called "Kelly's Landing" and was so named in 1873.

William Wesley Kelly (October 26, 1838-May 10, 1910) Marion County, son of Archibald and Christina, married Savana McCoy March 10, 1867. Injured at an early age, William had the opportunity to pursue the education he wanted. Although Archibald needed his boys to whip the land into production, Bill built a one-room school. His mother provided the necessities; a torch was used for night study. He earned money for one textbook at a time, mastered it and worked to earn money for the next. A young preacher often visited Bill; they became friends. Bill subsequently became a circuit rider and served areas which included Ravenswood where his great-grandson, Charles, made his home. Bill built a home near Parkersburg, which has since been subdivided. The road is now known as Camden Avenue.

Virgil Leonidas Kelly (May 10, 1868-November 16, 1931) Gilmer County, WV, son of Bill and Savana, married Allie McGraw; invested in the lumber business; established a general store and hotel in Wyoming County; organized a bank in Pineville. The year Lon died, his grandson, Charles, was only one year old.

Charles Abney Kelly (July 8, 1901-October 19, 1963, Oceana, WV, son of Lon and Allie, married Bess Trent November 11, 1929. The following was taken from "In Memoriam," a tribute to Charley when Charles Kelly Field was dedicated to his memory.

"It matters little where a man is born or when he died. The acts of one's life give or create the importance of their being. Charley attended Oce-

ana schools, the University of Virginia, graduated from Emory & Henry. He started teaching and coaching in Baileysville in 1927, where he coached not only boys but girls in basketball and tennis. To keep the program solvent, Charley and his team often walked ten miles to catch a train. Bess washed their uniforms and fed the team before games. In 1935 Charley was appointed principal of Baileysville High School and organized Baileysville's first football team and coached it for many years. He helped organize the First Baptist Church in Baileysville. Charlie became an institution in Baileysville, and his daily jaunts to the post office shall be missed by many."

Charles Virgil Kelly (September 19, 1930) Baileysville, WV, son of Charley and Bess, married Angela Montalvo of Little Rock, August 31, 1956; attended Baileysville schools, Marshall University; U. S. Navy, graduated from Southern College of Optometry. It was after passing the State Board Examinations of West Virginia and Virginia that Charles and Charley visited Aunt Blanche. Ravenswood was just beginning its growing pains because of the location of the Kaiser Plant. Charles was advised to settle in Ravenswood and "grow up with it". Their children are Herlinda Susan, Michael Abney and Dolores Ann. Linda (January 31, 1958) married Jeffrey Dale Stephens (children: Jeffrey Charles (August 29, 1978) and Michael Allen (March 16, 1982.)) Mike (February 25, 1960) married Gloria Staats; attended Ravenswood schools, Marshall University. Mike and Charles enjoy riding motorcycles and learned the mechanics quickly. Subsequently, Mike established MAK Repair and acquired Shinn Service Station. (His child: Michael Andrew (September 12, 1989). Lori (February 13, 1963) works in Charles' office.

Virgil Leonidas Kelly, (February 15, 1935) Baileysville, WV, second son of Charley and Bess, married Naney Neal August 30, 1959; attended Baileysville schools, Marshall University. U. S. Navy, North Carolina State; Marshall (A.B. education), Wittenberg University (M.A. administration and supervision), Fresno State (M.A. mathematics. Lonnie worked at Courtaulds in Alabama, Vandalia-Butler City Schools, OH; moved to Ravenswood and worked for his brother, Charles; Jackson County Schools, September, 1986. Their children are Garriek and Kimberly. Garrick (October 8, 1960), married Martha (Shelly) Renick December 17, 1983. (children: Joshua (July 31, 1985) and Megan (June, 1989); and Kimberly (December 29, 1969) in school at Marshall.

Submitted by Angela M. Kelly

ARCHIBALD KELLY

Archibald Kelly, born about 1818 probably in Harrison Co., VA. He was the son of John and Ann (Davis) Kelly who were married 14 Feb. 1786 in Harrison Co. He married Christina Sharp on 20 May 1836, daughter of John D. and Barbara (Criss) Sharp.

Archibald and Christina came to Jackson Co. about 1848 to Stovers Fork, an area that later became a part of Roane Co. Their children were: Harriett, born 1837, married James Radabaugh 15 April 1858; William W., born 26 Dec. 1839, married Serena McCoy 10 March 1867. He was a Methodist Episcopal minister; John N., born 1842, married Elizabeth Romine 30 July 1867; Mary Eliza, born 1844, married Lemuel McCoy 14 March 1860; Blackburn, born Dec. 1845; Hyden, born 1847 died young; Christopher C., born 1849, married Sarah E. McCoy 6 Aug. 1868. He was a prominent person in Roane Co. He served as justice of the peace, was member of the county court and later president of that body. He was elected to Roane Co.'s House of Delegates, 27th session of the State Legislature in 1905; Sophronia, born 1855, never married.

Blackburn Kelly, born Dec. 1845, was married three times. His first wife was Jane Whetzel, a



Blackburn Kelly

widow, whom he married on 11 Nov. 1866. They had three children: William, born Aug. 1868, married Lucinda Whited 3 Dec. 1889; Ferdinand, born April 1870 and Orlando, born 1872 who married Kisty Cooper 9 Feb. 1896.

Blackburn's second wife was Eliza (Hughes) West, also a widow born about 1845 and the daughter of Jonathan and Miriam Hughes. Eliza was a great-granddaughter of Jesse Hughes, the Indian fighter. Blackburn and Eliza were married 5 Sept. 1878 in Jackson Co. where they settled. They had three children: Archibald, born 14 April 1879; Cora, born about 1882, never married; Melvin, born 1885, married Eva M. Linger in 1910.

Blackburn's third wife was Mary Jane Postelwaite. They were married 22 Aug. 1886; they had six children: Dela, born Jan. 1888; Louisa Mettie, born May 1891; Dona B., born Aug. 1894; Grace O., born April 1900; Loris, born 1903 and Sybil, born 1905.

Blackburn was in the Civil War when only 17 or 18 years old. He died 192? and is buried in White Pine Cemetery in Jackson Co.

Archibald, son of Blackburn and Eliza Kelly, married Mina Elizabeth Westfall on 24 May 1908. Mina was born 25 April 1885, the daughter of Henry J. and Nancy (Eakins) Westfall. They raised six children. *Submitted by Eunice Rhodes*

ERNEST KEMENAH

Ernest Kemenah — born Oct. 26, 1854 — died May 26, 1932. Maria Kemenah (Florka) - born Oct. 23, 1846 — died April 12, 1909.

Ernest and Maria were married in Germany and came to the United States around 1880. They came by the way of New York.

They first went to the Chicago, Ill. area and later came back east to Pittsburgh. Ernest worked in a cigar factory for a while. Later they bought land in West Virginia in what is now Jackson County. They located in Union District near Cottageville, West Virginia. He made their living by farming.

They were the parents of four children. Anna, the oldest, was born in Germany. She was five years old when her parents came to this country. She married Edward Gunderman of Pittsburgh, Pa. and lived there all her life. Mary married K.F. Ridenour and lived on a farm near Flatrock, West Virginia in Mason County. Ernest, the oldest son, married and lived in Ambridge, Pa. Harry, the youngest son, married Lizzie Durst and built a home on his father's farm. They were the parents of six children — Aurilla Flowers (Kemenah) of Walbridge, Ohio — Marvin Kemenah of Mt. Alto, West Virginia — Francis Kemenah, deceased — Catharine Bankey (Kemenah) of Risingsun, Ohio — Harry Kemenah, Jr. of Risingsun, Ohio — Anna Bateson (Kemenah) of Risingsun, Ohio.

Harry and Lizzie sold the home place and moved to Risingsun, Ohio in 1943.

Harry passed away on 1977. Lizzie passed away in 1985.

Ernest and Maria Kemenah are buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery, located on right branch of Cow

Run. *Submitted by Aurilla Flowers*

CHARLES ROSS KENT

Charles Ross Kent; b. April 3, 1888 at Sandyville, W.V. d. Oct. 24, 1958, when his farm tractor upset on him. He was a farmer, contractor, and retired from the W. V. Dept. of Highways where he was a bridge inspector. He was the son of James Edward and Mary Frances (Morgan) Kent.

He married Ada Louella Hardesty, daughter of Harry B. and Susan (Hunter) Hardesty. To Ross and Ada were born the following children: Gordon Hardesty Kent, b. 1911 d. 1976. He had two sons, Gordon R. and Robert. Pauline (Kent) Smith, b. 1913, three children, Barbara, Sidney, and Linda (deceased). Kenna Delmer Kent, b. 1916 two children, Judy and John D.

Claude E. Kent, b. 1918 four children, C.R., Frances, Vicki, and Kay. Doris Auline (Kent) Fletcher, b. 1920 d. 1981, two children Jeanne and James. Charles, b. 1922 d. 1943, (single); Harry Edward Kent, b. 1924 d. 1957, two children, Harry and Diana. Allan Kent, b. 1926 three children, Alan, Sharon, and James. Ann Luella (Kent) Curry b. 1933, three sons, Kerry, Tim and Ross Curry.

Submitted by Ann K. Curry

KERNS (PART I)

The original ancestors of the Kerns family on record came from Marburg, Prussia in Germany. The name started out as Cuvnes, then changed to Kern. The original inhabitant and founder of the local family was GAMALIA P. KERNS, born 1848-1928. He served in the Union Army and the Civil War. Was wounded at the Battle of New Market, Virginia. Was in a prison camp for some time. Gamalia P. Kerns married Rachel Boston and they had four children.

1. David Overton Kerns (1870-1922) married (1) Rachel Barton (2) Anne Skeens.

2. Bianna Eddwinna (1872-1947) married J.P. Parsons, "descendants in Parsons Family Record".

3. Rebecca Jane (1874-1928) married Adam Webster (Jake) Skeen.

4. Gamalia J. (Maley) Kerns, (1877-1943) married Nancy Lucretia Good, and they had 11 children, as follows:

A. Beatrice (1901-1976), married (1) to a Corbin, (2) to an Aston. She was a P.I., teacher, merchant, worked in a Hospital and was a very elassy lady.

B. Guy F. Kerns (1903) married (1) Alma Jane Good and had four children, then to Lillian —. Their children are Arnold (1930-1987) married Sally, Frederick L. (1935) Nancy, and Violet.

C. Miner (1908) married Bertha Wiseman and had four children; Helen Faye 1932 married Robert Patterson and had two children, a. Robert Dale 1952, (had James Duane and Shad Patterson). b. Hayward Dean 1956 married Patty (had Theodore). Evelyn Mae 1933 married Clarence Freeman and had four children; Clarence Justus 1951 (Jeni Maria and Kathryn Alicia), Ronald Edward 1955 (had April Lynn and Darlene Louellen), Ricky Allen 1960, James 1965.

Gustava 1934 married Forest Nuzem and had two children, Donald Wesley 1951 and Winona Ellen 1957. Justus Hayward 1936 married Judy Richhney and they had three children; Angel Leann (had Fern Mae 1977 and Christopher 1980). David Justus 1965, and Ronda Kay 1970. D. Okey O. Kerns (Jack) 1911-1978, he was a boxer and spared with Jack Dempsey.

E. Alvin G. Kerns 1912 married Jessie Lanham and had three children: Joyee 1934 married David Brown (had Rick 1965-1979, and Judy 1962 married Craig Peters), Joan 1944 married and had three children (Linda 1962 married Kauffman and had Milisa, Jenneth 1965 married Darrell Wilson, Sarah 1971) Wayne 1945

married Ika Tanaka (Japan).

F. Dale H. Kerns 1916 married Nellie Jenkins, adopted two children, Allen and Charles who married Barbara Davis.

G. Don Burle 1925, was a boxer.

H. Martha E. 1914-1966, Melba 1927 married Dennis Hevey and had four children, then Bob Knight: Jearld, David, Allen, and Charles. Two boys died early in childhood. (sons of Gamalia and Nancy Kerns).

I. Kenneth C. Kerns 1906-1977 married Delie Southall and they had 13 children; (1) Hansford Lenburg, Sr. 1929 married Carroll Lee and had four children; Kenneth Clyde II, 1954 married Deloris Mitchell (had Jason 1975), Susan Lorene 1956 married Randell Koon Patrick McCalister; Hansford Lenburg, Jr. 1959 married Pamela and had one child, then married Joan and had another child; Amanda 1979 and Cherakee 1988. James 1966 married Janell (had Aaron Douglas 1988) (2) Clyde Alexander 1928 married Evelyn Campbell, had two children; Karen E. 1966 married Daniel Kelly (had Nathan 1987), Keith Wayne 1970. (3) Eureada 1929 died in childhood. (4) Francis 1931 died young. (5) Emey Luvell 1933 married Mildred Critchfield. (6) Richard Lee 1935-1977 married Janice Wolf and had 4 children; Roy Lee 1956, Ronnie Dale 1959 married Shelia Horn and their children were Summer Dawn 1977, Ronette Spring 1978 and John Roy 1981; Rosetta Marie 1964 married Jacob Rhodes, their children were Christina 1982 and Jacob D. 1983. Annette Sue 1968 married Carl Casto and had Richard Carl 1989. (7) Otho Alvin 1938- 1976 married Janice Coutz, had two children, Angela married David Fisher and Jeffery. (8) Denver Walter 1940. (9) Dale Ray 1942 married Icie Horn and their children were Jerry Dale 1965 married Kimberly Slater and had 4 children; Mathew, J.D. 1986-1986, Bretteny 1987, Kesha 1989. Terry Allen 1967, Florence Hazel 1970, (10) Nellie Mae 1944 married Jack Ingram and had five children. Debbie 1965-1965, Carrie Kay 1966 (had Scott 1985 and Justin 1987), Sherrie Mae 1966 married Pete Katonka (expecting Jan. 1990), Cynthia Elenore 1969 married Kenneth Mitchell and had Brandi 1989; Jack 1974. Submitted by Rosetta Rhodes and Nellie Ingram

KERNS (PART II)

Sherry Juanita Kerns, 1946 married David M. Myers (2) Raymond L. Miller. Their children are Holly DeAnn Myers 1968 and Richard Allen Myers 1979.

Izetta Kerns 1948-1949.

Sue Marie Kerns 1949-1949.

Kenneth C. Kerns, my father was a big man, 6 ft. and 2 1/2 in. tall and weighed 235 lbs. To look at him you would think he was mean and tough, but everyone that knew him would tell you he was a gentle and loving man, very strict and very religious. Most of the Kerns were big men but they had the heart to match.

When I was a child growing up at home I remember how Dad would take us on walks through the woods, pick me flowers and teach us the names of trees and birds. Dad built a big bob sled so about six children could ride on it when winter came. There was always lots of children around, not just my brothers and sisters but neighbors too. As many as possible would climb on the sled, including my dad (he was a kid at heart). We would all take turns riding down the big hill. Dad and the bigger boys would pull the sled to the top so we could ride again. It was a lot of fun and we did this often each winter. While we were out having fun my mother, Delie Southall Kerns, would be in the kitchen baking sugar cookies and making hot cocoa for us all and making sure we had more warm mittens when we were ready to ride again.



Delie (Southall) and Kenneth C. Kerns

We never had many worldly things, but there was always plenty of love to go around, and it was shared with everyone. When bedtime came there always seem to be an extra kid to be tucked in and always room for one more. My uncle Alvin was an ambitious one; as a young man he was anxious to be out on his own and settle down. He rode a train west to Oregon, was there for a time and realized he left the most important part of his life behind. In the meantime Jessi Lanham couldn't figure out why he left without her; she knew he couldn't live or be happy without her so what did he think he was doing; he was nothing without her. Finally Uncle Alvin came back to WV and married Aunt Jessie Lanham and took her back to Oregon. I'm glad he finally saw things her way.

Uncle Dale served in World War II, received a Purple Heart for risking his life in the line of duty. While wounded he carried a comrade on his back 200 feet to safety.

Uncle Guy received an award as Sharp Shooter in World War II, Navy and Marines.

Most of our Kerns ancestors are buried in the Kerns-Skeen Cemetery, just off Kentuck road at Kenna, W.Va. Submitted by Sherry J. (Kerns) Myers and Richard Myers

GEMALIEL AND RACHEL KERNS

Gemaliel Pendelton Kerns was born July 29, 1848, the fourth child of David and Rebecca Washington Kerns, near Bellaire, Ohio.

At the age of 13 Gemaliel ran away from home and joined the Union Army. His mother, by then a widow, forced him to return home, but at the age of 14 he again ran off and rejoined the Union Army. This time his mother did not attempt to interfere with his desire.

Gemaliel was too small to carry a gun, so he was made a drummer boy. He was wounded in the battle of New Market, Virginia and was taken prisoner when the Southern Army captured the hospital.

He was discharged from the Army just before his 16th birthday. Family history tells of the 13 long black curls down his back when he returned home. He was blue eyed and had a fair complexion.

Rachel Ellen Boston was the daughter of George Boston of California and Jane Smith Boston of Lower Salem, Ohio. She grew up on a large plantation owned by the family near St. Lewis, Missouri. Each fall George and his oldest sons, John and Charles, would build a large raft out of logs and take their crops down the Mississippi River to sell in New Orleans. After the crops were sold the logs were used for lumber and they would catch a steamboat back home.

Around 1858, George sold the plantation. He put his wife and children on a boat and sent them up the Ohio River to Marietta, Ohio. George and his brother-in-law, Will Smith, joined a wagon train and headed for California to look for gold. Will died enroute.

In 1880 George wrote his daughter, Rachel, and

son-in-law, Gemaliel Kerns, and asked them to come to California. He reported he had struck it rich and had enough money to support his children and grandchildren without them having to worry about working for a living. Later, after not hearing from George for several months and Rachel's letters returned, she wrote the Postmaster in the town George lived. The Postmaster wrote back advising that George was dead. The family always felt that he was killed for his money.

On November 20, 1869 Gemaliel Pendelton Kerns (1848-1928) and Rachel Ellen Boston (1851-1918) were married at Marietta, Ohio.

Around 1875, Gemaliel had an agreement to buy a track of land on Grass Lick in Jackson County, West Virginia. He and his wife loaded their three children and household furniture into a wagon and moved. When they arrived at Grass Lick the seller backed out of the deal. Winter was coming and Rachel was expecting their fourth baby. Gemaliel built a one-room pole and sod home on the hillside of Stone Lick. By spring, they had purchased a track of land at Kentuck with a log house on it. They lived in this house for several years before building a new house nearby.

Gemaliel and his two daughters played music and would often play on the telephone for their neighbors. Different exchanges would open up their lines so they could be heard in different communities.



Gemaliel and Rachel Kerns

Rachel died of measles at the age of 67. On the Sunday before she died, Rachel and Gemaliel were visiting their daughter, Alice, and her husband, Virgil Skeen, who were living at Mt. Tell, Jackson County. Rachel told Alice, "you know that I have had the measles. I think I am catching them again." By the following Sunday she was dead and buried.

Gemaliel married a second time to Heddy Fields. This was not a happy marriage and was dissolved shortly afterward.

Gemaliel, Rachel and all of their children, and their spouses, are buried in the Kerns Cemetery, with the exception of Azubah and her husband, Albert Landers. They are buried at Center Point Cemetery, Liberty, West Virginia.

Gemaliel and Rachel were the parents of nine children:

- (1) David O. (1870-1927) m. (1) Rachel Barton
- (2) Annie Skeen. He was the father of 11 children.
- (2) Bianca Edwinia (Eddie) (1872-1947) m. James Parsons. They had five children.
- (3) Rebecca Jane (Jinny) (1874-1929) m. A.W. (Jake) Skeen. They had ten children.
- (4) Gemaliel Justus (Maley) (1874-1943) m. Lucretia Good. They had 12 children.
- (5) George Walter (1879-1949) m. (1) Della Boggess, four boys, and (2) Esta Snodgrass, no children.
- (6) Ella Maye (1882-1946) m. Wesley Barnette. They had four children.
- (7) Azubah Agnus (1888-1969) m. Albert Landers. They had three boys.
- (8) Amanda Belle (1888-1889).

(9) Alice Pearl (1890-1968) m. Virgil (Doc) Skeen. They had seven children. *Submitted by Dicie Casto and Eurada Landis*

CLIFFORD KERWOOD

The ancestors of Clifford F. and Rosalie Koontz Kerwood were considered pioneer settlers of Jackson County from both their father's and mother's side of the family. Their immediate family are daughters, Shieia Kerwood Higgs, born July 31, 1947, Barbara Lynn Kerwood, born July 11, 1948, and Leshia Kerwood McClure, born August 27, 1956. They also have two grandchildren, Ashley McClure, born April 9, 1982 and Joshua McClure, born August 17, 1984.

The Clifford Kerwood family is active in community affairs. Clifford has been active in church work. He served on the Jackson County Board of Education for six years, was the first chairman of the Arch Moore Vocational School, and filled an unexpired term as Assessor of Jackson County. Rosalie has been active in church work and was a Red Cross Volunteer at Jackson General Hospital for 12 years.

Clifford was born in Columbus, Ohio, April 15, 1927 and about four years later moved to Cottageville with his parents and has lived there all but two years since that time.

Rosalie was born July 12, 1925, at Charleston, WV, the daughter of Warren W. Koontz and Blanche Counts Koontz, and their family moved to Jackson County in 1932.

Clifford Kerwood's father was Dennis Wilber Kerwood, born May 22, 1903, and his mother was Martha Jane Donahue Kerwood, born June 21, 1903, the daughter of Andrew Fisher Donahue and Dana Childers Donahue. Dennis' father was Earley W. Kerwood, born in Jackson County April 13, 1881. Earley's father was James K. Kerwood, born July 13, 1830 in Pa. James had two brothers, John and Elias, who were also born in Pa. James's first brother born in Jackson Co., was Richard Kerwood born March 3, 1832.

James' father was William Kerwood, born January 14, 1800 in Pennsylvania. He was married to Sarah Kay and they moved from Green County, Pennsylvania, with Sarah's family in approximately 1831 and lived in the area between Ripley and Evans.

William's father, Richard Kerwood, was born in England with Irish descent August 11, 1771. He was married to Mary Polly Minor in 1796 in Bordertown, New Jersey. He had five sons, Samuel, William, John R., Abia Minor, and Richard Jr., and two daughters, Nancy Kay Kerwood and Elizabeth Kerwood.

Richard's father was also named Richard. He first came to America from England sometime in the 1700s and later returned for his family, which included sons, Richard born in 1771 and William, born 1779 and daughters, Ann, Mary, Elizabeth and Martha Kerwood. This Richard and his wife died at sea and a guardian raised the children.

Submitted by Clifford F. Kerwood

PERRY KERWOOD

The Kerwood family is one of the pioneer families of West Virginia. Perry Kerwood was born Jan. 5, 1856 and died August 22, 1910. Mr. Kerwood married October 14, 1877 to Miss Jane Lewis, a direct descendant of General Lewis, who fought in the battle of Point Pleasant. To that union was born ten children, Jessie, Otto, Evert, Webster Perry, Coony, John Kenna, Lore, Dixie, Ellie and Edna.

Perry Kerwood was a lawyer, teacher and editor of the Mountaineer, Superintendent of Schools of Jackson County, and Justice of the Peace of Ripley district. He was at the time of his death Sunday School Superintendent at the Epworth Church.

My name is John Kenna Kerwood, Jr. and I was

born in 1921 at Ripley, WV. I am the 2nd child of John Kenna Kerwood and Winnie Casto. My father was born in 1887 in Ripley, WV, and was the son of Perry Kerwood and Martha Jane Lewis. My mother was born Winnie Casto February 15, 1894 at Fairplain WV, and is the daughter of Fernand Casto and Emma Shamblen. My brothers and sisters are as follows:

Jane Kathleen Kerwood, born May 5, 1919, Ripley; James Oliver Kerwood, born Mar. 17, 1922, Ripley; Joseph Edward Kerwood, born Mar. 4, 1934, Ripley; Judith Ann Kerwood, born April 4, 1936, Ripley;

I married Delcia Geneva Hall on July 21, 1940 at Catlettsburg, Ky. We are the proud parents of John Richard Kerwood, born November 7, 1942 at Ripley, WV.

John Richard married Lynn Nelson of Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1964. They have two children, John Glenn, born 1971 and Jeffrey Nelson Kerwood, born 1973. They reside in Atlanta and John Glenn is a student of the University of N.C. Jeffrey attends Mount Vernon Christian Academy. *Submitted by John Kenna Kerwood, Jr.*

KESSEL-PARSONS

William Amos Kessel b. 1843, d. 1900, a son of Parchment Valley Pioneers. Job Kessel b. 1807, d. 1884, and Frances Bowles Kessel, b. 1814-d. 1878. Married Ruth Parsons b. 1848-d. 1920, she was the daughter of William Parsons and Susannah Bonnett. To this union were born eight children.

A. Albert Maywood Kessel b. 1866-d. 1946, married Leona Penman.

1. William Earle Kessel b. 1912, married Bernice Harrison b. 1916. a. Mark Harrison Kessel, adopted. b. Keith Kessel, adopted.

2. Ruth Darthula Kessel b. 1914 d.?, married William Ewell Sumner, b. 1907. a. Mary Lynn Sumner b. 1949, married William Wear.

B. Austin Addison Kessel, family history profiled elsewhere in book.

C. Forest Rose Kessel b. 1872-d. 1954 married Adam Board. 1846-1942. a. Ruth Board-died at birth.

D. John Walter Kessel-family history elsewhere in history book.

E. Frances Laverna Kessel b. 1878-d. 1955, married William Davis, b. 1878-d. 1949.

1. Madeline Ruth Davis b. 1910-d. 1966, married John Basil Allen. a. Mary Ann Allen b. 1936, married Dale Edgar Staley, b. 1932. 1. Pamela Annette Staley, b. 1960. 2. Malissa Ruth Staley, b. 1962. 3. son.

2. William Kessel Davis b. 1914 d. 1973, married Delores Sayre, b. 1931. a. Carol Denise Davis b. 1948, married David Meadows. b. Connie Ruth Davis b. 1950, married Ronnie Gandee 1. son, Jamie. c. Karen Jean Davis, b. 1956 married Patrick Barker, 1. Patrick, Jr. 2. Jessica. Karen divorced, and is now married to Wilbur Donahue. d. William Kessel Davis b. 1956, married Carmella Menear. 1. William Jr. 2. Clinton 3. Elizabeth

3. Opal May Davis, b. 1916 married George H. Winter b. 1910. a. Rebecca Jean Winter, married Norman Ostroy. She attended Glenville and Shepherd College. 1. Robie.

F. Genevra Locke Kessel b. 1882 d. 1941 married Oshel Addo Brooks- b. 1881-d. 1954.

1. Donald Addison Brooks b. 1905 d. 1925. 2. Edna Hazel Brooks b. 1907, married Everett W. Miles a. Jerry Dean Miles b. 1941, married to Mary Rae Hickie. He graduated Mountain State College. 1. Jeanine Ellen Miles, b. 1964. 2. Christine Marie Miles, b. 1965.

3. Alton Artie Brooks b. 1910-d. 1960 married Ruth V. Knapp. a. Joan Evelyn Brooks b. 1934.

4. Herbert Gay Brooks b. 1917 married Virginia Kay. a. Carolyn Kaye Brooks b. 1942 married Robert Bowen. 1. Bonny Bowen. b. Donald Gay Brooks b. 1945, an engineer. c. David Brooks, b. 1953.

5. Virginia Dare Brooks b. 1918 married Howard Carney, deceased. a. Geneva Sharon Carney b. 1943 married Ronald C. Goodwin.

1. Kelly Leanne Goodwin b. 1963, graduate Ohio University, teacher. Married Stephen Legg-graduate O.U. Engineer.

2. Kara Lynn Carney b. 1966 graduated W.V.U. b. Carol Elaine Carney b. 1945 married William Anderson. 1. Joel Howard Anderson b. 1964. c. Elizabeth Coleen Carney b. 1949, married Darrell Gumm. 1. Eric, student W.V.U. 2. Andrea

Howard Carney, by a previous marriage had two sons, Bruce and Joel Carney, graduate engineers of Penn State.

G. Early E. Kessel b. 1885 d. 1897

H. Kenna Edison Kessel b. 1885 d. 1946, retired school teacher. *Submitted by Louise Hannum and Doris Strosnider*

AUSTIN A. AND BERNICE (KING) KESSEL

Austin A. Kessel, b. Dec. 27, 1869, d. Oct. 26, 1951, was the great-great-grandson of William and Susan Fink Parsons, the great-grandson of Jabel and Nancy Mason Bowles, grandson of Job and Frances Bowles Kessel, and son of William A. and Ruth Parsons Kessel, pioneer Jackson County families. He married Bernice Iona King in 1906. She was born Feb. 13, 1889 and died Dec. 12, 1971. She was the great-great-granddaughter of Capt. John McKinley of Revolutionary War fame, the great-granddaughter of John and Isabel McHenry King, descendants of Maryland pioneers, the granddaughter of Capt. Dixon R. and Susan Logston King and the daughter of William J. and Catherine Petty King, the latter families Jackson County residents. Austin A. Kessel was a school teacher and a farmer. He and his new wife bought a farm in the Foster Chapel Community and resided there until 1942 when they moved to Parkersburg to live the remainder of their lives.



Austin A. Kessel



Bernice (King) Kessel

When they moved to the farm they were accompanied by two young brothers of Bernice King Kessel for whom they had legal guardianship. These youngsters, Peter and Romeo, remained on the farm until World War I, when Peter, at the age of 16, hitch hiked to Woodstock, Ontario and joined the Canadian Army on April 3, 1916, thus becoming the first Jackson County man to serve

in World War I. He was killed in the Battle of Arras Aug. 27, 1918, becoming the first Jackson County casualty in that war.

Nine children were born into this family:

I. Cornelia Vivian, b. Jan. 4, 1907, married Clyde B. Smith, 1907-1977.

A. Janet Louise married William Dale Hannum.

(1) Charles Lee Hannum married Shayne Simpson. He graduated from Fairmont State. They have two sons, Cameron Tyler and Joshua Taylor. They are presently living in the Peoples Republic of China.

(2) Janet Louise II married Gary Westmoreland, divorced. Married second to Larry Queen. They have one son, Matthew Westmoreland Queen.

(3) Pamela married first Matthew Smith, second John Vickers. Two children are Jessica Ann and Corey Smith. Pamela graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing.

(4) William Dale II married Jane Greer Daugherty, a graduate nurse from Marshall University. He graduated from West Virginia Tech. Their daughter is Rachel Renae.

(5) Mark Lewis graduated from Ohio Valley College.

(6) Roy Edwin married Debbie Mowrer. They have twin sons, Jesse and James, a third son, Ethan Lee, was born Oct. '89.

(7) Tammy Michele married David Bigley. They have a son, David Lucas.

B. Ardis Jane Smith married Ralph Hobart Shirley Jr., a veteran. They have three children. Kathryn Sue is a graduate of West Virginia University. She has a son, Jonathan. Carolyn is a graduate of Marshall University. She is married to Jim Haysmer and they have two sons, Jeremy Alan and Andrew Jason. Ralph Hobart Shirley III is a carpenter like his father.

C. Janice Carroll Smith married Paul Ray Shirley. He is a World War II veteran. They have three children living, Rush Robert, Charlotte Anne, and Cynthia Ellen. A son, Paul Ray II, died at age 7. They have a grandson, Peter Paul Shirley.

D. Vivian Elaine Smith married Joseph R. Boston, USAF Ret., marriage dissolved. The children are Joseph R. Boston II who married Sue Ann Freeman. They have two children, Oliver Wayne and Emily Erin. Other children: John David Boston attended Marshall University; William Scott Boston graduated from Marshall; James Boston; and Dorothy Lynn Boston who married Steve Presley. They graduated from Concord College and Radford College, Radford, Va. They have a daughter, Ruth Ann.

E. Clyde B. Smith II married Paula Harp. They have a son, Wayne Daniel, who married Melinda Ocker. Divorced. They have a daughter, Kari Jo. Clyde served in the U.S. Army in Korea 1964-67.

F. Maurice Kessel Smith married Debra Jeffries, divorced. They share three children. Cheryl L. married Bruce Boothe. They have a daughter, Jessica Renae. The Smith sons are Jefferson David and Isaac Austin. Maurice served in the U.S. Navy two enlistments, Vietnam and Mediterranean.

G. Doris Dell Smith married Gary Russel Strosnider, graduates of Glenville State College. She has a Master's degree from Shenandoah College and teaches English at Handley High School. He is a Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, teaches Phys. Ed. and coaches football in the Fredrick County, Virginia, School System. They

have three children, Clarissa Elaine, Hampton Grayson and Justin Tyler.

II. Jessie Orita Kessel (1908-1967), married Harry Kay (1907-1975). He was a World War II veteran in the Army Postal Service in England and retired as Postmaster of Evans, W.V. postoffice. They have one daughter, Linda Lou. She married Charles Jones, divorced, and married Steve Riggs. The children are Jennifer Dee Ann and Jessica Jones, and David Aaron and Gregory Austin Riggs. Jennifer is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

III. Carroll King Kessel (1910-1984), married Lucille Evans, divorced. Retired after forty-one years as Chief Engineer at WSAZ and WGNT. There are five children: son, Bruce Wayne; Lola Anita who married Ray Johnson, divorced. They have two children, Brian Scott and Christy Dawn; Theresa Lou married John Powers. Their daughter, Debby Diamond, married Danny Leroy Yates. They have a daughter, Amy Bliss; Bonnie Elaine Kessel; and Lisa Ann who married and divorced Fred Borthwick. Their son is Kevin Thomas.

IV. Valeria Ruth Kessel (1912-1983), married Charles Jude Baker (1903-1957).

V. Albert Arden Kessel, born 1915, married Verta Ruth Morris, born 1917. He is retired from the *Arizona Republican*. They have one son, Arden Loyal, who graduated from Phoenix College and Arizona State University, and works for the United States Park Service. He is married to Caren Cecile McDowell and they have three children, Arlana, Arlan and Marissa Louise.

VI. Elsie Virginia Kessel, born 1917, married Edward Ecker (1906-1941). They had a son, Edward Albert Ecker, who is married to Shirley Jean Sarver. Elsie married Troy Garnet Kay (1916-1987). He was a World War II veteran serving in the 35th Div. of Patton's Third Army. Their children are: Sammy, who married Sharon Andrew. Their children are Jonathan Andrew, a student at Shepherd College, and daughter, Angela. Steve Kay married Linda Ferree. Their daughters are Stephanie and Kelly. Penelope Ann Kay married Michael Allen Tice. Penny is a graduate of Glenville State College and teaches in Wood County. Mike, a chef, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY. They have a daughter, Lindsay.

VII. Roy Edwin Kessel (1921-1972), twin. He was in World War II; North Africa, Europe, and South Pacific, a technician with the 106th Station Hospital, the Fisher Unit, the only unit in World War II named for its Commanding Officer, Col. Charles Fisher of Clarksburg. Initially it was an all-West Virginia Unit, staffed by doctors, nurses and other personnel from the Mountain State.

VIII. Robert Lee Kessel (1921-1975), twin, was a member of 1089 Signal Battalion, World War II in the South Pacific. He was a nuclear engineer working for the space programs, nuclear power plants and in defense. He married Betty Dennis, divorced. They had a son, Dennis Lee Kessel.

IX. Joan Petty Kessel, born 1936, an artist, is presently Editor and Communications Director for Laubach International. She attended University of Cincinnati, Syracuse University, graduate of State University of New York. She is married to Richard Warrender. They have four children. Kevin Ferguson, a graduate of Western Illinois University, is married to Tamara Lynne Cahill. Edith Ellen, who married Jody Bumgartner, also Scott King and Tracy Arden, a graduate of Bryant College.

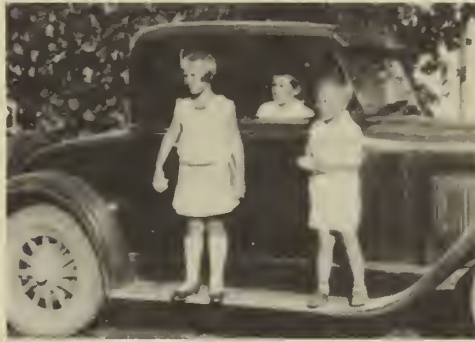
Submitted by Cornelia Kessel Smith and Ardis Smith Shirley

CHARLES ROYAL KESSEL

Born on Parchment Creek near Given on December 16, 1893 to Charles Riley and Louisa French Kessel, was a son, *Charles Royal (Roy) Kessel*. Roy's two siblings were Ray Kessel and Russel Kessel. These three brothers decided quite early in life they were geared for something other

than barn cleaning. They became doctors and lived to see several sons, grandsons, and cousins become doctors. Roy graduated from medical school in Chicago. Roy and Russel both graduated from Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia.

Roy finished eighth grade, taught on a state certificate in one-room schools before attending Fairmont Normal School from which he graduated in 1914. He then received Pre-Med credits at West Virginia University and went on to Philadelphia and received a Medical Degree in 1921. On August 11, 1917 he married *Ruby Staats*, the second of three daughters born to Enoch Staats and Zona Wendell Staats. Their other daughters were Nelle Staats (Shinn) and Marie Staats (Vance). Enoch first married Louisa Casto on January 14, 1862. She died. Mr. Staats operated a mill at Staats Mill, furnished the timber for the Covered Bridge that now stands at Cedar Lakes, and was a founder of The Bank of Ripley. Ruby Staats Kessel attended school in Virginia, Otterbien College in Ohio, and after her marriage furthered her education in music at West Virginia University. Roy and Ruby's three children and four of their grandsons also attended WVU.



Betty Louise, Charles Enoch, and James Staats

Charles Enoch (C.E.) Kessel, son of Roy and Ruby Kessel, was born August 4, 1920 and on January 28, 1955 married Jackson County 4-H Club Agent, Martena Patterson, who was born in Brooke County. To this union were born two children: *Loretta Marie Kessel (Mason)*, mother of Dana, Eva, Felicia, Dwayne and Danelle Mason, and *Daniel Wesley Kessel*, father of Daniel Scott, Jessica, and Charles Rory Kessel. C.E. Kessel served as Clerk of the Jackson County Court for four six-year terms beginning January 1957. Daniel Wesley Kessel is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in Alto, Texas. He graduated from West Virginia University and Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

Betty Louise Kessel (McLaughlin), Roy and Ruby's only daughter, was born February 17, 1922. On November 2, 1945 she married Hugh Price McLaughlin, now deceased. Their two sons are *Vance McLaughlin* and *Dr. Hugh P. McLaughlin*, father of Jamie and Kelly Louise McLaughlin. Dr. McLaughlin received his Doctorate at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine at Lewisburg, West Virginia.

James Staats Kessel, second son of Roy and Ruby, was born June 21, 1924. He married (1) Elizabeth Mae White April 12, 1946 and (2) Mona Smith Kittle March 14, 1973. To his first marriage were born *James White Kessel*, father of James Mick Kessel, *Steven Royal Kessel*, father of Lauren and Jason Kessel, *Diane Kessel (Rhodes)*, mother of Trevor and Cara Rhodes, and *Deidre Kessel (Smith)*, mother of Curtis and Carl Smith.

Dr. James Staats Kessel graduated from WVU and Jefferson Medical School, served with the United States Army in Germany 1951-1953, then joined his father, Dr. Roy Kessel, at Kessel Clinic on Church Street where he still practices family medicine. Sons: James White Kessel is a Doctor of Surgery in Charleston, WV and Steven Royal

Kessel is a Doctor of Family Medicine in Charlotte, North Carolina.

After graduation from Jefferson, Dr. Roy Kessel was appointed the first health service director at West Virginia University. Later he and wife, Ruby, purchased a small farm of 20 acres with a log home in the Evansdale area near the present football stadium. Roy, like many others, fell into "bad times" when the Great Depression engulfed the world. He gathered his wife and three children and headed for home, Ripley, to live with his parents for awhile. Roy's father had a secure position at The Bank of Ripley at this time.

Dr. Roy's ambitions were soon evidenced. He rented the Greer home where Ripley Post Office now stands and named it "Kessel Emergency Hospital." His brothers often drove from Charleston to assist with surgery and for consultation. When the government optioned the Greer property the hospital was moved to a back lot and work continued. The building later became headquarters for The Board of Education. At this time Dr. Roy bought the beautiful Schwender home and property on the knoll at the east edge of town and created a new hospital. The Kessel family raised and canned food for themselves and hospital staff and patients. A large garden, a cow or two, and ten or twelve hogs a year kept three children and Ruby plenty busy. In 1946 Edison Parsons made an offer for the hospital property. Patients were moved to the late Nelle Shinn home on Church Street and Dr. Roy planned for a new clinic using the old Methodist Church property next door. Allen Shinn returned from Florida the spring of 1950 to construct the present-day Kessel Clinic and the following spring a new family residence on Highlawn Drive. Every piece of wood in both structures Dr. Roy prided as coming from farms on Parchment. The clinic is now owned by Dr. James S. Kessel and the residence is the home of C.E. and Martena Kessel.



Dr. Royal Kessel cutting ribbon switching all crank phones to the dial system

Dr. Roy through the years, furthered his abilities in many ways. He gave 25 years of uncompensated service as a member of the Selective Service System, served many years as County Health Director, was often called to attend Mental Hygiene Commission hearings at the Court House, and served a term as Ripley City Mayor. One of his last civic duties was to serve as a member of the first State Committee for the Aging.

Dr. Roy Kessel underwent surgery at West Virginia University Hospital in 1963. He died suddenly on Labor Day of September, 1965 while attending a patient at his clinic. Ruby Kessel died suddenly January 26, 1968 in her home. Both are interred in Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley, West Virginia. Submitted by C. E. Kessel and James S. Kessel, M.D.

C.R. AND FRANCES (FRENCH) KESSEL

The C.R. (Charles Riley) Kessel and Leander Miller families (see elsewhere) were closely entwined because two of the Kessel sons married two of the Miller daughters.

Charley Kessel was the eldest son, born Aug. 7, 1870 to James Mason (1836-1916) and Flora Jane Parsons Kessel (1850-1932). He and Louisa French of Harrisville, Ohio, born June 27, 1869, were married Aug. 2, 1888 on horseback. They established their home in Parchment Valley, near where C.R. was born, and farmed there until moving to Ripley, where he became a deputy sheriff and then cashier of the Bank of Ripley. "Aunt Louisa" as she became known, lived more than 100 years, her death being in September of 1969. Charley and Louisa had three sons, all of whom became doctors. They are:

Dr. Ray Kessel (1889-1966) was educated at Fairmont College and Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, graduating as valedictorian of his class. Before entering medical school he taught school in the Parchment area. In 1920 he married Katherine (Kate) Miller and established a practice in Charleston, having previously practiced medicine riding horseback to make house calls in Jackson County. He served with the medical corps in France during World War I and again served during World War II.

Ray and Kate Kessel returned to Ripley after his retirement from active practice and lived there until their deaths. Kate assisted in the Ripley Library for years, and also worked in the office of the county clerk. Their elder daughter, Katherine, and her husband, Willis Burdette, formerly of Logan, now live in the house on North Street where Leander and Jessie Miller (Kate's parents) lived in their later years and then where Ray and Kate lived.

Their son, Dr. Ray Miller Kessel of Logan and Huntington, is in family practice in Logan and formerly headed the family practice division of Marshall Medical School, being its first coordinator. He is married to the former Jean Woodruff of Wheeling.

Geraldine (Jerry) Kessel of Morgantown is a graduate of Ripley High School and WVU College of Journalism. After working on several newspapers, she is coordinator of publications of the WVU extension service.

Dr. C. Royal Kessel (see elsewhere)

Dr. Russel Kessel (1900-1977) was the third of the three brothers to enter the field of medicine. After his graduation from Morgantown High School (a feat which occurred after he became a freshman at WVU), Russel earned his degree from WVU and finished his first two years of medical school there. He received his Medical Degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1925, and spent two years at Jefferson Hospital as an intern and resident in surgery. He set up his practice as a surgeon in Charleston in the summer of 1927 and on November 22 of that year he married Pauline (Pete) Miller of Ripley. (see elsewhere) From this union were born two daughters, Jenny Lee Melton Cross of Atlanta, GA, and Paulina Beth (Polly) Hughes of Ripley. (see elsewhere)

Russel was active in community and professional activities having served as President of the West Virginia Medical Society. He served in the Medical Corps of the United States Naval Reserve and was stationed on Okinawa during WW II. He retired from the Reserve with the rank of Captain. He remembered his roots as a Jackson Countian for many of his patients came from this area.

Not only did Charley and Louisa Kessel have three sons who were doctors, the tradition was carried on with two grandsons and five great-grandsons becoming doctors. Submitted by Miss Jerry Kessel and Ms. Jenny K. Cross

D.E. AND ELIZABETH KESSEL

Delmer E. Kessel and Laura Elizabeth Corbin were married on horseback on the Charleston pike about six miles south of Ripley, March 23, 1890. They immediately made their home on a farm on a small branch of Parchment Creek about nine miles southwest of Ripley. There they engaged in

general farming and fruit growing until advancing age forced them to move to Ripley in 1939.

Delmer E. (Della) was the son of James M. and Mazilla Harpold Kessel. Elizabeth (Lizzie) was the daughter of Oliver Perry and Mary Lindsey Corbin. Forebearers of both families had come to America in Colonial times, the Kessels from Germany, the Corbins from England.

Della and Lizzie reared seven children to adulthood. Five became teachers, one a pharmacist, one a physician. Alberta (1893-1966) taught in the rural schools of Jackson County for 30 years. She was married to Russell Hutchison, a farmer. Harry (1894-1954) was one of the first men to leave Jackson County for service in World War I. He served ten months in France with the 314th Field Artillery. After the war he studied pharmacy at Valparaiso University, then practiced his profession in southern West Virginia until his health failed in 1948.

Lora (1896-1968) taught several years in various counties until her marriage in 1930 to J.M. Dunn. The Duns had one daughter, Naomi (1935-), who married Robert McCormick. They have three children, Patti, Bill and Susanne. Velma (1897-1932) taught for several years, lastly in Morgantown, before her accidental death.

When Clark (1903-1966) received his degree from Jefferson Medical College, it was the fulfillment of a boyhood dream. He engaged in a successful family practice in Beckley from 1935 until his death. In 1939 he married Edna Lilly, a Beckley teacher. Their children are Linda (1941-) and Clark, Jr. (1945-). After holding responsible positions at different levels of government, Linda now occupies her time with volunteer work and being the wife of Richard Meckfessel, a basketball coach in Saint Louis. The Meckfessel children are Susan (1962-) and Stephen (1963-). Clark, Jr. is a practicing urologist in Orlando, Florida. He is married to Joy Leach and they have Taylor and Reid.

Delmer Wade Kessel (1905-) taught forty years in the high schools of Kanawha and Jackson Counties. In World War II he served in Europe with the 83rd infantry division. He married Mildred Casto (1922-) and they have one son, David (1951-), who married Carrie Newton. David and Carrie have one daughter, Lindsay. James Corbin Kessel (1917-) served as a teacher and administrator in Jackson County schools for 37 years. He had three years military service in World War II, and is married to the former Anita Parsons.



D. E. and Elizabeth Kessel

Della and Lizzie were always active in the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Della serving as Sunday School Superintendent for thirty or more years. He was a director of the First National Bank of Ripley for about 20 years. He also served one term on the Ripley District Board of Education. Lizzie was a charter member of the Parchment Valley Farm Women's Club and remained active in the organization until the family moved to Ripley in 1939. In 1931 she was one of five women in West Virginia to be honored as Master

ELMORE KESSEL

Elmore Kessel, born 13 Feb. 1839, Hogg, VA, died 6 March 1909, son of George and Delilah (Casto) Kessel. On 24 Oct. 1861 (JCMR) married Harriett Elizabeth Jones born 1839 Giles County, VA, daughter of Isaac and Martha Jones. Elmore served in the Home Guard during the Civil War. He bought and sold horses during the Civil War. He was a farmer and a carpenter. Harriett was the postmistress at Given, WV also a mid-wife and herb doctor. Elmore and Harriett are buried in unmarked graves in Moss Chapel Cemetery. Children: (1) George Lightburn born 10 Oct. 1862, Mill Creek, died 2 April 1964 at his home on Tyler Mountain. On 5 Dec. 1889 married (first) Margaret Ann Cain, born 29 July 1868, Jim Ridge, died 10 July 1915. On 26 May 1917 married (second) Ella Humphreys, born ca. 1905. George married (third) Ella M. Anderson, born 6 June 1897, Kelly's Creek, died 12 April 1926, daughter of William and Melissa (Goff) Anderson. On 7 April 1927, married (fourth) Minnie (Comer) Casto the widow of Leander Casto. (2) Mary Minerva, born 12 Oct 1865, Hogg, died 11 Nov. 1945. On 12 Nov. 1885, married Mason Allen Smith. (3) Virginia Belle, born 7 March 1868, Hogg, died 2 Nov. 1962. On 15 Aug. 1891 became the second wife of Thomas Franklin Casto, born 7 Nov. 1859, died 9 May 1944, son of John Riley and Ruth (Bowles) Casto. Virginia and Frank are buried in Moss Chapel Cemetery. (4) Guy Winton, born 19 Sept. 1870, Eighteen Mile Creek, died 2 Jan. 1947, Long Ridge, Roane Co. On 12 April 1896, Green Creek, Roane Co., married Clara Alice Dodd, born 11 June 1877, Anderson Lick, Roane Co., died 29 Nov. 1961, daughter of Thomas Allen and Melissa Ann (Mahan) Dodd. Guy and Clara are buried in Cummings Cemetery, Roane Co. (5) Okey Dennis, born 2 Nov. 1873, Hogg, died 26 April 1958, Dunbar. On 26 Aug. 1901 married Martha Ann Bowles, born 15 Aug. 1885, Hogg, died 5 March 1966, Dunbar, daughter of James W. and Lucretia (Casto) Bowles. Okey and Martha are buried in Moss Chapel Cemetery. (7) Kenna Kelvy, born 17 Aug. 1881, Hogg, died 7 Dec. 1965, Nitro. On 22 March 1903 Given married (first) Ruby Wavie Rowley, born 11 March 1885, Hogg, died 22 Sept. 1907, Hogg,



Ruby Wavie (Rowley) Kessel

daughter of James Harvey and Lucy Ann (Straley) Rowley. On 21 Nov. 1908 married (second) Martha Ozella Rowley (sister to James Harvey Rowley), born 1883, died prior to 1920, daughter of Calvin West and Sarah Ann (Garrett) Rowley. On 16 Nov. 1920 married (third) Levy Myrtle Siders, daughter of David Jackson and Clarissa Belle (Mangus) Siders. About 1926 married (fourth) Mary Chapman, daughter of Charles and Lucinda (Boyd) Chapman of Roane County. Elmore owned a farm just inside the Jackson County line, across the road from the Moss Chapel Church. Elmore gave the first piece of land for the Moss Chapel Church Cemetery. Submitted by great-grandson Louis A.

Kessel

GEORGE KESSEL

George Kessel, born 22 Jan. 1804, died 1884, Jackson County, son of George and Catherine (Boyer) Kessel Sr., the immigrant from Rotterdam, Holland. From the book "Immigrants to Pennsylvania 1641-1819, edited by Michael Tepper, Baltimore, Maryland, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1979, we find on page 194 the following: "5 Dec. 1772 George Kessel last of Rotterdam, servant of Ludwig Kuhn of Philadelphia, assigned by him to Charles Shoemaker." George Kissell and Catherine Boyer were married in Shenandoah County, Virginia, 9 June 1773, bond by Jacob Holman. On 22 March 1826, Jackson County, George Jr. married Delilah Casto, born 1804, died 15 May 1872, daughter of William and L. Casto, (Jackson County Death Records). George settled on Upper Parchment on what was then called the "Abbie Wolfe" farm on Wolfe Creek. George was a farmer and stonemason. The following children are from a Bible page: (1) Elizabeth Kessel, born 15 Jan 1827; (2) Levi Kessel, born 14 April 1830; (3) Margaret Kessel, born 15 Nov. 1832; (4) Jacob Kessel, born 5 April 1836; (5) Elmore Kessel, born 13 Feb. 1838; (6) George Casto Kessel; born 14 March 1841; (7) William Kessel, born 10 May 1843; (8) Abraham Kessel, born 16 Oct 1845; (9) Rebecca Jane Kessel, born 20 Sept. 1847; (10) Pary Claton Kessel, born 28 Feb. 1851.

Submitted by great-great-great granddaughter Jeanette McIntyre Porterfield

JAMES MASON KESSEL

The Kessel family is of German origin. Numerous people of that name may be found in Germany today. From colonial times many Kessels emigrated to America and are found in almost every state. We do not know the name of our immigrant ancestor. It may have been one George Kessel, who came to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania soon after the Revolution. Neither do we know the name of George's wife. They may have had as many as six children — George Jr. (1804-?), Job (1807-1884), Sydney, Jemima, Jonathan, and Joshua. The family apparently came to Jackson County by way of Hampshire and Harrison Counties. George Jr. married Delila Casto. Among their children were Elizabeth, Levi, Margaret, Jacob, Elmore, Abraham and George T. George Jr. and Job were the ancestors of most of the Kessels living in Jackson and surrounding counties today.

Job Kessel was married in 1830 to Frances Bowles, daughter of Jabel and Nancy Mason Bowles. The Bowles and Mason families are of English descent and came to the Parchment section of Jackson County from Franklin County, Virginia, about 1818. Job and Frances were the parents of nine children: George emigrated to Indiana, married and reared his family there. Jemima married Abraham Wolfe but left no issue. Nancy never married. Jabel married first Catherine Davis, then Lorraine Casto Bailey, a widow. Joseph Brooks married Eliza Straley. Sydney married David L. Sayre. The youngest daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy), married Gus Tabor and lived in Wayne County, West Virginia.

James Mason Kessel, the fourth child and second son of Job and Frances Bowles Kessel, was born October 1, 1836. At an early age he set himself to work and earned enough money to prepare for teaching school. He was the first native of his community to become a teacher. Although his main occupation throughout his life was that of a farmer, he found time to serve the public in various ways. He was the first president of the board of education of Ripley District and served with distinction on that board for many years. He was deputy assessor at various times. He was the first notary in the southern end of Jackson County and many of his writings are recorded in the county

clerk's office.

In 1860 James Mason Kessel married Mazilla Harpold, daughter of Solomon and Malinda Shinn Harpold. Three children were born to this union: Dora, who married Alcander Pinnell; Ida May, who married Frank R. Parsons; and Delmer E. "Della", who married Laura Elizabeth Corbin. Mazilla died January 16, 1869 in childbirth. A few months after her death James married Flora Jane Parsons, eldest daughter of Alexis F. and Phoebe Casto Parsons. To this union were born eleven children: Charles R. who married Louisa French; Clara who married S.B. Sayre; Laura who married M.H. French; Dennis who married Ella Corbin; Myrtle who married G. Wallace Casto; James Everett who married Winifred Conlon; Orville who married Belva Bonnett; Belle who married John M. Bibbee; Bessie who married Julius Frey; Adelia who married Holly Lewis; and Delsie who married Perry Davis.

James M. Kessel stood unmistakably on the side of honesty, sobriety and industry. He was a life-long member of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and gave freely of his means to support the church. He lived to see all 14 of his children married and established in homes of their own. He died July 26, 1916 after a long bout with cancer. He was survived by his wife, all his children, seventy-six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Submitted by D. Wade Kessel

JOHN W. KESSEL

Job Kessel was born September 12, 1807 in Hampshire County, Virginia, probably the son of Jonathan Kessel, and came to the Parchment area at an early age as an apprentice tanner for Solomon Harpold. He married Frances Bowles March 11, 1830 and later received a land grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia containing 94 acres on Parchment Fork as an assignee of Mason Bowles for one moiety and in his right for the other moiety. This tract was covered by Treasury Warrant No. 10570 dated April 6, 1840. Another grant was made for 50 acres on Kessel's run and covered by Treasury Warrant No. 105237 dated September 29, 1845. This tract still remains in the Kessel family.

Job and Fannie reared nine children and all remained in the area except George, who went to Indiana. They were excellent farmers, great educators, spiritual and civic leaders in their community and county. Through self training they performed many professional services.



Job Kessel

Artifacts found in the area indicate that prehistoric people were occupants here at least ten thousand years ago. These cultures represent time periods of the Paleo Indian, Archaic, Woodland and Late Prehistoric people.

Thus begins the descendants of the seventh of nine children — William Amos Kessel (1843-1900) married Ruth Parsons (sister of Alexis F. Parsons) (1848-1920). They resided at the confluence of McDade run and Licksillet of Kessel run and reared eight children. They all remained in the vicinity except Albert who went to Texas. All were very successful in their professions.

John Walter Kessel, the fourth child of William and Ruth (1876-1961), married Mary Brooks (1894-1936) and reared six children as follows: Estel Gay Kessel (1912) married Wanda Gillenwater, two children, Thomas Wayne 1945 and Alfred Gay 1947-

Samuel Dalton Kessel 1913, married Irene See (descendant of Michael See who was killed in the battle of Point Pleasant), two children, Mary Sue Jaffee (1944) and Samuel Neal (1946).

Irene Kessel (1915-1974) married Lawrence Taylor, five children, Adrian Lee (1940), William Ronnie (1942), Royal Carl (1944), Walter Kessel (1950-1972) and Barbara Jean (1954-).

Floyd Ray Kessel (1918) married Frances Hessom, three children, Floyd Ray Jr. (1949-1980), Gwendolyn Dolby (1950), Kelly Scott (1965-).

John Walter Kessel Jr. (1923-1988), married Eva Harper, one child, Judy Kessel (1966-). This concludes the descendants of John Walter Kessel to and including the great-great grandchildren of Job and Frances Bowles Kessel.

In conclusion, no better description can be made than that furnished by Fay French Bowles to Elaine Rowley, correspondent for the *Ravenswood News* and was published on August 8, 1979. This article was truly a masterpiece in journalism and titled — Parchment Creek Pioneers Were Not Ordinary People. An excerpt from the article is as follows: "Parchment Creek has sent forth many illustrious citizens — doctors, lawyers, ministers, editors, writers, and teachers. They are unique and go an extra mile attitude." Submitted by Samuel D. Kessel

OLIVER D. KESSEL

Oliver D. Kessel, born January 12, 1901, in Ripley, Jackson County, the son of Edward Dennis and Ella Corbin Kessel, being the third of nine children of this family unit, was educated in Jackson County Schools, and graduated from West Virginia University in 1924 with an LLB Degree and in 1928 with a J.D. Degree. He came back to Ripley, Jackson County, in 1928 to practice law and to begin a life of active involvement in politics, church, community and fraternal organizations. One of his greatest accomplishments was to convince Katharyn Hartman, born March 4, 1904, in Elkins, WV, to leave her native Randolph County and come to Jackson County, on September 8, 1930, as his bride and life companion.

Katharyn, who was always called "Katie", was a graduate of Davis and Elkins College, taught school a few years and was active in 4-H Club work, Red Cross work, and similar activities. Katie's father was Jacob Gates Hartman who fought for the Union in the Civil War. Her mother was Mary Catherine Kensinger. Both were from Uniontown, Pennsylvania.



Oliver and Katie Kessel

The Kessels raised three daughters. The first, Elaine, born November 22, 1932, whose first marriage to J. Robert Murphy gave them three children; Ross David born October 18, 1954, who

married Diane Doty. They have three children; Lauren Elizabeth born January 3, 1986; Conor Ian born November 26, 1987; and Sean Patrick born July 12, 1989. Terah, their first daughter, born March 3, 1956, who was married to William Lee Lauf and has one daughter, Morgane Lee, born February 11, 1986, and Roberta Kathryn, their third child, born August 22, 1957, who married Michael Richard Gilhousen and they have two children: James Michael born May 1, 1984; and Anna Jane born February 16, 1987. Elaine's second marriage was to Tom O. Stone who was born June 29, 1929, in Belpre, Ohio. They now live in Ripley, WV.

The second daughter, Sandra, born February 3, 1935, married Dr. Kenneth C. Rowley, born December 25, 1933, in Ravenswood, and they have three daughters: the first, Catherine Hartman born June 7, 1959, and is married to Alex Zelner and they have twin sons: Gregory Michael and David Alexander born December 19, 1989. The second, Margaret King, born January 31, 1961; and the third, Anna Bassett, born June 7, 1963. Sandra and Ken reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The third daughter, Ella Dee, born February 26, 1943, was married to Gaston Caperton III of Charleston, WV, and they have two sons; W. Gaston IV born August 17, 1967; and John Ambler born April 18, 1969. Ella Dee resides in Charleston, WV.

For over fifty years the Kessel family home on Charleston Drive was the social center of the community for the young and old. Their spacious lawn accommodated many youngsters who came there to play, ride the ponies, chat a while or rest under the spreading ash and maple trees. The older folk were always made comfortable and felt restful by the kind and gracious hostess of the house and mother of the family. Submitted by Oliver D. Kessel

DR. RUFUS KESSEL

This was Dr. Rufus Kessel's office and farm back in 1905-1915. The office had two rooms. The back room had a lot of shelves where he kept his medicine. He operated on a man for appendicitis in this office.

The horse block is in front of the office where he mounted his riding horse to make house calls. He had a man to take care of all his riding horses, and a large barn with double wall stalls in it.



Rockcastle Post Office

Samuel and Lucy Simmons bought the farm in 1918, then sold it to J.C. "Ceph" Casto and wife Minnie, April 1919. She had the Rockcastle Post Office in the same building from August 26, 1936 until August 1958. The farm is still owned by the heirs of J.C. "Ceph" Casto. His son Marshall and Julia Casto live there today. Submitted by Donald Casto

WILLIAM KELVY "BILL" KESSEL

William Kely "Bill" Kessel, born 7 April 1904, Hogg, Putnam Co., died 13 April 1989, Roanoke, Virginia, buried in the Kiser Memorial Cemetery, Kentuck, Jackson Co., the oldest son of Kenna Kely Kessel and Ruby Wavie Rowley. Bill was the grandson of Elmore Kessel and Harriett Elizabeth Jones and James Harvey Rowley and Lucy Ann Straley. On 18 Aug 1928 at the home of the bride's parents, by the Rev. John D. Hammond, married Ola Vay Kiser, born 31 Jan. 1908, daughter of Joseph Floyd Kiser and Lydia Ann Siders. Ola was the granddaughter of Joseph Kiser III and Julia Ann Shafer of Fletcher and George Henry Siders and America Miller of Advent. Bill had one sister, Freeda Violet, born 7 April 1906, Hogg, died about 1907 and buried in an unmarked grave in Moss Chapel Church Cemetery.



William Kely and Ola Vay (Kiser) Kessel

Bill had the following half-brothers and sisters: Aubrey Arthur "Pug" and Audrey April (12 April 1913-1920) the children of Kenna and his second wife Martha Ozella Rowley; Carl Raymond and Vivian Rae the children of Kenna and third wife Levy Myrtle Siders; Gerald Newton (1927-1931) and Virgil Lee the children of Kenna and fourth wife Mary Chapman. Bill and Ola were the parents of three children; Louis Addison, born 8 Aug. 1929 Fletcher, Jackson Co., now of Salem, Virginia, Lois Ann, born 28 April, 1933, Fletcher, died 10 Dec. 1937, Ripley, and Betty Imogene Kessel McIntyre, born 15 Dec. 1935, Fletcher, now of Roanoke, Virginia. Bill owned a 68-acre farm that once was owned by Goolsby and Causby (Collie) Counts. Bill worked for many years at Kelly's Axe Factory, later the True Temper Corporation, as a tool and hammer polisher. He was a farmer, wood carver, poet, musician, song writer and a great lover of God and books. His worldly travels were limited but he traveled all over the world through his books and could talk on any subject. He was truly a great man. Submitted by Betty L. Kessel McIntyre

W.L. KESSEL

William Luther Kessel married Cora Belle Woodall May 24, 1896. William was the son of Joseph Brooks Kessel and Eliza Straley Kessel. The Kessels came to Jackson County by way of the Eastern Panhandle. The Woodalls came from Richmond, Virginia. The family lived on Parchment Valley where they operated a farm. Pleasant Hill Methodist Church was the center of the community.

Their children are:

1. Merle Kessel married Everette O'Neal, Beckley, WV.
2. Wilbur Paul Kessel married Ethel Hoover. After her death he married Beatrice Kwieder, Akron, Ohio.
3. Wayne McCormick Kessel married Edith Shumate, Beckley, WV.
 - a. Wallace Dwight Kessel married Gloria Grubb, Knoxville, TN.



W. L. Kessel family

- (1) Edgar Dwight Kessel
- (2) Karen Lynn Kessel married Michael Avery. They divorced.

(a) Matthew Kessel Avery

- b. Dorothy Louise Kessel married Robert Calderwood, Charleston, WV.

(1) Susan Brent Calderwood

(2) Robert Douglas Calderwood

- c. Sandra Kay Walls (foster daughter, niece) married George McDougal Haldane III

(1) George McDougal Haldane IV

(2) Brent Kessel Haldane

(3) Craig Charles Haldane

4. Mary Florence Kessel married Charles Wesley Nunley, Steubenville, Ohio.

- a. Charles Wesley Nunley, Jr. married Doris Anderson, Ft. Worth, Texas.

- (1) Linda Nunley married Robert Patrick. They divorced. Linda married Paul Landenburg, Dallas, Texas.

- a. Lindsay Landenburg

- (2) Rick Owen Nunley married Mavis Lee Thorne, Ft. Worth, Texas.

(a) Charles Nunley

(b) Rachel Nunley

- (3) John Anderson Nunley, Ft. Worth, Texas

- (4) Charles Patrick Nunley married Patricia Hart, Waco, Texas.

- b. Roger Kessel Nunley married Iris Daugherty, Hastings, Nebraska.

- c. Lois Joyce Nunley married John Kramer, Wintersville, Ohio.

(1) Susan E. Kramer

(2) Rebecca Lynn Kramer

(3) Cynthia Lee Kramer

(4) Carolyn Marie Kramer

5. Louise Kessel married Teddy Lee Donohew, Evans, WV.

6. Clair E. Kessel married Louise Bailey, Beckley, WV.

- a. William Bailey Kessel married Judy Kay Hill, Beckley, WV.

(1) Andrew Scott Kessel

7. Willard A. Kessel married Rayme Morrison, Ripley, WV.

- a. Elizabeth Ann Kessel married Donald Ray McNew, Atlanta, Georgia.

(1) Michael Ray McNew

(2) Mark William McNew

(3) Kathryn Anne McNew

(4) Douglas Kessel McNew

8. Katherine Kessel, September 7, 1915, died October 12, 1915.

9. Constance Kessel, September 7, 1915, died October 9, 1915. Submitted by Willard A. Kessel

WILLIAM KIEFFER

William George Kieffer (1862-1931) was born in Monroe County, Ohio, son of Abraham Kieffer. He married Catharine "Elizabeth" Nohe (1857-1926), May 6, 1883, in Jackson County, WV. She was born in Jackson County, daughter of Adam and Christina (Heck) Nohe. They lived on Dutch Ridge near Pond Creek, in northern Jackson

County. They are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, in Grant District. They had eight children.

1. Wilber Kieffer (1883-1958) married Elizabeth Burdette (1884-1956), daughter of Parker and Sidney (Williamson) Burdette. They lived on Dutch Ridge in Grant District. Wilber was a carpenter and a farmer. Wilber and Elizabeth are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. They had eight children. Meta married Harvey Pyles (deceased) and lives at Warsaw, Ohio. Their children: Kenneth and Norman. Darrell "Buzz" married Bulah "Bobbi" Cross. They live at Cavin Fork, in northern Jackson County. Their children: David, Alan, Judy, Steve and Stanley. Neil married Ona Furbbe and lives at Mingo Junction, Ohio. Their child: Neil Jr. Glenna married Frank Uhl and lives at Vienna, WV. Their children: Neil and Vaughn.



front row: Walter, Elizabeth, Paul, W. G., Pearl; back row: George, Chester, Alta, Aldo, Wilbur (holding Artie Stephens)

Daina married Rex Stallings and lives between Medina and Cavin Fork, in Grant District. Their children: Tobie and Joyce. Doyle married, first, Jean Isner and they had two children: Jerry and Janet. Doyle married, second, Thelma Cook and they live near Mingo Junction, Ohio. They have three sons: Wally, Mark and David. Naomimarried Lawrence Boyce and they live on Tuckers Creek Road, in Wirt County. Their children: Linda, Danny, John, Janey and Amy. Calvin married Gertrude Salisbury and lives on Claylick Road, in Grant District. Their children: Kenneth, Susan, Carol Ann, Debbie, Norman, Larry, Gary, Mary and Judy. 2. Pearl (1886-1957) married Wesley Stephens. They lived at Parkersburg, WV and are buried in the IOOF Cemetery. Their children: Artie and Nina. 3. Chester (1888-1975) married Isa Elma Milhoan. They lived at Toppins Grove in northern Jackson County. They are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Their children: Virgie, Harold, Doris, Alta and Joe. 4. Aldo (1890-) married first Ruth Pickering and they had two children: Pauline and Aubry. They lived at Parkersburg, WV. He married second Martha Lycans and third Mildred . Aldo later moved to Michigan. 5. George (1892-) married Bell Reed and moved to Akron, Ohio. Their children: Euna, Zelma, Paul, Billy, Carl and Joan. 6. Alta (1896-1920) married Carl Boso and lived on Pond Creek in northern Jackson County. They had one son: Dorr. She is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. After Alta died, Carl married Sarah Stephens. 7. Walter (1899-1940) married Peg . and moved to Akron, Ohio. He is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. They had no children. 8. Paul (1902-1986) married Regina King and lived on the family farm at Dutch Ridge. Later they moved to Parkersburg, WV. Their children: Gene (died as a child) and Robert. Submitted by Naomi (Kieffer) Boyce and Daina (Kieffer) Stallings

KING

Francis King came to America from England in 1653 and lived in Northumberland County, Virginia.

Robert King (son of Francis) married Elizabeth

Brooke, daughter of Robert Brooke of Maryland. Robert owned land in Stafford County, Virginia in 1668. He had many sons: Robert, William, George, Joseph, Benjamin and John. Robert is supposed to have been killed by Indians.

William (son of Robert) married Judith Payton Brent. Some histories have him with name of Alfred, William Alfred also. They had four daughters: Elizabeth, Sarah, Jane and Margaret, according to a will. Sons: Thomas remains untraced, and William Alfred.

William Alfred (son of William and Judith Payton Brent) married Sophia Burgess. According to one source, they had the following children: Valetine, George, William, John, Walter, Cyrus of Dumfired, Josiah, Elias, Daniel, Anne and Judith. Son, William, married Elizabeth Edwards in 1738, Stafford County, Va., and had eight children, one son, John Edwards (b. 1757) was a general at the Battle of Thames (1812). Sophia Burgess, from two different sources, was either a daughter or granddaughter of Col. William Burgess and his wife, Sophia Ewell Ewen, widow.

Walter (son of William Alfred) married Elizabeth Pratt, daughter of William Pratt, a merchant of Gloucester, Va. and Elizabeth Cocke (b. 1701) of Northumberland County until 1762. They were married in 1720. William and Elizabeth Cocke Pratt had two other children, one was Keith William Pratt who was educated and lived with his uncle in England, and the other one remains untraced.

Leonard (son of Walter) married Katherine — who lived in Stafford County, Virginia and later moved to Maryland. He served in the Revolutionary War.

Frances II (son of Leonard) (b. 1780, d. 1853) married Mary Richards 1800. They had the following children: Elijah (1801-1881), eleven children; William (1803-1875); Leonard (1806) married Betsy Reynolds, a daughter; Samuel R. (1810-1895) married 1833 Mary C. Riley; Katherine (1812-1832) married 1831 J.D. Riley, a daughter; Bridget married 1814 George Cleek (Click); and Betsy Elizabeth (1823-1836).

Samuel R. King (1810-1895) married Mary C. Riley in 1833. She died in 1851. Children: Rev. F.H. Jennings King (b. 1834) married Rufina E. Wilson; George Samuel Matson (b. 1836) married Caroline A. Staats; Hannah R., born 1838, married William L. Wilson; Samuel David, born 1841, married 1865 Mary A.F. Wilson; Robert W. King (1844-1845); Rev. E.D. Webb, born 1847, married Rosa E. Starcher; Samuel R., second wife Nancy McGiven, children, Mordice V., married a King (Orla-John-Sam) and John King I.



S. M. and Carolina A. (Staats) King

George Samuel Matson, born 1836, married Caroline A. Staats. Have been told their homestead was on the right before the Mill Creek bridge as you go west out of Ripley, WV, on Rt. 33. GSM and Caroline were both teachers and he was Sheriff of Jackson County during the Civil War. After the war they sold their Ripley home and purchased acres (800) of land three miles northwest of Ripley on the head water of Claylick, Burnt Run,

Little Mud Run and Sycamore.

Their children were: Rufina, who married George W. Hunter. They were teachers and raised five children; Rev. Claude Hurst became a preacher of the gospel and during this time he married Elizabeth Lowe Hedge, and had three children — Matson "Mattie" married Edwin Lucius Cross, a farmer at Racine, Ohio. EL was a pioneer in commercial orchard growing. They had two children, Edwin Andrew and Mary Elizabeth; Hannah Mary married Lovell Minor Parsons (history elsewhere in book); Don Elijah married in 1892 to Lillian Gertrude Rodgers, daughter of William and Sarah Sphar Rodgers. They lived in Chicago for a while where he read law with a firm, later moving back to the farm, where they raised eight children; Samuel married Lucy McKown, daughter of James and Samantha Smith McKown, son Hall, who died young. They are buried in the King Cemetery.

Submitted by Ethlyn Parsons

KING — PARSONS

Mary Hannah King, daughter of G.S.M. King and Caroline Staats, was born the seventh day of the seventh month of the year 1870, was the sixth child and the first to be born on the farm after her parents had left Ripley. Her father was the first sheriff of Jackson, after the state of West Virginia was admitted to the Union.

Mary received a common school education, taught on a First Grade Certificate at age 17 for seven years. Married Lovell M. Parsons, a banker, farmer and business man in 1896. They had prospered in farming and bought and paid for 1500 acres of land and were dealers in all kinds of livestock. They bought war saving stamps during the war in great sums. Mary was greatly interested in Sunday School work and devoted her spare time to this. She was a delegate from WV to the International Sunday School convention in NY in 1918, along with the WV State Conventions held yearly in WV. Lovell Minor was the son of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons.



Mary Hannah King

Some further history on the Mary Hannah King family ties: Her grandfather was Samuel R., son of Francis II and Mary Richards King. To this union were five sons and one daughter. Rev. Francis H. Jennings, b. 1834, married Rufina E. Wilson. He did some of his preaching at the King Chapel. Subject's father, G.S.M., b. 1836, d. 1902, married Caroline A. Staats in 1860. She was the daughter of Elijah and Ann Evans Staats. Both were teachers. He was sheriff of Jackson County during the Civil War. They owned land in Ripley, Burnt Run, Little Mud Run and Sycamore. They raised cattle and sheep and owned virgin white oak trees which were used in framing for churches, schools and covered bridges in Jackson County. Have been told they lived in a house near a bridge (the Jennings Harpold property) in Ripley, WV. G.S.M.-C.A.S. children were: Rufina, married George W. Hunter. She attended normal school in Ravenswood and an academy in Pittsburgh. They had five children, one of whom is Mae E. Rev. Claude Hurst attended local schools, and West Virginia Wesleyan at

Buchannon, Allegheny College and Boston Theological Seminary. It was during this time he married Elizabeth Love Hedge. Their children were: Claude Hurst, Jr. and Joseph Hedge and Elizabeth Love. Matson "Mattie", born 1874, graduated from Ravenswood High and attended West Virginia Wesleyan. In 1899 married Edwin Lucius Cross, a farmer at Racine, Ohio. EL was one of the county's pioneers in commercial orchard growing and management. They had two children, Edwin Andrew and Mary Elizabeth Cross Lanere. The subject, Mary Hannah, who married Lovell Minor Parsons, Sr. Don Elijah born 1868. He remembered as being eight years before Custer's last stand. He traveled by boat down the Ohio River, transferred at Portsmouth to a boat which chugged on the Scioto a ways and thence by stage coach to Delaware, Ohio where he enrolled at Ohio Wesleyan and graduated with an AB degree. He married Gertrude Rodgers, daughter of William and Sarah Sphar Rodgers. They were the parents of eight children, Althea, Don Byron, Winone, William Matson, Samuel Rodgers, Oliver, Carolyn and Elizabeth, twins. Samuel A. attended Ohio Wesleyan, was an early dairyman of the county and developed an outstanding Jersey herd. Married Lucy McKown, had a child die in infancy. Third child of S.R.K.-M.C.R. was Hannah R., b. 1838, married William L. Wilson. Samuel David, b. 1841, married Mary A.F. "Fannie" Wilson. Have been told they had four daughters and one son. Hannah, Carrie married Armour Ferguson. They had three children, Emma married a Mr. Gibbs, Hollis married Brown Armstrong. They had a daughter, Ann, and Bertie. Robert W., born 1844, d. 1845. Rev. E.D. Webb, b. 1847, married Rosa E. Starcher. Second wife of Samuel R. was Nancy McGiven. They had two children, Mordice V. King who married a King, and their children, Orla, John, Sam. Second son, John I, born in 1856.

Further back in history you will find the following: I. Francis King II, b. 1780, who married Mary Richards, whose children were Elijah, William, Leonard, Samuel R., Katherine, Bridget and Betsy Elizabeth. II. Leonard King married Katherine — and they lived in Stafford County, Virginia and later Maryland. III. Walter married Elizabeth Pratt, IV. William Alfred King married Sophie Burgess, they had nine sons and two daughters, V. William King married Judith Peyton Brent, VI. Robert married Elizabeth Brooke, a daughter of Robert Brooke of Maryland, and Francis King I who came to America in 1653, probably as an indenture by Guiles Brent or Brent family member who received title to land in Northumberland County, Virginia for his services. The Kings lived mostly in Stafford County, Virginia. Some owned land in Stafford County in 1668. *Submitted by Greg Parsons and Jackie Hughes*



Jackie Hughes

REV. B.F. KING

The Reverend Benjamin Francis King, only child of six children born to George Washington and Julia Douglass King to live to adulthood, was

born August 17, 1878, at the King farm one mile west of Ripley Courthouse. At an early age, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and attended Lee Normal School in Ripley.

On June 20, 1901, "Benny" married Grace McKown, eldest daughter of Perry and Emma King McKown. Grace (born April 8, 1882) grew up on a neighboring farm. She attended elementary school at the Star School located on her father's farm, and spring school at Evans. Later, she attended some summer terms at Ripley. They were united in marriage by Reverend Sam Robinson in the newly built Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which was on the site of the present Epworth United Methodist Church. "Benny" drove a handsome buggy drawn by beautiful horses furnished by his father and it was said they made a handsome couple. To this union were born two sons: Milford Francis and Paul Marvin.

During the early years of marriage, "Benny" decided to become a Southern Methodist Minister. He preached at Sandyville and then at Newton (Roane County). From there they moved to Barboursville where he went to Morris Harvey College in order to comply with church regulations for ministers. In that era, all Methodist ministers were required to move every four years. When they moved, all furniture, books and belongings had to be crated, boxed and shipped by train, boat or wagon. Churches served in addition to the above were Marshes (Raleigh County), Lubeck, Grantsville, Ravenswood, Kentucky Charge, Winding Gulf, Dunbar, Poca and Paden City. While in Ravenswood, the boys attended high school, and at Barboursville they went to Morris Harvey College from where Rev. King served the Kentucky charge.



Rev. Benny and Grace King

After retiring from active ministry in 1929, Rev. and Mrs. King moved back to the farm near Ripley, where they lived many happy years. On June 20, 1951, they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A large number of relatives and friends gathered at the home place for the occasion. Rev. King had circulation and heart problems and died on April 29, 1956 at home. After his death, a local newspaper editorial stated: "We feel impelled . . . to mention briefly the great value, the high esteem, and the sterling qualities of B.F. King. HE WAS GOOD. What more can be said of any man?"

In 1957, Grace bought property on Maple Street, Ripley, where she made her home. She was active in United Methodist Women and Millcreek Valley Homemaker's Club, representing the Jackson County Homemakers at the West Virginia Folk Festival, Glenville, as a "Belle" in 1968. Grace died April 15, 1981, at Jackson General Hospital from a series of strokes (age 99). Reverend and Mrs. King are interred in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Submitted by Ocie Tune King

DIXON KING

The immigrants of our King family first came to the colonies with Cecilius Calvert (Second Lord Baltimore). They were among a group of 200 people, gentlemen of wealth and position, who

boarded the ship "The Ark and the Dove." Those who set sail for the British Colonies were required to take an oath of allegiance to the King of England and these passengers had refused to do so. Despite orders not to sail, they sailed from Gravesend in November 1633 and arrived in March 1634, settling on a peninsula which they named Saint Mary's.

Walter King lived in the same settlement until he died October 1653. His son Albert King married Sophia Burgess. Their grandson, Joseph King, married Draden Johnson in 1754. Joseph's son, Basil King, married Sarah Brookbank in Trinity Parish of St. Mary's Co., Maryland. These Kings still resided in Maryland during the Revolutionary War, but then moved to Ohio.

Two brothers, John and Andrew King, were born in Belmont County, Ohio. It's uncertain whether they were the sons or the grandsons of the Maryland Kings.

One brother, Andrew King, spent his entire life on his Belmont County farm. He married Elizabeth Blackwood in 1827 and had six children: Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, Jemima, Sarah Jane, and Thomas James. Thomas James King was born around 1830. He married Harriet Nichol (d. 1902) and had three children: Flora J., Margaret G., and Andrew W. Andrew W. King married Lucinda Neff in 1887 and had two children, Lawrence G. and Thomas N.

The other brother, John King, was the forerunner of our branch of the Jackson County Kings. He was born in 1801 in Belmont County, Ohio and moved to Jackson County in 1856. He married Isabell McHenry, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1815. They had the following twelve children, all born in Ohio:

1. Mary Jane King — born 1828; married William Watkins October 30, 1845; children — John H. (1867), Flinn (1875); raised niece Emma King (born 1870). Mr. Watkins served in Co. C. 92nd Ohio Infantry, Civil War.

2. Alexander M. — born 1831; died 1866.

3. Dixon Rachel.

4. Sarah E. — born 1836; died 1907; first married Mr. Alexander; then married Louis B. Mitchell, farmer from Pennsylvania, born in 1825; children, all born in Ohio — James M. Alexander (schoolteacher, b. 1861), Maggie A. Alexander (1864), and Harvey Mitchell (1868). They migrated to Jackson County and, in 1880, lived there beside her mother's house.

5. Ionia Margaret — born 1838; died November 30, 1877; married Samuel Fulton, blacksmith and farmer, in Monroe County, Ohio January 19, 1860; children — Elmer E. (1862), John C. (1868), William H. (1870), and Samuel E. (1875). Mr. Fulton served in Co. A 77th Ohio, Civil War, and became Captain Co. F 77th Ohio.

6. William Henry McHenry — born 1843; died by drowning around 1876; enlisted June 16, 1862 in Company I, 11th West Virginia Infantry; became 1st Lt., was detached as A.A.A.G. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, Army of W. Va., and was commissioned a Colonel on February 7, 1865, two months before the surrender; daughter, Anna Belle, born in 1870 and orphaned at six years old, was raised by her grandmother, Isabell King. Uncle Dixon was her guardian and handled her inheritance. Belle married a Mr. Howard; her daughter, Nancy Faythe, married a Mr. Battin; their daughter, Coletta Jean Battin, married Charles H. Ray.

7. Almira J. — born 1844; married William C. Craig, farmer, born in 1843 in Ohio.

8. Winfield Scott — twin, born June 29, 1847 Monroe County, Ohio; a farmer and the postmaster at Toppins Grove; during Civil War, served under his brother, Dixon, in the W. Va. Infantry; mustered in December 27, 1861, giving his age as 18, when he was actually 14; reenlisted March 25, 1864; wounded at battle of Cedar Creek October 13, 1864; married Sarah E. Boso, December 24, 1874;

Sarah was born in Jackson County 2/26/1857, daughter of John A. and Deborah (Mills) Boso; children — Mosel B. (9/18/1875), John N. (4/8/1877), Winfield Scott Jr. (6/29/1879), Deborah E. (8/23/1881).

9. John W. — twin, born 1847; farmer and schoolteacher; served under his brother Dixon during Civil War; enlisted June 16, 1862; re-mustered as a Veteran Volunteer March 25, 1864; married Isabell; four children, all born in Jackson County — William H.H. (1870), John W. Jr. (1873), Andrew M. (1874), and Frederick M. (1879).

10. Elizabeth — born 1848; married Taylor Watkins (born 1841); children, all born in Ohio — William H. (1867), George (1869), Estella (1873), and Winifred (1877).

11. Emily — born 1849; married Daniel Stallings.

12. Harriet J. — born 1852 in Ohio; married David D. Hale, farmer, born 1841 in Pennsylvania; four children, all born in Jackson County — Dixon R. (1868), Maggie (1870), William D. (1872), and Bessie (1874).

Of these twelve children, our line continued through the third child, Dixon Rachel King. He was born November 25, 1833 in Belmont County, Ohio. He married Susan Ann Logsdon August 29, 1857 in Marshall County, W. Va. Susan, daughter of Anthony and Sarah Logsdon, was born October 7, 1836. Dixon fathered four children, raised a niece, Mary A. Logsdon (born 1869), and helped raise a niece, Anna Belle King (mentioned above).

Dixon King served Jackson County as Justice of the Peace 1865-1877, a member of the county court for fifteen years, land appraiser 1866, and was a Notary Public receiving his commission in 1876. He was a blacksmith and owned a mercantile at Belleville. In his smithy, he made the hardware for the first "hanging railroad." In addition to his Jackson County property, he owned 160 acres of land in Missouri.

During the Civil War, he was Captain of Company I of the 11th W. Va. Infantry. He first enlisted at Belleville, Va. November 1, 1861 and was mustered in as a private in Company E of the 11th Regiment. After serving only nine days, he was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company E November 9, 1861 in a paper signed by Governor Pierpont. Six months later, May 29, 1862, he was promoted to Captain and, in this rank, served out his enlistment. Honorably discharged October 9, 1862, he re-mustered for three years December 8, 1862 at Wheeling, Va., becoming Captain of Company I. He was wounded at Cloyd's Mountain May 9, 1864 and was very briefly a prisoner of war, having been captured at Spencer on September 2. He was discharged January 31, 1865. He died August 3, 1908 and was buried at the Milhoan Ridge Christian Church.



seated: William John, Susan, Capt. D. R.;
standing: Mary Catherine, Lillie, Sarah Belle, Cad

"Captain D.R." had four children:

1. William John.

2. Sarah "Belle" — b. 5/23/1860; married

Nathan Boso.

3. Carrie D. "Cad" — b. 10/29/1861; married William Lane; children — Russell, Dan (died 1918 WW I), Mamie (married Ernest Swain).

4. Lillie M. — b. 2/29/1864; married Barney Smith.

Our line continued through William John who was born July 5, 1858 at Lone Cedar. He died in 1934 and was buried on Milhoan Ridge. He married Mary Catherine Petty, daughter of Presley and Drusilla (McKinley) Petty, October 10, 1877 in Wirt County. His wife was born in 1859 at Belleville and died in 1900 in Glendale Hospital. He was elected Jackson County Land Surveyor and the compass he used, handed down to him by his father, is still in the family today. He had four children:

1. Romeo King — m. June; children — Preston, Ruby, Garnet.

2. Thomas — m. Ella; children — Herbert, Violet, Hazel.

3. Charles — m. Temperance, "Aunt Tee"; daughter Bertha.

4. Presley Preston, "Dick" — m. Grace; children — Kenneth, Dixon R. "Curley," Rosalie, Betty.

5. Gertrude — m. Harry Stewart; she died in childbirth having her second son, Alexander.

6. Carrie Ethel King — m. Arthur Morehouse; children — Richard, Elvy, William Alonzo, Irene, Ilene.

7. William Alonzo, "Pete" — joined the Canadian Army April 3, 1916 at age 16; killed during Battle of Arras in France August 27, 1918.

8. Bernice Iona — born February 13, 1889 at Toppins Grove, WV; died December 12, 1971 in Parkersburg; married Austin Addison Kessel March 11, 1906 in the Fulton Hotel in Ripley. Bernice was the only one of these children to remain in Jackson County; her siblings all migrated back to Ohio.

The Dixon R. King compass, was used by him before the Civil War. Also used by his son, Jackson County Land Surveyor William John King. The entire surveying set, including stakes, flags, chain, boxwood stake, tripod, plumb bob, and assorted weights, has passed through five generations of the family and now belongs to Lola Kessel-Johnson, daughter of Carol King Kessel. The set is brass; the face of the compass is solid silver, 1/2 inch thick; the water in the levels has been there over 130 years. Submitted by Cornelia Kessel Smith and Lola Kessel-Johnson

FRANCIS KING I

In 1938, Edith King Luyken (daughter of Clero J. and Bertha Kapphan King of California) and husband Heinrich Luyken, visited Paul and Ocie King. Edith worked in Hamburg, Germany, and Heinrich was a German citizen. Hitler's government asked them to prove her lineage in order that their children might be admitted to a university, hence their research of the King family. She shared the following: *Francis King I* came to America circa 1653, brought by Guiles Brent, who received land in Northampton County, Virginia, for bringing settlers from England to the colonies. It is through his son Robert that we claim our lineage. *Robert*, Stafford County, Virginia, married Elizabeth Brooke, daughter of Robert Brooke of Maryland. It is said that Robert was killed by Indians. He had a son, *William*, who married Judith Peyton Brent. We are descendants of their son *William Alfred*, who married Sophie Burgess. Our ancestral branch comes to us through their son *Walter*, who married Elizabeth Pratt. Their son *Leonard* was our ancestor. He married Katherine — and moved to Charles County, Maryland. From there he served in the Revolutionary War. To them was born a son, *Francis II*, who moved to what is now Jackson County, WV.

William H. Hartley, grandson of Francis III,

published a genealogy in 1937. He states "In 1818, Francis King II . . . and a Jacob Starcher purchased a tract of land from John Swan of Baltimore, MD. This tract consisted of about 565 acres located along Big Mill Creek . . . The deed describing the boundary refers to maple and oak trees, and stones as location points." On April 17, 1820, these men divided this land in two equal parts. We are told that King took the land west of Mill Creek and Starcher took that on the eastern side. Francis II (1780-1853) married Mary Richards (1780-1871) in 1800, a daughter of Paul and Katherine Richards, of Scotch-Irish descent. Their home was near where the junction of I-77 and U.S. 33 is now. The King cemetery is on a knoll overlooking this area, where many of the early King families are buried. Francis II and Mary had seven children: Elijah, William, Leonord, Samuel, Katherine, Bridget and Betsy Elizabeth.



Elijah and Samuel King's families

Elijah was our ancestor — (1801-1881). He married Susanah Cruzan (or Kruzan) (1801-1878) of French descent, in 1822. They were the parents of eleven children: *Samuel*, born 1823, and *David*, born 1827, were drowned while small in Mill Creek. *Isaac*, born 1825, married Eliza Baremore in 1847 and lived in Mason County. Their children included Henderson and Minnie. *Francis III* (history is in this volume). *Catherine*, born 1831, married Elias Kerwood in 1851. Children were Ella (m. George Greenlee), Kelly, William Perry, attorney (m. Martha Jane Lewis), John (m. Olic Rhodes), Martha (m. Cunningham), Margaret (m. Wingett), Charlie (m. Ora Unrue) and Annie (m. Isadore Casto). *John R.*, born 1832, married Julia Ann Carter in 1862, and had two children — Susan A., a photographer, and Charles T. (m. Amanda Zerkle). *Mary Jane*, born 1834 (m. first Coulter, second John Wolfe). *George Washington* (history in this book). *Sarah A.*, born 1838, married James Kerwood (brother of Elias). Eight children — Myrtle, William, R.E., Rosa, Mary, Holly, Elijah and Early. *William H.*, born 1840. Served in Confederate Army (m. first Emma Frances Greenlee, second Kate Warden). Children were — Wavie (m. John Starcher), Oran, Clero J. (m. Bertha Kapphan), Oma (m. John Smith), and Carl. *Elijah*, born 1843, died at Camp Chase during Civil War. Submitted by Peggy King Moore and Amy Moore Thompson

FRANCIS KING II

Francis King II, born Nov. 2, 1780, Delaware, died 1853, Jackson Co. Va. (W. Va.), married Mary Richards Feb. 13, 1800, Harrison Co., Va. (W. Va.). Mary, born Nov. 18, 1780, died 1871, Jackson Co., W. Va. Francis II was son of Leonard and Katherine King from Stafford Co., Va., later moved to Maryland, Delaware, who was a Revolutionary War veteran and grandson of Walter and Elizabeth (Pratt) King of Stafford Co., Va. and great-grandson of William Alfred and Sophia (Burgess) King of Virginia who had nine sons and two daughters, and great-great-grandson of William and Judith Paxton (Brent) King, probably related to Giles Brent of Northumberland Co., Va., and great-great-

great-grandson of Robert King and Elizabeth (Brook) King, daughter of Robert Brooke of Maryland, and great-great-great-grandson of Francis King I who came to America in 1655, brought over by Giles Brent or others of his family who received title to land in Northumberland Co., Virginia for bringing him over for his services (Indenture).

Will of Francis King II dated Feb. 4, 1853, Jackson County, lists children and wife as follows: wife, Mary King; sons, Elijah King, Samuel King, Leonard King, William King; daughter, Bridget Click; granddaughter, Hannah K. Fuller; probated June 13, 1853, witness George and James Stone.

William H. King, son of Francis II, was born in 1815 in Mason County, Va. (W. Va.). He died in Jackson County, W. Va., June 28, 1881. He married Lydia Rhodes (1823-1856), daughter of Joseph and Sarah Rhodes.

William H. and Sarah Rhodes' children were: Ephraim King, born Oct. 10, 1840, died March 23, 1915, Jackson Co., W. Va., married Susan Hughes (1847-1914), daughter of Jacob Hughes. Ephraim was a Civil War veteran, 4th Inf. Co. I.; Diana King, born 1842; Rheuama King, born 1840; Charlotte King, born 1838.

Ephraim and Susan King were buried at Ephraim King Cemetery off Route 87 on Jackson County line and Mason County line.

Jasper Theodore King born Oct. 22, 1878, died March 20, 1965, son of Ephraim and Susan King, married Matilda M. — (1878-1955). Both buried at Creston Cemetery on Route 87.

Clarence Lee King, born 1907, Jackson Co., W. Va., died July 25, 1984, Kanawha County, W. Va., was son of Jasper T. King. Clarence married Druzella Smith, born Feb. 11, 1906, Branchland, Lincoln Co., W. Va., daughter of James Smith and Alice (Dillion) Smith.

Clarence Lee King was son of Clarence Lee King, married Malvory Jewell Blevins, daughter of Thomas Newton Sr. and Myrtle E. (Saylor) Blevins of Flat Gap, Kentucky.



Debbie (Harper) and Rex Allen King, Heather Dawn

Rex Allen King, born March 28, 1959, Kanawha County, W. Va., married Carolyn Debra (Harper) King, born March 12, 1958, Kanawha County, W. Va., daughter of Oscar Wallace Harper and Mary Frances (Boggess) (Harper) Cash, married November 9, 1979, Red House, W. Va.

Heather Dawn King, born May 6, 1982, Kanawha County, W. Va., daughter of Rex Allen and Debra (Harper) King. Submitted by Rex Allen King

FRANCIS KING III

Francis King (25 March 1829-18 February 1918), the fourth child of Elijah and Suzanne (Krusan-Crusan) King and the grandson of the Francis that came about 1820 to Jackson County area. He grew up with his ten brothers and sisters along Big Mill Creek, near Ripley, W. Va.

On 12 August 1851, he married Ruth Baremore (22 March 1833-30 January 1893) in Wood County, Virginia, now West Virginia. At the age of eight her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Miller)



Francis King III

Baremore, had moved from Greene County, Pa. to Wood County, Virginia.

Francis and Ruth (Baremore) King established their home on a small farm in the Cow Run section of Jackson County where they raised nine children.

In 1859 when Job Hughes and wife deeded a parcel of land, Cherry Grove, to trustees for the location of a school, meeting house and burying ground, Francis King was one of the trustees.

Francis was a devout church-man, a leader in church services and community meetings. Both are buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery.

Children:

1. Elizabeth (1853-1905), never married. She remained at home and cared for her mother and brother George through a long illness. Buried at Cherry Grove.

2. Samuel (1855-1929). In 1884 he married Hannah Fenimore, daughter of Lelia (Greenlee) and Thomas Fenimore. They had nine children: Nora, Ottie, Fred, Lelia, Kate, Geraldine, Ethel, Thomas and Mary. Samuel and Hannah are buried at Barboursville, W. Va. After Hannah's death he married Almira "Aunt Dine" (Smith) Fenimore, the widow of Hannah's brother, George.

3. Miller (1857-1928). When a young man he went to Kansas to teach school and there he met Lillie VanSickle and married in 1881. Later in life he became associated with a brokerage firm, engaging in that business until his death. Parents of eight children: Edward, May, Harry, Ethel, Amy, Francis, Myron, Lillian and Gladys.

4. Eliza Jane (1860-1932). Married 23 January 1879, Oscar Sayre (5 May 1856-September 1942), son of David and Marthenia (Hill) Sayre. (See David Sayre-2702) They lived on a hill farm above Angerona, near Evans, W. Va. Both are buried in Otterbein Cemetery. Eight of their ten children lived to adulthood: Arthur, Samuel, Clara, Ruth, Edith, Elmer, Florence and Lillie.

5. Victoria (15 September 1862-30 September 1939). Married 22 August 1883 Stephen Hartley (3 October 1856-3 February 1953), son of Thomas and Lydia (Tomlinson) Hartley. (See Stephen Hartley) They established their home on a farm adjoining their parents and eventually bought the Francis King farm. Both are buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery near the graves of their parents. Parents of eight children: Charles, William and George (twins), Elizabeth, Alpha, Hoyt, Theodore and Luther.

6. William (27 May 1865-1954). Married 22 August 1886, Sallie Crum (16 October 1866-2 June 1911), daughter of Martin and Lucy Ann (Combs) Crum. They had three children: Nellie, Harry and one who died in infancy. Nellie never married. She was a nurse in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area where she lived and died. Harry became a prominent Methodist minister. He married Grace Yoak and had two children. Harry and his wife are buried at Huntington, W. Va. Sallie Crum King is buried in Antioch Cemetery near the graves of her parents. On 5 January 1914, William married Nellie Sayre, daughter of Josephus and Carrie (Hogsett) Sayre. They acquired the Josephus Sayre farm near Evans, W. Va. and made their home there.

They were parents of one son, Dale (1916-1927). All three are buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

7. George (1870-1897) never married. He taught school until his health failed. Buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery.

8. Lillie (1872-1951). Married 13 August 1908, Alonzo Stewart, a widower. They had no children. Both are buried in Antioch Cemetery.

9. Jonathan, the youngest, born in 1875, died at the age of two months. Buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery. Submitted by Francis Wayne Sayre and Alice Hartley Cunningham

GEORGE AND JULIA (DOUGLASS) KING

George Washington King, born May 26, 1836, at the old home place which was near where Jackson General Hospital is now located. He was the son of Elijah and Susanah Cruzan King and married Julia A. Douglass on February 3, 1875. Julia was the daughter of Levi and Sarah Smith Douglass of Ripley Landing, Union District, and was born January 11, 1844. They lived one mile west of the courthouse and were farmers. We have been told that George kept beautiful horses and that Julia especially liked flowers, "having a yard filled with them."

They had six children, two of whom died at birth. The others were Sarah Elizabeth, born March 13, 1877 and died November 19, 1879; Benjamin Francis (1878-1956), the only child to survive to adulthood and whose history is included in this book; Andrew Webster, born June 1, 1880 and died April 9, 1881; and Elijah Holly, born March 1, 1882 and died October 31, 1886.



Benjamin Francis King (standing), George W. and Julia (Douglass) King

George and Julia were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; George serving as Sunday School Superintendent. George died August 19, 1910, and Julia died August 20, 1916. They and the five children are buried in the Douglass Cemetery at what is now Millwood.

Submitted by Benjamin Matthew Moore

JOHN RILEY KING

Shortly before the war of 1812, Elijah King (1801) was born near Ripley, West Virginia. Elijah's father, Francis King II, had migrated from Stafford County, Virginia and with Jacob Starcher purchased 500 acres of land west of Ripley (Interstate 77 and U.S. Route 33 bisect the site).

This was to become the home of one of the early settlers of Jackson County and our King ancestors. The sixth child of Francis and Katherine (Richards) King II was to become our next generation of ancestors.

Elijah King married Susannah Kruzan. They had eleven children whose descendants number in the hundreds and continue to live in the Mill Creek Valley and adjacent areas.

John Riley King (1832), son of Elijah, married Julia Carter (1828) of Cottageville, West Virginia in 1862. They settled on the Carter Farm at the mouth of Cow Run on Mill Creek. They had two



C. T. King family, 1900

children, Susan Alice (1863) and Charles Taylor (1866). The farm continued to be identified as the Carter Farm as late as 1990, even though four generations of Kings continued to live there between 1850 and 1943.

Susan, a well-known photographer and artist in Ripley in the late 1800s, died in 1936. She never married. Her brother, Charles Taylor King, married Amanda Matilda Zerkle in 1888. Their children were Wade Wilson (1889), Cecil Carl (1891), and Charles Howard (1896).

Wade married Lillie Staats of Evans, West Virginia, and had a son, Charles Donald, who married Viola Oldham also of Evans. To this union was born a son, Donald, and a daughter, Darlene.

Howard moved to Missouri where he married, and later moved to Mobile, Alabama where his widow still lives.

Cecil married Clara Eunice Mahon, a descendant of Reese Mahon (see Reese Mahon Family), in 1917. Cecil and Eunice reared five children, Carroll Deane, Clara Virginia, Carl Wayman, Edwin Clair and Anna Louise.

Carroll has two sons, Robert and Donald, and one daughter, Julia Lea. Edwin has a son, Ronald, and a daughter, Karen, all who live in California. Wayman has six sons, Terry, Charles Gerald, Patrick, Michael, David and Richard, and one daughter, Sandra. Clara Virginia has no children. Louise married Charles Haydon Murray of Ripley, West Virginia (see Jesse Murray family) and lives in Cottageville, West Virginia. They have a son, Richard Keith, and two daughters, Patricia Lynn and Pamela Ann. Richard is married to Cathy Lyons of Ravenswood, West Virginia and lives in Ravenswood with his son, Todd Richard, and daughter, Richelle Lynn. Patricia is married to Gregg Kuhl and lives in Lawrenceville, Georgia — no children. Pamela married Julian T. Hatcher of Kenna, West Virginia. They have a son, Jeremy Daniel, and a daughter, Juli Ann, and presently live in Cottageville, West Virginia.

There are at least 35 descendants of Charles Taylor King, of whom 17 have the King name, living today. Eight descendants are living in Jackson County. Submitted by Louise King Murray

MILFORD FRANCIS KING

Milford Francis King, born April 10, 1902, son of Benjamin Francis and Grace McKown King, in Jackson County. He graduated from Ravenswood High School and Morris Harvey College and joined the United States Weather Bureau in 1925. Milford married Rowena Rae Rawlings (1900-1972) in 1926. She was the daughter of Luke Adam and Mary Ellen Winter Rawlings, who lived on Grasslick, Jackson County. They moved to Washington, D.C. where he was stationed for the Weather Bureau. Their only child, Mildred Rae King, was born there on March 24, 1929. The family lived in D.C. until Mildred was four years old, then moved to the suburbs of Arlington, Virginia. Mildred was educated through the public

schools, and in 1944 the family was transferred to Muskegon, Mich. Mildred attended Muskegon Community College where she obtained an Associates Degree. She works for a local newspaper in Muskegon.

Mildred married Carl R. Goulet on June 17, 1950. Carl was born 8/12/26, son of Gladys Cronkite and Raymond Goulet, of Muskegon. Carl was a graduate of Michigan State University. After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, he worked for a Muskegon industry and later transferred to Mobile, Alabama, where he now resides. They had eight sons.

Michael Carl, born 9/16/51 in Lansing, Michigan. He married Terri Durhnan on 12/5/70. They have two children — Gary Michael, and Amy Lynn. Michael is employed by General Motors and Terri is a registered nurse. They reside in Lapeer, Michigan.

Douglas Ray, born 10/14/52 in Philadelphia, PA at the U.S. Naval Hospital. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam war. He worked several years in Mobile, Alabama, later returning to Muskegon, married Rita Smith Gill in 1988, and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Douglas works as a nurse for the State Veterans Hospital and Rita works for a local recovery center.

John Kenneth Goulet, born 10/15/54, with the birth defect osteogenesis imperfecta. He was a delightful and intelligent child who suffered much but gave much joy to the family. John died during surgery in 1959, two months short of his fifth birthday, leaving an emptiness that has never been filled.



row 1: Peggy and Phillip; row 2: Benny and Grace; row 3: Rowena, Milford, Mildred, Paul, and Ocie King

Thomas Lee, born 11/26/55. Tom attended Community College and married Shelli Segar. They have two sons: Zachary and Anthony. They have a home in Muskegon and Tom works for Howmet Corporation and has a TV repair shop.

Timothy Scott, born 4/10/57. He received his Associates Degree at Lansing Community College, and is completing B.S. in Electrical Engineering at Michigan State. Tim married Kari Witkopp of Muskegon. They have three children: Nicole, Christopher, and Daniel. Tim works at Hoover Electronics in Chelsia, Michigan, and Kari is a teacher.

David John, born 4/4/61, and attended schools in Muskegon. He now resides in Dallas, Texas, where he has a successful insurance and brokerage business.

James Gerard, born 6/14/63, educated in Michigan public schools. Jim married Darcel McPherson, and has three children: Austin James, Adam, and Ashley Elizabeth. Jim is employed at Michigan Platers Corporation.

William Karl, born 9/17/64, took some courses at Muskegon Community College and works for Coil Anodizers, Inc. Submitted by Mildred Goulet and Michael Goulet

PAUL AND OCIE KING

Paul Marvin King, son of Reverend and Mrs. B.F. King, was born August 21, 1903, near Ripley. Paul graduated from Ravenswood High School, and was on their first football team. He attended Morris Harvey College, majoring in public speaking and drama. In the middle twenties, he worked as floor manager for Wanamaker's Department Store in New York City. He then tutored a class in public speaking at Paden City, where his father was minister. After his family moved back to Jackson County, Paul came in 1930 to help make repairs on their farm. The Great Depression hit. Paul worked several years for Pinnell & Pfof Construction.

On December 27, 1934, he married Ocie Marie Tune, who came to Jackson County in 1929 as the first Home Demonstration Agent. Ocie was born August 27, 1905, in Summers County, the daughter of S.T. and Jane Mann Tune. Her father was killed by a train before she was born, and her mother lived with an unmarried brother, R.P. Mann. After the death of her grandfather, Grandmother Lucinda Chandler Mann came to live with them. They moved to Peterstown in 1918 in order that Ocie could attend high school. In 4-H Club work she won trips to the state fair and to Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, MA. In 1924, she went to Jackson's Mill State 4-H camp and became the first camp secretary for W.H. ("Teepi") Kendrick, founder of the camp. She was chosen as a 4-H All Star. In the fall of 1925, she enrolled in West Virginia University. She moved with her mother and uncle to Morgantown, where she worked her way through college doing stenographic work. She was a member of Matrix, Rhododendron, and Mortar Board. In 1929, when Ocie came to Jackson County as HDA, her mother and uncle lived with her until her mother's death in 1931. At that time the Extension Service did not allow married women to work as HDAs, so she worked for the Farm and Home Administration two years.



Paul and Ocie King, 1976

In 1935, Paul and Ocie built a home on the upper part of his father's farm, her uncle continuing to live with them until his death in 1963. Their children, Phillip and Peggy, were born. Paul was employed by the Department of Public Assistance 1941-1943, when they bought and managed the Greyhound Bus Station and Restaurant. In 1946, after a family trip to California, Paul and Ocie operated the King's Photo Shoppe in Ripley. In 1948, Paul and his father built the Jackson Motel, the first motel in Jackson County. Paul and Ocie took over the management of the motel located one mile north of Ripley on U.S. Route 21 in 1950. An active Rotarian, Paul was chosen as a District Governor of Rotary International, and attended the International Rotary conference in Lucerne, Switzerland. He was an active church layleader at the Epworth Methodist Church and chaired the build-

ing committee for rebuilding the church sanctuary in 1956-1957. He was a statewide layleader for the Methodist Church Conference. In 1973 Paul converted the motel from fourteen rooms into five apartments. Their children held a 50th Wedding Anniversary party for them in 1984. Afflicted with a heart condition, Paul died on March 10, 1985. He is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Ocie continues to manage the apartments. For over fifty years she has been a member of the Woman's Club of Ripley and the United Methodist Women, serving as Parkersburg District President from 1964-1968 for the latter organization.

Submitted by Phillip M. King

PHILLIP M. KING

Phillip Marvin King, son of Paul and Ocie King, was born in St. Francis Hospital, Charleston, WV, September 5, 1937. He grew up in Ripley and attended elementary and high schools, being a member of band, Glee and Thespian Clubs in Ripley High School. After graduation in 1955, his background in Methodist Youth Fellowship at Epworth Methodist Church and Methodist Conference Youth work influenced his decision to enter Duke University. The summer after his junior year at Duke, he served in a Christian Ministry in the National Parks at Yellowstone Park, Wyoming. There he met Marilyn Mathews of New York City and they were married following his graduation from Duke in June, 1959. The couple spent the following year in Tuebingen, Germany, where Phillip studied on an International Rotary Foundation Fellowship. Returning in 1960, Phil entered Union Theological Seminary in NYC to study for the ministry. A daughter, Elisabeth Barrows King, was born November 26, 1961. After working in a Presbyterian Church, Phil decided to enter the Presbyterian ministry and was ordained June 9, 1963. He served as a minister on the staff of the West Virginia Mountain Project in a coal mining area on Marsh Fork of Coal River in Raleigh County, WV. A son, Paul Mathews King, was born April 19, 1965. After five years as pastor of Marsh Fork Parish, they moved to Buffalo, NY, so Phil could study Clinical Pastoral Education. In 1969, they returned to NYC, Phil studying for a Masters in Sacred Theology at Union Seminary with an emphasis on pastoral counseling. He trained at Appalachian Regional Hospital, Harlan, KY, and at a psychiatric hospital on Long Island, NY, to become a Clinical Pastoral Education supervisor.

In 1971, Phil accepted a position as Associate Pastor and Director of CPE at Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ in Greenville, PA. He supervised four or five intern pastors each year in the UCC, Lutheran, Methodist and Baptist churches in that community. He taught in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. After a marital crisis, he was divorced in 1975.

In August, 1976, he married Heidi Nace, daughter of Ruth and Robert Nace of Greenville, PA. Heidi was born June 13, 1951, in Washington, D.C. She grew up in Huntingdon and Greenville, and is a graduate of Albright College in Reading, PA. She taught English at Kwassui Junior College in Nagasaki, Japan, 1973-75. Heidi completed a Master's degree in English Literature at Edinboro, PA, in 1978. Later that year, they moved to Lancaster, PA, where Phillip was called to direct the Field Education Program at Lancaster Theological Seminary, working concurrently as director of pastoral counseling centers in churches in York and Hanover, PA. Heidi taught in a private school.

In 1979, they moved to Boston, where he began a Ph.D. program in Pastoral Counseling and Psychotherapy at Boston University. Phil worked for a year as an associate pastor at Dover Church. Heidi was employed as an English instructor at English Language Services Center 1979-83. In the summer of 1980, Phillip went to Massachusetts



Phillip, Heidi, Ben, and Sarai King

General Hospital to direct the Clinical Pastoral Education program. August 12, 1981, Sarai Keifer King was born. Phillip had the first of three major surgeries for colon cancer January, 1983. Two weeks following his second surgery, Heidi gave birth to Benjamin Francis Carbaugh King on October 28, 1986.

Phillip has taught at the Hospital's Institute for Health Professions and at Harvard University Divinity School. In 1985, he became Director of Pastoral Care and Education at MGH and head of the Chaplain's Department. That same year, Heidi earned an MBA degree at Simmons College. In 1987, Phillip completed his Ph.D. Heidi was employed at Bay Bank, Norfolk, as a commercial lending officer until August, 1989, when she became Director of Christian Education at United Church of Christ in Norwell, MA. They live at 23 Mt. Vernon Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

Submitted by Heidi King and Elisabeth B. King

KISER

The Kisers that came to settle in Jackson County are descended from a Charles Keyser (Carl Kayser) who was believed to have come to America from Germany in 1749 as a mercenary in the service of Great Britain during the French and Indian War. This Charles Keyser moved to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia where he and his wife raised ten children. One of Charles' sons, Andrew, served in the Revolutionary War, was promoted to the rank of major, and served in the Virginia legislature.

Another of Charles' sons, Joseph, and his wife, Susannah Stacey, moved to southwestern Virginia around 1780. Joseph and his descendants spelled their surname Kiser. Joseph and Susannah raised nine children: Joseph, Jr. (1782-1769), Abednego (1784-1814), John (1786-1852), Nimrod (1788-1828), Ephriam (1790-1855), Susannah (1792-1860), Mary "Polly" (1794-??), Charles (1796-1880), and Elizabeth (1798-??).

Several of old Charles' great-grandchildren and their families moved to Jackson County in the 1840s and 1850s. Among those first Kisers in the area were: Joseph K. (III) (1823-1906) and Margaret (Mrs. John Hamon) (1810-??), children of Joseph Kiser, Jr.; Joseph "Poka Joe" (1823-??), Martin (1824-??), and Charles, Jr. (1830-??), sons of Charles Kiser, Sr.; and Rev. Abednego Kiser (1817-1889), son of Ephriam Kiser. Joseph K., "Poka Joe" and Abednego received land grants along Middle Fork near Kentuck in the Washington District. Martin and Charles, Jr. settled in part of Jackson County that later became a part of Roane County. Other cousins, including Meredith Kiser, a nephew of Abednego, came to settle in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The Valentine Kiser family (relationship not established) and other Kiser families were in Jackson County for a few years in the mid-1800s before moving out of the county.

The children of Joseph K. Kiser (III) and his first wife, Elizabeth Smith, were: Mary, Obed Edom, M.J., Martha M., John Perry, Joseph K. (IV) and America. After Elizabeth Smith's death, Jo-

seph K. (III) married Louisa Smith (no relation to his first wife) and fathered two more children: Florence and Viola.

The children of Joseph "Poka Joe" Kiser and his wife, Martha "Mattie" Hamon, were: John, Leah, Charles, Mary Frances, Joseph T., Joshua Anderville, Margaret, Thomas Jefferson, James S., Catherine, Rachel (Melvina), and Robert Harlow.

The children of Abednego Kiser and his wife, Rebecca Counts, were: Bethany, Elijah, Rachel, John Henry, Elihu, Phoebe, Ephriam, Mary, Nancy Ann and Rebecca Virginia.

Many of these Kiser descendants remained, married and raised families in Jackson County. In fact, several sixth and seventh generation descendants of these Jackson County settlers still live in the county. Although much Kiser land was displaced by the Woodrum Dam and watershed and even though many surnames have changed through marriage, the Kisers have remained one of the stalwart families in the county. *Submitted by Steve Christo*

DENNIS KISER

This line begins only as far back as I have researched, starting with my great-great-great-grandfather, Joseph Kiser, Sr., who married a Mary —. Their son was Joseph K. Kiser (5/1822) who married (4/29/1846) Elizabeth Jane Smith (1827), and their son, John Perry (3/1858), was my great-grandfather. After Elizabeth's death, he married (3/14/1867) Louisa Smith, daughter of Isaac and Jemina Smith. John Perry married (12/20/1884) Jeannette M. Slaughter (2/1866), daughter of Frances Marion Slaughter. Their son, William Dennis (1/21/1888-8/14/1952, Goshen Cemetery), married (10/3/1915) Clara Artha Kiser (10/7/1895-12/1/1988, Goshen), daughter of Major Lee Kiser (1868) and Emma Counts. (Major Lee was the son of John Henry Kiser (1848) and Margaret Fletcher. After her death, he married (4/30/1874) Margaret Skeen (1/1857), daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Casto) Skeen; John Henry was the son of Joseph Kiser (1824) who married (9/2/1847) Martha J. Hamon (1830), daughter of John and Margaret (Kiser) Hamon.



William Dennis and Clara Artha Kiser

Dennis and Artha's children are: Freda Esther (6/24/1916-5/27/1975, Goshen). She married Luzon Casto, and their children are Charlene Hinkle, Brenda White; *Julie Gail (12/3/1917) who married (5/9/1942) Roger Owen Pinnell (7/14/1921-7/28/1979, Jackson Memorial Gardens), and their children are Roger Ivan and Latricia Anne; Jeannette (Doll) (4/6/1919-4/17/1988, Tyler Mountain), who married Miles Cottrill. Their children are Dennis, Larry, and Caroline Duff; Emma Lee (1/27/1921-12/1/1969, Akron), married Albert Kessel (marriage dissolved), then married Edward Murphy; Anora Arlene (8/7/1922-1/10/1988, Cincinnati) married

Charles Fischer (deceased); Addie Lorene (2/28/1924-5/20/1979, Chicago) married Robert O'Hallen, and their children are Bobby and Linda. John Perry (1/10/1929) married Marjorie Lee Casto (marriage dissolved), and their children are Barbara Kay, Kathy and Steven. He has remarried and lives with his wife, Vicky, in New York; William Keith (4/16/1930-10/16/1981, Goshen).

*Gail is known for her craft work and her kindness to many. She has crocheted miles of chains in afghans for family and friends, and her ceramic pieces are a joy to all who receive them. She loves to work outdoors, and her manicured lawn and abundant flower beds are daily proof. Her vegetable garden is a picture worthy of Burpees. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Cottageville Chapter #16, and she and Roger made their home in Millwood. Roger served in the U.S. Navy during World War II with the Seabees, the heavy equipment construction battalion. He was stationed in the Philippine Islands, and was aboard two supply ships that were destroyed beneath him during Japanese attacks in Leyte Gulf. In civilian life, he worked in road construction, and took great pride in farming extensive acres of corn and hay. He will long be remembered by many for his love of country and bluegrass music. He played the harmonica, and in the summertime and early fall, he and Gail hosted hundreds of friends and neighbors, country bands, singers, and dancers, in their back yard for evenings of pure entertainment. He was a Master Mason, AF&AM Cottageville Lodge #54, a member of Dowell Commandry #28, Knights Templar, and Order of Eastern Star, Cottageville Chapter #16.

Their children are: Roger Ivan (2/16/1943) is in his first year as Assistant Professor of Journalism at his alma mater, West Virginia University. He retired, with twenty-one years' service with the U.S. Army, as a Lt. Colonel. His wife, Margaret Monroe Householder (9/5/1947), is from a military family, and their daughter, Rebecca Lynn (8/17/1972), is a senior in high school; Latricia Anne (2/9/1951) is involved in Tole painting and stained-glass artistry. She and husband, Roger Lynn McCoy (11/18/1948), have created stained-glass panels at the front entrance of their Evergreen Hills home at Cottageville, as well as hanging lamps and brilliant hangings and sun-catchers. Their children are: Stacy Lynn (7/29/1978); Julie Diane (10/11/1980); and Samantha Jane (7/5/1980). (See Pinnell) *Submitted by Roger Ivan Pinnell and Julie Gail Pinnell*

JOSEPH KENTON KISER II

Joseph Kenton Kiser II, born 14 March 1823, Russel County, Virginia, died 21 Feb. 1906, Jackson County, son of Joseph Kenton Kiser I and Mary "Polly" Childress. Joseph came to Jackson County about 1845 and settled near Fletcher, then called "New Kentuck." On 29 April 1846 married (first) Elizabeth J. Smith, born about 1826, Russel Co.,



Joseph Kenton Kiser "Big Joe"

Va., died 15 Oct. 1862, daughter of John and Mary (Francis) Smith. On 14 March 1867 married (second) Louisa (Sirk) Smith, born 7 June 1832, Braxton County, died 12 March 1914, Paragon. Louisa had first married Simeon Smith, son of John and Mary (Francis) Smith. Joseph and Louisa are buried in Kiser Memorial Cemetery near Kentuck. Joseph had a land grant of 190 acres on Middle Fork in 1856 and in 1859 owned 230 acres. All children born at Fletcher: (1) Mary Frances, born 14 Feb. 1847, died 20 Sept. 1937. On 13 April 1865 married James D. Simerly (widower) born 2 Feb. 1833, Sullivan Co., Tennessee, died 28 Nov. 1884, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Simerly. (2) Obededom Burton Kiser, born 10 Nov. 1850, Cleveland, Virginia, died 29 April 1923, Advent. On 23 April 1892 married Daisy M. Thomas, born 3 Oct. 1875, died 22 Feb. 1963, daughter of William A. and Marinda (Huff) Thomas. Edom owned a farm on First Creek and was a school teacher. Edom and Daisy are buried in Kiser Memorial Cemetery. (3) M. (male), born 1852, died 1 Dec. 1860. (4) Martha, born 4 July 1854. (5) John Perry, born 18 June 1858, died 5 March 1921, Fletcher. On 20 Dec. 1884 married (first) Jenettie M. Slaughter, born 4 Feb. 1866, died 22 July 1906, daughter of Francis Marion and Sarah A. (Hughes) Slaughter. On 1 July 1911 married (second) Mary Magdalene "Mollie" Simmons, born 1875, died 1958, daughter of Eli and Elizabeth J. (Shinn) Simmons. John and Jenettie are buried in the Kiser Memorial Cemetery and Mollie is buried in the Grasslick Baptist Church Cemetery on Pleasant Valley Road. John was a judge in Jackson County and was elected to the House of Delegates in 1920. (6) Joseph Kenton III, born 9 Sept. 1860, died 21 July 1935. On 19 Feb 1881 married Julia Ann Shafer, born 23 March 1863, died 22 Sept. 1934, daughter of Henderson and Allissa A. (Blackshire) Shafer. Joseph was a farmer in the Fletcher area. Joseph and Julia are buried in the Kiser Memorial Cemetery. (7) America Ann, born about 1866. On 24 April 1884 married (first) William S. Haynes and (second) Mike Fetters. (8) Florence Louisa, born about 1870, died 1886. On 27 Jan. 1886 married Francis Marion Goff, born 9 Sept. 1864, died 24 Nov. 1944, son of Maxie McGhee and Avarilla (Bailey) Goff. (9) Florence Catherine, born 3 Oct. 1875, died 27 Dec. 1970, Michigan. On 29 Jan. 1898 married Wiley Alexander Berry Jr., born 1 Jan. 1865, died 8 Oct. 1954, son of Wiley Alexander Sr. and Eleanor (Dawson) Berry. *Submitted by Ola V. Kiser Kessel, great-granddaughter*

JOSEPH KENTON KISER III

Joseph Kenton Kiser III, born 9 Sept. 1860, Fletcher, died 21 July 1935, son of Joseph Kenton II and Elizabeth J. (Smith) Kiser. On 19 Feb. 1881 married Julia Ann Shafer, born 23 March 1863, died 22 Sept. 1934, daughter of Henderson and Allissa (Blackshire) Shafer. Little Joe, as he was better known, was a prominent farmer, near Fletcher, where all his children were born. Little Joe and Julia are buried in the Kiser Memorial Cemetery. Children: (1) Joseph Floyd, born 13



Joseph Kenton and Julia Ann (Shafer) Kiser



Joseph Floyd and Lydia Ann (Siders) Kiser

Oct. 1883, died 14 Sept. 1960. On 27 May 1905 married Lydia Ann Siders, born 11 Aug. 1888, died 10 April 1966, daughter of George Henry and America (Miller) Siders. (2) James Cleveland, born 6 March 1885, died 5 June 1954. On 6 May 1916 married Ima Dell Cleek, born 22 March 1888, died 15 Nov. 1944, daughter of Adam Clark and Virginia Belle (Greene) Cleek. (3) William Othel, born 4 Sept. 1886, died 14 Jan. 1888. (4) Effie Ardella, born 18 Sept. 1888, died 18 Dec. 1964. On 3 Aug. 1904 married Della Franklin Presley, born 24 Jan. 1880, died 12 May 1945, son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Skeen) Presley. (5) Ardena Ann, born 14 Sept. 1890, died 5 Dec. 1910. On 29 May 1910 married Dennis H. Counts, born 14 April 1888, son of Canaan C. and Virginia (Garrett) Counts. (6) Mary Lessie, born 8 May 1892, died 6 Oct. 1916. On 11 Nov. 1911 married Noble Columbus Lanham, born about 1888, died 30 Oct. 1918, son of Benjamin C. and Mollie (Griffith) Lanham. (7) Lloyd Burton, born 7 June 1894, died 28 March 1965. On 1 Sept. 1919 married Nancy Elizabeth Kiser, born 6 April 1897, living Oct. 1989, daughter of Major Lee and Emma (Counts) Kiser. (8) Carless Dewitt, born 9 Aug. 1896, died 19 Aug. 1938. On 15 Aug. 1918 married (first) Macel Johns. On 18 Nov. 1922 married (second) Hazel Minnie Presley, born about 1901, living April 1989, daughter of Joseph and Laura (Smith) Presley. (9) Berthel Bernice, born 11 Feb. 1899, died 15 May 1984. On 27 Sept. 1918 married Sheridan Walker, son of Frederick S. and Susan J. (Queen) Walker. (10) Albert Corbin, born 5 Nov. 1900, died 1977. In May 1926 married Macel Bodkins. Corbin was a noted Advent Christian preacher. (11) Edna Vay, born 3 May 1904, died 3 March 1908. *Submitted by Verdene Kiser Tinsley, daughter of Joseph Floyd Kiser*

CARL HERBERT KNAPP

Carl Herbert Knapp was born April 22, 1900. He married Beulah Vesta Gerlach, born Oct. 24, 1900. They are the parents of Arrietta, Zelda, and Imogene.

In 1929 and 1930 they lived in Mt. Alto, Jackson County, W. Va. Their first daughter, Arrietta, attended Mt. Alto Elementary School during those years, and Zelda, their second daughter, attended Union High School in Cottageville from 1939-1942.

The family values their many friends in Jackson County. Many of their relatives are laid to rest in the cemeteries of Mt. Alto, Jackson Chapel, and Cottageville.

In September of 1930 Herbert and Beulah and their three girls moved to Chestnut Ridge in Mason County. They would live here for the next twelve years. It was here they survived the depression years as they could grow their own vegetable garden, raise their own cow, chickens, and pigs, pick their apples, cherries, peaches, and blackberries, grind wheat into flour at Mt. Alto, and make syrup from sugar cane.

Herbert walked the few miles to buy on credit the sugar and staples they needed from Ray Wheeler's grocery store. The bill grew to about

\$100.00 before it could be paid. Ray Wheeler and his wife, Vada, were good people whose friendship the family still treasures, though they are no longer with us.

In 1942 Herbert moved his family to Rt. 87 near the junction of Chestnut Ridge and Rt. 2 where he built a four-bedroom home. They lived here until 1962 when Herbert and Beulah bought their retirement home in Pt. Pleasant, Mason County. It was here that Herbert suffered a heart attack and died in January of 1967. He was 66 years old. He is buried in the Suncrest Cemetery in Pt. Pleasant. Beulah (now 88) lived alone until 1987. She lives with her daughter Zelda in Pt. Pleasant. She still owns their retirement home and hopes some day to return there.

Their oldest daughter, Agnes Arrietta Knapp, was born June 11, 1919. In 1938 she graduated from Point Pleasant High School and soon after married Harry Woodrow Click. They started their married life on Chestnut Ridge, where they still live. In 1988 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



Herbert, Beulah, Zelda, Arrietta Click, and Imogene Herdman

Harry and Arrietta had three boys, Nelson, Karl, and Keith.

Nelson Lee Click was born April 1, 1939. He graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School with the class of 1957. He then joined the United States Marine Corps where he was stationed at Paris Island, North Carolina (1957-1959). While serving in the Marines, he married Dixie Lee Cummings Dotson of Greer Road. They bought the farm where Nelson's grandparents, Herbert and Beulah Knapp, lived on Chestnut Ridge, making four generations who lived there. This marriage ended in divorce in 1977. Besides farming, Nelson has worked at Kaiser Aluminum in Jackson County for 25 years.

Nelson and Dixie had four boys, two of whom died. Bruce Wayne Click, their first born son (Sept. 13, 1958-Dec. 28, 1976), died when he was 18 years old. Their second son, Dale Lee (Jan. 5, 1960-Aug. 5, 1960), died at seven months. Both are buried in the Suncrest Cemetery near their great-grandfather, Herbert Knapp, and their uncle, Keith Click.

Steve Brian Click was born May 10, 1962. He graduated from P.P.H.S. in 1980. He served in the United States National Guard. He will graduate from nursing school in 1990. He married Janice Hunt from Ohio in Jan. 1985. They have two children. Coda Lee (March 10, 1986) and Jerad Wayne (Oct. 12, 1988). They live on Chestnut Ridge. Coda Lee and Jerad make the fifth generation living there.

John Lee Click was born June 22, 1964. He graduated from P.P.H.S. with the class of '82. He is a construction worker and enjoys several hobbies including a gun club to which he and Steve belong. John lives in his own home on Chestnut Ridge.

Nelson married his second wife, Judith Ann Harper from Moundsville, W. Va., on May 1, 1988. They live in the home place on Chestnut Ridge.

Arrietta and Harry's second son, Karl Blaine Click, was born July 31, 1943. He graduated from

Pt. Pleasant High School in 1961. He is employed by Appalachian Power Co. and owns a farm on Chestnut Ridge. In 1966 he married the former Zara Alice Williamson of Southside. They had two children, Karla and Jason.

Karla Renee Click was born Dec. 12, 1967. She graduated from P.P.H.S. in 1986. She was 1986 Mason Co. Fair Queen and attended W. V. University and Rio Grande College. She married Thomas Robert Phillips of Gallipolis in Aug. of 1987, and they live in Gallipolis, Ohio. Karla is employed at Kyger & Kyger at Gallipolis, Ohio.

Jason Keith Click, Karl and Alice's second child, was born Nov. 9, 1970. He is a freshman at Glenville College. Jason was active in the P.P.H.S. band and was a member of the track team. He won several honors in long distance marathons.

Arrietta and Harry's third son, Keith Dwayne Click, was born July 17, 1947. Keith died in his senior year of high school on Feb. 28, 1965, at the age of 17 years. He is buried in the Suncrest Cemetery at Point Pleasant.

Herbert and Beulah's second child, Zelda Vesta Knapp, was born Feb. 22, 1926. She is retired from teaching after 33 years and lives in Pt. Pleasant. She graduated from P.P.H.S. in 1943 and Marshall College (University) in 1950 and received her Masters Degree in 1955. She earned a supervisor's certificate in 1962, and in 1967 she received a Masters plus 30 hours.

Herbert and Beulah's third daughter, Elberdie Imogene, was born May 25, 1928. She attended Marshall College (University) and taught school for eleven years in Mason County. In 1952 she married Gay Rufus Herdman of Leon. They live on a farm on Rt. 87. She is presently Superintendent of Creston's Sunday School and both are active in all church activities. They are the godparents of four children, D.J., Tebeleah, Laura, and Hannah Casto, children of Denny and Robin Casto. *Submitted by Arrietta Click and Imogene Herdman*

JOHN P. AND JULIA (WYATT) KNOPP

Children in the picture left to right, Robert Lee, Charles, Elmer E. (Bun), William O., Daisey Hickman, Iva Gordon, Bessie Burdette. Absent from picture, Dora Wade, eldest daughter.



John P. Knapp family

John P. Knopp, the son of Gideon, an immigrant of Dutch origin in the Rhine Valley, first settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, then to Ohio and Virginia. Married to Nancy Stewart of Reedy. A carpenter by trade and farmer by necessity. The remaining 55 acres situated at Frozen Camp, junction of Rt. 33 and Little Creek; of what was once 1,136 acres. The first 100 acres being patented to Capt. William Lowther Parsons, by James P. Preston, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1818; and later was acquired by Henry F. Knopp and Rachel, his wife, and is presently owned by Eulalah Knopp Weadock, youngest daughter of Elmer (Bun) Knopp. *Submitted by Eulalah K. Weadock*

KNOPP

John Henry and Philip Knopp, adult males, Katrena and Ann, adult females, and George, Peter and Menea, children, arrived in Philadelphia on ship *Samuel* 16 August 1731. On 31 December 1739 Peter married Sophia Catherine Gambling in Little Tulpehocken Lutheran Church, Berks County, Pennsylvania. In 1771 Peter purchased plantation called "Sandwich" in Heidelberg, Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Peter died in 1777 providing in his will for wife Sophia Catherine, sons Peter, Henry, John Nicholas, John, John George and Valentine; daughter Susanna and grandson, son of his daughter Eva Catherine. Elizabeth, who married Hermanus Schell, was not mentioned.

Peter married Maria Sibilla Boyer, daughter of Andreas and Maria Sibilla Boyer prior to 1772. Peter served in the Berks County Militia during the Revolutionary War. Following the war, Peter moved to Timberville, Rockingham County, Virginia, where he and family attended Rader Lutheran Church. His known children are Christina, Peter, David, Abraham, Magdalen, George (Washington) and John Adam.

George (Washington) Knopp married Catherine Richwine, daughter of Jacob Richwine and Phoebe Dietz, on 16 March 1815, Rockingham County, Virginia. Eventually they moved to Jackson County, West Virginia. Their children were Lucinda, married John Stewart, Gideon married Nancy Stewart, Phoebe married James Bazel Wright, William married Catherine Wiblin, Suvilla married William Kelly Flesher, Jesse Bennett married Mary Jane Wiblin, George (Washington), Jr. married Dorcas Liddie Westfall (widow Teal), Abraham married Delia Carney, Henry Fisher married Rachel Ann Cain, Catherine married (1) Tom Board and (2) James Wiblin.

George (Washington) Knopp, Jr., married Dorcas Liddie Westfall (widow Teal) 22 June 1854 in Jackson County, West Virginia. He served in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. Dorcas was the daughter of Clark and Millie Westfall. George and Dorcas' children were Lewis Everett, married Malinda Elizabeth Westfall, Rebecca Catherine, married Olonza Dempsey Roberts, Arizona Sarah Frances, married Andrew Jackson Burdette, and Emily Jane, married John Preston Westfall.

Lewis Everett Knopp and Malinda Elizabeth Westfall, daughter of James and Lucinda Jones Westfall, were married 21 March 1879. Their children were Loula, married Charles Cobb, Lee Oakley, married Mary Elizabeth Rhodes, William Cleveland, married Maudie Reed, Henry Edward, married Vada Roberts, Justin G., married Pearl Garrett, Jesse Otmer, married Addie Dye, Frances Westfall, married Philip Clarence Ray.

Frances Westfall Knopp and Philip Clarence Ray were married 2 December 1919 in Charleston, West Virginia. Their children are Mary Pauline Ray, married Albert Bryan Snapp 2 June 1944 in Roanoke, Virginia, and Helen Allene Ray, married James Alfred Dillon 22 February 1953 in Roanoke, Virginia. *Submitted by Pauline Ray Snapp*

ROBERT LEE KNOTTS

Robert Lee Knotts, son of Moody and Mary Knotts, born May 24, 1934, is the seventh of seven children.

Sally Ann McCutcheon, daughter of Eural and Mary McCutcheon, born December 12, 1932. First of two children, married December 31, 1953.

Both Robert and Sally were born and raised in Charleston, WV. Meeting in their teens, they were married in 1953. They had two daughters, Sheree Lynn born January 19, 1956, and Brenda Sue, born March 8, 1957.

A painter by profession, Robert moved his family to Ripley in November, 1963 after begin-

ning a job at Kaiser in September 1963. In the spring of 1964, they moved to Ravenswood. In 1966 they moved to Flatwoods Road, buying their small home a few years after moving in. They moved into the old Durbin home in 1976, living there until 1979, then moved into a new home in the Millwood subdivision.

In 1979 Sally discovered she had breast cancer. Three years later it took her life on July 31, 1982. She is buried in Blaine Memorial Gardens at Cottageville. Robert was never remarried.

Sheree continued her education after high school. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Marshall University in July 1979, received her Master's Degree in Counseling from Marshall in June 1981. She spent six years in the hotel/motel field. At present she is a Marketing Representative for the state of West Virginia. She has remained unmarried.

Brenda is married to Lowell Kent Pollock, a Ravenswood Aluminum foreman. They have one son, Kevin Stuart, born July 5, 1974. *Submitted by Robert Lee Knotts*

REV. JAMES S. AND ROSA (HART) KNOWLES

Absolom Knowles died 1884, married to Susan J. Taylor, born June 19, 1832, died Nov. 30, 1898, daughter of John H. Taylor, quarter-master under Ashby and born in Waynesboro, Va. Was a first cousin to President Zachary Taylor. To this union were born ten children, seven listed: J.H.T., William R., A. Lee, George A.B., James S., Miss Marvin, and Mrs. O.M. Ramsey.

James Samuel Knowles was born in Churchville, Va., June 28, 1869. He moved to W. Va. after graduating from high school. Later moved to Newport News, Va. and took an active part in the temperance movement. He returned to Charleston, W. Va. and in 1900 became an ordained Methodist minister and was appointed to the Quinmont Circuit. Two years later he was sent to the Fairplain Circuit, preaching in and around Ripley. While preaching one night at the Methodist church in Fairplain, Marshall Hart introduced Rev. Knowles to his sister, Rosa Belle Hart.

Rosa was born in Gilmer County, W. Va., Sept. 18, 1883, daughter of James and Nancy Payne Hart. James was born Jan. 5, 1843, died May 5, 1934. He was a son of John Hart. Nancy was born 1847, died 1927, daughter of Levi Payne, born 1813, and Mary Ellen Stansburt, born 1817.

Levi and Mary Payne were wealthy and did not want Nancy to marry poor Jim Hart. Levi had some sick sheep that died and he offered Nancy money to get married on from the sale of the wool if she would shear them. She developed rheumatism from kneeling on the wet ground to shear the sheep and from age 18 she walked with a limp. After only three meetings she married Jim Hart. He took her to live in a log cabin with a log bed and straw tick.

James S. and Rosa Belle were married Jan. 7, 1903 at Gay, W. Va. by Elder W.I. Canter. To this union were born 10 children: Georgia Marvin, 1-30-1904, Alma Mae, 3-28-1906, Charles Standifer, 3-28-1908, Arlie Lee, 7-28-1910, Jose-

phine Inez, 10-29-1912, Robert Darlington, 6-15-1915, Ruby Burnise, 3-14-1918, Marjorie Virginia, 8-15-1920, James Samuel, Jr., 3-6-1922, and William Marsellis, 2-18-1924.

While preaching in Jackson Co., Rev. and Mrs. Knowles also had a bakery which was located on the corner of Main and Straight streets in Ripley.

Several times during his ministerial career, which took him to many sections of W. Va. and Tennessee, he built churches in which he conducted services. On many occasions Rev. Knowles worked as a carpenter as well as a minister to help make a living for his family, but he always did more than his bit in advancing Christianity in the communities where he resided. Often times he would say "that all he had was a gift from God. I never owned anything but a treasure stored up in my heart." Rev. Knowles died March 24, 1939 and was buried in Springhill Cemetery at Charleston, W. Va.

Rosa Belle Hart Knowles was a very active woman, raised 10 children and had time to help her neighbors. During World War II she lived close to a war plant in Charleston and she cooked dinner for the employees everyday for three or four years. She was also very active in her Christian life. She was busy visiting the sick and shut-ins and also helping Rev. Earl Hissom with his radio ministry and Thanksgiving dinners for the poor. She was never too busy to lend a helping hand to those who needed her. In her later life she spent part of the winter months with her brother, Myron Hart, at his home in Tampa, Fla. Rosa died a peaceful death June 9, 1965, and is buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston, W. Va. *Submitted by Alma Mae Knowles Withrow*

HENRY KOONTZ

The first Koontz of my family to come to this territory which afterwards became Jackson County, came about 1822. They came from the Valley of the Buckhannon River. I think they had six children:

Henry Koontz, d. Jan. 9, 1852, age 32 years, m. April 21, 1835.

Susanna (Crites) — second m. to Wm. Fisher 12-4-53.

a. Chole Koontz, April 14, 1836-Nov. 3, 1897, m. April 13, 1854, Francis M. Pfost Feb. 11, 1833-Jan. 18, 1875. Chole second m. to Edward Green 1805-1895.

b. John W. Koontz, m. Dec. 6, 1858, moved to Missouri. Elizabeth Pfost.

c. Margaret Koontz, d. Sept. 26, 1882, 42 years, five months, m. Dec. 24, 1856. Nichlos Casto 1836-1922.

d. Magdlene Koontz, m. Feb. 2, 1865, John F. Ranson.

e. George Washington Koontz moved to Missouri.

f. Elbin Gideon Koontz, Aug. 12, 1848-Nov. 10, 1910, m. July 22, 1871, Phoebe E. Fisher, April 13, 1852-June 1, 1940.

1. John Statton Koontz, May 27, 1872-Dec. 13, 1964, m. Nov. 3, 1895, Mary Ann Boice, June 14, 1877-Dec. 13, 1931. Biddie May Koontz, Sept. 18, 1895-Sept. 7, 1949; Shirley Harrison, 1895-1973.

Denver Holland Koontz, Jan. 16, 1897-June 2, 1978. Nancy Hatcher, June 12, 1902-May 29, 1981.

Warren Webster Koontz, July 17, 1901-. Blanch Counts.

Lessie Koontz, 1898-1950. Addie Boggess, 1892-1960.

Christina Koontz, Jan. 28, 1905-March 12, 1981. Charles Miller, Nov. 22, 1902-Jan. 15, 1987.

Garnet Koontz, April 17, 1910. Henry B. Parsons, Dec. 17, 1910.

Dencil Dewey Koontz, 1907-1946.

Dennie Dudley Koontz, Aug. 22, 1913. Gladys Bumgarner.



row 1: Rosa, James, Georgia, Alma, Charles; row 2: William, James Jr., Marjorie, Ruby, Darlie, Josephine, Arlie



Mary A. Boice and John S. Koontz

Sada Faith Koontz, March 13, 1917. Guy Burton Landfried, Aug. 9, 1913.

2. Cora Christina Koontz, April 19, 1874-Mar. 21, 1892.

3. Floyd W. Koontz, 1876-1935. Sabra Withrow, 1893-1939.

4. Luther Allen Koontz, Nov. 14, 1878-Jan. 26, 1955. Verna N. Boggess, Mar. 23, 1878-July 7, 1963.

5. James Koontz, Mar. 22, 1882-Dec. 2, 1958. Nerna Monday, 1882-1936.

6. Flinner C. Koontz, 1884-1953. Icy Games, 1872-1964.

7. Delia Koontz, Jan. 1, 1888-Jan. 19, 1960. Wm. Arthur Smith, Jan. 1, 1885-Jan. 17, 1951.

8. Grovie Koontz, Aug. 23, 1891-Dec. 22, 1981. Edwin G. Scherr, July 8, 1882-Sept. 18, 1959. Submitted by Mary Landfried Casto

BEULAH (BENNETT) KOSTER

1. Beulah Bennett Koster, daughter of Holly Henry and Ella Cline Bennett, was born on my grandfather Aaron Bennett's farm near Silverton. My parents were Holly Henry and Ella Cline Bennett and I have three sisters: Beatrice (Bea) Fisher Hite, Phnelma (Pam) Evans Gorrell and Pauline Vickers. My father worked and retired from the U.S. Locks at Ravenswood. He also purchased and managed my grandfather's farm which has been in the family for over 200 years.

We moved to Ravenswood to Wilson Street in the fall of 1920 so we girls could attend school. My father always stressed the importance of an education. Being in town and exposed to all the childhood diseases, we girls got the whooping cough. Pauline, my youngest sister, was only a few weeks old. My mother wished she had never seen Ravenswood, as we had never been ill. My youngest sister nearly died, but my mother was especially good at "doctoring" her family and we always had the best of care throughout our childhood.

I attended grade school in Ravenswood and a neighbor boarded school teachers. We girls often watched for Mr. Hess and Mr. Thompson to walk to school with them. They were both tall men, so their stride was long and it hurried a 12 year old to keep up with them. We would gather children along the way to school as it was about six or eight blocks. I was quite active in school activities. I was a member of the 4-H club, while in Junior and Senior High School, I played a clarinet in the band, and the "star" player on the girls' basketball team. So good, in fact, that the coach asked permission from the high school principal if I could practice with the high school team when I was in the ninth grade.

I graduated from Ravenswood High School and attended Mt. State Business College in Parkersburg. My experience as a student in the Ravenswood schools was very happy. We had a happy Christian home and many friends to enjoy. My mother and father were loving and supporting parents and lived to see us all married and to enjoy their grandchildren.

After college, I worked as secretary at the Soil

Conservation Office and the Jackson County Board of Education in Ripley. I am a charter member of the Junior Women's Club of Ripley, organized and federated in 1939 and was the club's second president.

In 1945, I married Ernest C. Koster of Brewster, Minnesota, who was a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy at the time. We were married at the Methodist Church in Ravenswood (my home church).

We moved to Dunbar in 1947 when my husband received a teaching position at South Charleston Junior High School, teaching Industrial Arts.



E. C. and Beulah (Bennett) Koster

We have three children, Ronald, John and Barbara. Ronald is a comptroller for Standard Laboratories of Charleston, coal testing lab with offices in 15 states, John is a missionary in Australia and Barbara is a nurse and works as a clinic coordinator of Health Right, Inc. in Charleston. We have four grandchildren. Submitted by Beulah Bennett Koster

PHILIP PAUL LACAVA, SR.

Rocco LaCava, born 25 September 1885 in St. Pete, Italy, and died 5 August 1950 in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. He married Clementine Panza, born 15 March 1889 and died 13 March 1975 in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. They were married in 1904 in Italy and came to the United States in 1906. Rocco and Clementine had 12 children: Samuel and Rachel, born in Italy, Louis, Peter (killed at the Battle of the Bulge in WW II in 1945), Philip Paul (POW for six months in WW II), Rocco Frank, Joseph, Mary Louise, Florence, Constance, Philamena and another child named Florence, who had died in infancy.



Philip P. LaCava Sr., Marie; H.S. Schafer, Philip Jr., Dorothy, Noreen, and daughter, Natalie Dinger

Philip Paul LaCava, Sr., born 7 November 1925. On 26 June 1946, he married Dorothy Pearl Schafer, born 18 December 1926. She was the daughter of Mrs. Marie Henrietta Spect Schafer who was born 24 September 1904 and died 25

November 1986. Philip and Dorothy had two children: Noreen Gay LaCava, born 9 September 1951 and married to Regis Dinger. Their two children are: Natalie, born 29 August 1981 and Gregory, born 15 October 1984. Philip and Dorothy's other child, a son, is Philip Paul LaCava, Jr., born 15 October 1955. On 21 November 1981, he married Barbara Sue Taylor, born 28 December 1956. They have four children: Danielle Christina, born 28 November 1982, Megan Elizabeth, born 16 December 1983, Adam Taylor, born 14 March 1986, and Chad Taylor, born 7 April 1987. For further reference, see Taylor and LaCava, Jr.

Submitted by Phillip Paul LaCava

PHILIP PAUL LACAVA, JR.

As many families made the long journey across the Atlantic, they looked at their children and surveyed the conditions of travel and wondered if they would ever make it. This, I'm sure, echoed from ship to ship. They were transported like cattle or bananas, with barely enough to eat and sanitation was minimum.

This is how Rocco LaCava and Clementine Panza felt in 1906 when they booked passage with their two tiny babies, Samuel and Rachel, who were under two years old. This shows the strength and determination that the immigrants had as they were determined to reach the new land. These people added to the United States of America the same courage as the early pioneers. The English, Irish, Scots and Italians seem to come in greater numbers as immigrants.

The LaCava family settled in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, which is just outside the city of Pittsburgh alongside the Allegheny River. Sharpsburg is now included as a suburb of Pittsburgh. It is predominately Italian and has been restored to the beautiful setting that its ancestors built. Ten more children were born after the LaCavas came to America.

Rocco's grandson, Philip Paul LaCava, Jr., attended West Virginia University and as his ancestors had assumed their own responsibilities, young Philip worked and supported himself as he pursued his BS degree in Accounting.

As a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, he enjoyed a social life. There is where he met Barbara Sue Taylor from Cottageville, Jackson County. He graduated 1978, but he remained an additional year to work on his Masters degree.

When Barbara was graduated in 1979, she returned to Cottageville after earning a BA degree in Psychology and a BS degree in Business Administration.

Since she had already begun work in St. Albans at the Appalachian Power Company's John Amos Plant as Personnel Assistant, Barbara and Philip made their home in St. Albans following their



Barbara and Philip Paul LaCava Jr., Danielle, Megan, Adam, and Chad

wedding 21 November 1981.

Philip found that his interests were in marketing and sales. He acquired experience in a small company before going to Motorola Communications and Electronics. He has remained with them and has advanced due to his abilities and dedication to this field.

While in St. Albans, they were blessed with four lovely children: Danielle, Megan, Adam and Chad. Desiring to rear their children in a small town, they chose Ravenswood, Jackson County, where they purchased the landmark property, called the "Nellie Hughes House," a Victorian brick home built in 1907, just one year after Grandfather Rocco and Grandmother Clementine came to America.

There were other reasons for coming to Jackson County; Barbara's parents, Howard and Artist Taylor, still lived in Cottageville, where Barbara was reared; and Philip, "Chip" as he is known, was an avid hunter and fisherman. Jackson County is well known for these sports.

For further reference, see LaCava, Jr. Genealogy and LaCava Residence Historic Houses.
Submitted by Phillip P. LaCava, Jr.

LAFLIN AND LAUGHLIN

William Alexander Laflen and Phebe Jane Rush, born 1805 and 1809, respectively, in Pennsylvania, married in Ohio in 1830. William was the oldest son of Matthew and Mary (Alexander) Laflen, and Phebe was a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Stull) Rush who settled in Tyler County, Virginia in 1830. Phebe's brother was Paul Rush.

William and Phebe Laflen first lived in Belmont County, Ohio, but moved in 1838 to that part of Tyler County which became Wetzel County in 1846. William was a petitioner involved in the formation of the new county of Wetzel. He was a justice of the peace for twenty years and taught school for fifteen years. William and Phebe later moved to Cloud County, Kansas, where they died about 1890.

Loranza D. Laflen was the oldest son of William and Phebe Laflen's nine children. He was born in Belmont County, Ohio in 1831 and after residing in Wetzel and Wood counties, died in Jackson County where he was buried in 1900. His brothers and sisters were Mary (died in infancy), Elizabeth (Hostettler), Hannah (Cooper), Rachel (Siers), Jemima Jane (Yoho), Emily S. (Robinson), John Morgan, and Susan A. (Bland).

Loranza Laflen, after working on the Ohio River, married Eliza Ann Buckley in 1858 and became a farmer in Wood County and later in Jackson County near Sherman. Eliza Ann, born 1841, was the daughter of Harrison Wade Hampton Buckley and his wife Eliza Jane Burns, residents of Wood County. Loranza was reinterred at Lubeck Cemetery in Wood County and rests beside his wife Eliza Ann who died October 15, 1923. His head stone bears testament to the change in spelling of the family surname as it reads "Laflen" on one side and "Laughlin" on the other.

Loranza and Eliza Ann Laflen's thirteen children were Hannah Virginia (Swain), Mary Catherine (Henthorn), Phebe Jane (died as child), Alcinda (Swain), Emily Etta, William Alexander, Almyra, America "Mecki" (Rowley), Hattie Irene (King), Mabel Cline, Harrison W.H. "Harry," Lorenzo Dow, and Okey Johnson.

Hannah Virginia Laflen, born July 17, 1859 in Wood County, married William Tecumseh Swain, born January 15, 1860 in Manganeese, Wood County. Their son, Lewis Delbert Swain, married Marie Boso and lived on a farm in Jackson County bordering on Wood County from 1921 to 1943. Their only child, Roselyn, was born there June 24, 1922 and now lives in Wood County.

Hattie Virginia Laflen, born October 12, 1873, married Charles C. King, son of William "Billy"

King of Sherman, Jackson County. They had two children. Upon the early death of her husband, Charles, Hattie and her children moved to the farm of her father-in-law, Billy King, near Sherman. The farm was known for the mill that operated there for many years. Hattie's two daughters, Regina (Keefer) and Elizabeth (Solato), both now reside in Wood County. *Submitted by James Harold Laughlin, Jr., great-grandson of Loranza D. Laflen*

C.L. AND EMALINE (HOWELL) LAMBERT

Charles Lewis Lambert was born to John Lewis and Nancy Stowers Lambert in 1854 while the family was living in a portion of Gilmer County that later became a part of Calhoun County, (W) Virginia. In the early 1860s the Lambert family moved to Jackson County where they lived in the Washington Run area of Grant District. When his parents moved to Meigs County, Ohio, Charles remained in Jackson County where he worked for and lived with different families.

In 1880, on Christmas Eve, Charles, standing well over six feet tall, married a daughter of Jacob Jasper and Hannah C. Mount Howell of Murraysville. Emaline Howell, petite and, like her mother, barely five feet tall, had been born in Wood County, (W) Virginia in 1859. Their first child, Edna Gertrude, b. 1881 (m. Marques D. Ames), was born while Charles and Emaline were living in Muses Bottom and then in the following eight years while they lived in Lone Cedar, then Pond Creek, then Sandy(ville), wherever Charles could find work, four more children were born to them: Wiley Austin, b. 1882 (m. Nora Hufford); Lenna Wanita, b. 1884 (m. first Oscar Hagan and second Walter Beck); Roy Eldon, b. 1886 (m. Nora Standley); and Charles Clyde, b. 1889 (m. Flora Aitken).

During the 1800s, Emaline's father, Jacob J. Howell, had been traveling from West Virginia to Missouri from time to time, purchasing small farms, and in late 1890, Charles and Emaline, together with her sister and brother-in-law, James and Olive V. Howell Bramble, moved with their families to Sullivan County, Missouri, where they were to prepare the Howell farms and plant a spring crop in anticipation of the move from West Virginia to Missouri in the fall by the Howell family.

In 1891, shortly after the arrival of the Lambert family in Missouri, a daughter was born to them. She was named Virginia Missouri (m. Littleton Burr Hagerman) because she was "conceived in Virginia and born in Missouri." In 1893 their last child, Ira J. Lambert (m. Luria Mabel Peterson) was born.



Charles Lewis and Emaline (Howell) Lambert, Ira (son)

During the early years in Missouri, the Lamberts had moved into an old, small, log home on one of the farms. It was so sparse and primitive that when they were visited by a brother of Charles and his family, his wife would later write in her diary that "if the hard, back-breaking work required of the tiny, frail Emaline didn't kill her, the constant childbearing would!" A year or so later Charles

built a new home for his wife and family, but Emaline did not live to enjoy it, dying in 1896. She is buried in Pleasantview Cemetery, west of Mystic, in Sullivan County, Missouri, near her parents, Jacob J. and Hannah C. Mount Howell.

In 1897 Charles Lewis Lambert remarried to Henrietta Beck. A daughter, Ellavede, was born to them in 1898 and in late 1900 the Lambert family emigrated from Missouri to Woodward County, Oklahoma where they farmed and where Charles and John F. Dail settled the town of Mooreland. In 1906 the Lamberts separated and in 1907 Charles married Ella Blaine, a widow who was also from Sullivan County, Missouri. Three children were born to them: Evelyn in 1908, Walter in 1910 and Lola in 1912. This marriage also ended in divorce and in 1923 Charles was married a fourth and last time to Ella Killion McDowell Archibald. One child, Charles Lewis Lambert, Jr., was born to them in 1924.

Charles farmed and raised cattle. In time he became a prominent citizen and businessman in Mooreland. He owned the first wheat threshing machine in Woodward County, the first of several business buildings in town, owned the first sorghum mill, the first moving picture show, was the first Justice of the Peace, the first mortician and, as he would dryly comment on occasion probably the first man in Woodward County to have four marriages.

In 1926 Charles sold all his holdings in Mooreland and Woodward County and he and Ella and their family moved to a farm near Raymondsville, Texas where they became involved in growing onions — a venture that failed because of continued rain on their fields at harvest time in a usually arid part of the state. Charles retired to a home in Raymondsville where he died in 1938. He and Ella are buried at the Raymondsville Cemetery.
Submitted by Iris Lambert Hall

J.L. AND NANCY (STOWERS) LAMBERT

John Lewis Lambert was born in 1818 in Tazewell County, Virginia, the son of Joseph (son of John) and Susannah Hutsell (daughter of Lewis) Lambert who had married in Wythe County, Virginia. John married Nancy Stowers, born 1818 in Tazewell County, Virginia to Mordica (son of William) and Polly (Powers, parents unknown) Stowers.

While John and Nancy lived and farmed in Tazewell County, five children were born to them: Mary Ann, b. 1839 (m. first Samuel D. Boone and second Alfred Huffman); Rebecca Jane, b. 1840 (m. Doodridge Bailey); Charlotte, b. 1842 (m. William Henry Sheets); Joseph H., b. 1843 (m. Mary C. Ward); and John William, b. 1845 (m. Harriet Rawson).

John and Nancy then moved their family to Boone County where they lived for a few years, during which time two sons were born to them: George F., b. 1848 (name of wife unknown if married); and Floyd S., b. 1850 (m. Martha L.).

The Lambert family then moved to a part of Gilmer County which in later years became a part of Calhoun County. While there, the following children were born to them: Louisa, b. 1852 (m. William Henry Harrison Cook); Charles Lewis, b. 1854 (m. first Emmaline Howell, m. second, third and fourth times after leaving Jackson County); Isaac Rufus, b. 1856 (unmarried); James Buchanan, b. 1859 (m. Huldie S. Smith); and Barbara Ellen, b. 1861 (unmarried).

At some time in the early or mid-1860s John and Nancy and their unmarried children moved to the Washington Run area of Grant District in Jackson County, West Virginia where they made their home for a number of years. Several of their children married during this time and made their homes in Wood, Jackson and Cabell counties.

In the 1800s John and Nancy Lambert, together

with their three youngest children who were unmarried, moved across the Ohio River to a farm near Lebanon in Meigs County, Ohio. James married while the family lived here. Isaac and Barbara Ellen died, as did Nancy Lambert who died in 1887. Nancy, Isaac and Barbara Ellen are buried in the Middleswart Cemetery near Portland, Ohio.

After the death of Nancy and their two children, John sold his property in Meigs County, Ohio and moved to Sullivan County, Missouri where his sons, Charles Lewis and James B., lived with their families. John Lewis Lambert died there on March 5, 1896 and is buried at the Pleasantview Cemetery, west of Mystic, Sullivan County, Missouri.

Submitted by Marion L. Hall

LANDFRIED — RAINES

My grandfather, George McCellen Landfried (1864-1918) married Anna Parsons (1877-1935) on September 7, 1896.

My father, Guy Burton Landfried, was born August 9, 1913 and married Sada Faith Koontz on June 1, 1937. Sada was born on March 13, 1917. They began their married life in the Landfried home at Kenna and lived there for four years. In 1941 they purchased land above the Grass Lick Church on Pleasant Valley Road, and started construction on the house they still reside in. Lumber was cut from the Mance Casto farm with the help of Sada's father, John S. Koontz, and her brother, Dennie Koontz, they were able to move into the house in 1941.

Guy was drafted in the Army in 1944 and spent most of his service time in Alaska. He is now retired having worked for Brown and Floyd Construction for thirty years. He is an avid fisherman and has enjoyed spending time in Melbourne, Florida the last 25 years in January and February, fishing each day. Sada enjoys weaving and making crafts. She had quite a responsibility raising my brother, sister and I since Dad was boarding away from home with his construction job.

My sister, Mary Sue, married Robert A. Casto, son of T. Ray and Lillian Casto, June 10, 1964. She is Assistant Cashier at The Bank of Ripley and has been employed there since attending Charleston School of Commerce after graduating from Ripley High School. Bob is with the Department of Highways and is looking forward to retirement in the near future. They have one son, Tommy, a freshman at Ripley High School, who loves to hunt, play baseball, and ride his four-wheeler. Tommy is the only grandson Guy has that loves to fish.

I, Jo Ann, married Paul Raines, son of Hobert and Belle Raines, April 14, 1960. After being a full-time mom and wife for several years, I am now employed at the Housing Authority of Jackson County. Paul is a driver education instructor at Ripley High School and is a WVAC basketball official.



"Red" and Sada (seated), Mary, Bob and Tom Casto, Guy Landfried, JoAnn, Andrew, Paul, and Nolan Raines

Paul and I have two sons, Nolan and Andrew. Nolan is a graduate of Marshall University with a

BA in Business Administration and an MS in Athletic Administration. He was a manager and graduate assistant for Marshall basketball while attending college. Nolan is now with the Bank of Cross Lanes as a management trainee. Andrew is a graduate of Marshall University with a BA degree in Accounting. He is a CPA and is employed with Touch-Ross accounting firm in Louisville, KY. Andy is married to the former Karen Garcia, a Marshall University alumni. She is a technical writer for United Parcel Services in Louisville.

My brother, Guy Edward, resides with my parents. He is a graduate of Ripley High School and Hixon Design School in Cleveland, Ohio and attended PCC in Ripley. He is presently self-employed, operating a Christmas tree farm and greenhouse he and Dad started several years ago. Ed enjoys antiques and woodworking. *Submitted by Jo Ann Raines and Andrew Raines*

ADAM LANDFRIED

Adam Landfried, son of Phillip, and grandson of Adam, was born in Sycamore Valley, near Ripley (Jackson Court House) in 1875. He was the youngest of nine children born to Phillip and Sarah Abels Landfried in the house re-built by the family soon after emigrating from Germany.

Adam attended school (the building made of logs) on the farm close to his home. He did well in classes and later became a successful farmer, a trustee for the community school, Jackson County Deputy Assessor and was elected to the County Court of Jackson County, serving as its President at the time Cedar Lakes Center was formed. He was married to Anna Louise Phillips of Ripley and Rusk, Ritchie County, West Virginia, and they had six children. Anna was the only child of the marriage of Sarah Elizabeth Richardson and Archibald Phillips of Ritchie County. She was raised by her grandparents, Reverend and Mrs. John Richardson of Virginia and Ripley. He was of Spotsylvania, Scotland, she of Sussex, England.



Adam and Anna Landfried

The six children were:

Audrey (1902-1988), a teacher and postal clerk, married Fred Sayre and they owned and successfully operated the Ford Motor Dealership in Ripley for nearly fifty years. They had no children;

Phillip Dane (1904-1971), a mechanic and carpenter, married Rosalie Bonto. They were the parents of one daughter, Sandra Sue Landfried, Marshall and W. Va. University, Ph.D., B.S.M.T. (Microbiology and Medical Technology), who is Medicare Laboratory-Surveyor for the West Virginia Department of Health;

Delmer Reed (1907-1965), a carpenter and mason, single, lived at home with his parents until a work-related accident caused his death;

Leon Clere (1910-1969), teacher, mechanic and merchant, married Edith Miller who assisted in the management of their appliance store in Ripley. They had one daughter, Karen Dee, who attended Marshall and later business college and is now a secretary for Columbia Gas in Charleston. She was formerly married and has one daughter,



The six children

Amy Dee Cain, a student at Marshall University;

Rilla Roberta, born 1913, the only remaining member of the six Landfried children, a teacher, married Orel Joshua Skeen, teacher, West Virginia Penitentiary Warden and elected West Virginia State Treasurer. She has two sons, Kennad Lee, and Larry Lynn, both graduates of West Virginia University College of Law and practicing attorneys in Ripley and Charleston. Kennad married Carolyn Rader, Marshall University graduate and teacher. They have two children, Kristin Susanne who attends West Virginia Wesleyan College, and Kennad Lee II, a sophomore at Ripley High School. Larry married Margaret Ringo, a graduate of University of Cincinnati School of Design. They have two daughters, Heather Lynne, a student at Denison University and Jennifer Erin, a Junior at George Washington High School in Charleston;

Gwendolyn Nadene, the youngest of the Landfried children, born in 1920, was ill most of the nineteen years of her life but received loving care from the entire family.



Homeplace of Adam and Anna Landfried

All six children were born and raised at the Landfried family nine-room farm home built by Adam prior to his marriage which is now owned by Mrs. Everett Kay. This family was one of the last of a nearly self-sufficient generation, growing most all their food, selling the surplus in order to purchase what they wore. It was a way of life of which they were proud, and it was with mixed emotions they experienced its passing. *Submitted by Rilla Landfried Skeen*

JAMES LANDFRIED

James, son of Phillip, grandson of Adam, was born in 1869 near Ripley (Jackson Court House) presently Sycamore Valley. His mother was Sara Ables Landfried, daughter of Jacob and Sara Miller Ables. Phillip came to this county from Bavaria, Germany.

In the tradition of many Germans, James purchased land and became a successful farmer. He was respected by members of the community. On January 2, 1897, he married Mary Belle Boyce (1872-1945) daughter of Ezekiel and Mary Gabbert Boyce. Children of this marriage were: Cleophas Deem (1898-1975) married Wanda Staats, daughter of Ida Ryan and Isaac Staats. Children: Cecil L. (1919) and Margaret (1923).

In 1946 Margaret married Paul Waugh. Cecil "Joe" served in the European theater of World War II. He married (1943) Ann Evans (1919-1969) of Killmuck, Scotland. A daughter, Margaret, was born in 1949. Second marriage to Juanita Williams. A daughter, Carolyn, was born 1977.

Cleophas' second marriage (1928) to Mable Cunningham, daughter of Martha Belle Merial and Okey Cunningham, Sr. Children: C. Edward (1932) and Dorothy Belle (1937). Edward married Shirley Gorby (deceased). Children: Rebecca, Phillip, Mary Lea and Paul. Second marriage to Audrey Shaffer Tolley. Stepdaughter, Teresa Tolley Eagle. Dorothy married D. Clare Moore. Children: Cynthia Lynn married Brian Hill. Gregory Dwight married Marty Fisher.

Macil (deceased) married William Flowers (1899-1967). Children: Jimmy (deceased), Mary Margaret, Elah Mae and Alma. After her marriage Macil moved to East Liverpool, Ohio and remained there.

Elah Roberta (1902-1983) married Jess Murray (deceased).

Lelia Belle (1909) married (1927) Gay C. Frasier (deceased), son of Harve and Anna Bridwell Frasier. Children: Betty Mae (1928) married Earnest Buck. Children: Jolea Beth (1957) married (1979) John D. Martin. Children: Chelsea Ann (1985) and Jordan Loraine (1987), Jill Ann (1959) married (1980) D. Keith Rake. Children: Hamilton Keith (1983) and Gabriel Grant (1984). J. Brent Buck (1961). Shirley Ann (1936) married Carroll Barnette. Children: Debbie (1955) married Larry Johnson. Children: Jason (1975) and Justin (1981). Deendra (1960) married (1981) Larry Miller. Children: Branden (1983) and Jaclyn Renee (1986). Camden "Butch" (1962) married (1986) Debra Sue Nichols, son, Brett (1989), M. Mitchell (1964). Lelia's second marriage to G. Leonard Garrett (1918-1958). Children: James C. (1941) married Virginia Chancey. Children: John W. (1961) married Tracey Hanning, daughter, Amanda (1981). Second marriage Crystal King, daughter, Miranda (1985). Mark L. (1964) married Sandra Adkins, son, Andrew Mark (1989). Lee (1942) married Joann Wells Casto. Stepchildren, Regis Casto Jones and Dean Casto. Grandchildren: Adam and Sonya Jones, Summer and Lucas Casto. Bonnie Sue (1944) married (1964) Milton Wells. Son, James Matthew (1967). Matthew is a Senior at WVU majoring in history, and pre-law. Linda Lou (1947) married (1966) Lawrence Bennett, son, David Wesley (1966). David is studying toward a Ph.D. at Ohio State University in Aerospace Engineering.

The youngest child of Lelia and Leonard Garrett, Landfried Ricky (1952-1973) died in an accident.

Most of the many descendants of James and Mary Belle Landfried live in Jackson County.
Submitted by Betty F. Buck

PHILLIP LANDFRIED

Adam Landfried: The night fell on Easter Sunday 1847, as Adam and his wife, Charlotte (Kessler), four of their children, one daughter-in-law and one grandson, boarded a freighter bound for America and a new home. One son, Harry Karl Landfried, stayed in Germany.

Following the long voyage to New York, they visited with their son and daughter, Adam and Elizabeth. While in New York they made a down payment on land in Pennsylvania, which proved to be a false company. They then crossed to Pittsburgh and down the Ohio to Wheeling, where another son lived, Jacob. They then traveled down river to Ravenswood and across land to Ripley. It was now August 1847. They stayed with a son, George, who settled here earlier. Adam and Charlotte bought the Travis Parsons farm on Sycamore Creek for \$600 and a crop.

Adam Landfried was born in Leitwyler, Bavaria, Germany, Dec. 15, 1785 and died Dec. 10, 1871. His wife, Charlotte, was born Jan. 18, 1791 and died Feb. 6, 1867. They are both buried in the old Ripley Cemetery.

The four children to come with their parents were: Mary C. (Woolever), Charlotte (Starcher), Henry and Phillip.

Phillip Landfried: was eighteen when they came to America, he was born in Leitwyler, Bavaria, Germany, Aug. 9, 1829, died at age of 75, Aug. 30, 1904. His father deeded him the 87-acre farm on Sycamore March 23, 1854. Phillip married Sarah (Ables) on June 8, 1855. She was born Sept. 7, 1833 and died Oct. 2, 1916. They are buried in the Old Ripley Cemetery. Phillip and Sarah had ten children: Asbury, 1856-1857; William, 1860-1891; Mary (Carney), 1862-1936; Adam, 1876-1960; Charlotte (Boice), 1868-1936; John, 1872-1949; James, 1869-1950; Jacob, 1866-1926; and my grandfather, George.



Philip and Sarah (Ables) Landfried

George McClellan Landfried: 1864-1918, he married Sept. 7, 1896 to Anna (Parsons), a daughter of Charles and Alice R. (Moore); Anna, 1877-1935. Both are buried at the Given Cemetery.



George and Anna Landfried

Their ten children are:

Jessie Landfried, Sept. 26, 1898-Nov. 26, 1901.

Oscar (Jack) Landfried, Oct. 24, 1897-Dec. 21, 1972. Married Mable Grady. Daughter, Katherine Landfried (Ball).

Tessie Landfried, Dec. 16, 1901, married Robert Knotts, June 1898-Jan. 10, 1960.

Hazel Landfried, Nov. 21, 1903-Sept. 1941, married Guy Lewis. Second husband Guy Holcomb. Infant died Aug. 1925.

Henry Clay Landfried, Jan. 4, 1906-Oct. 23, 1977, married Marie Bucklew June 23, 1911. Son Henry (Hank) Landfried, July 23, 1931-Aug. 5, 1981, married Kathryn Shaw. Children: Marleen, Bryan, Michael.

Daniel Phillip Landfried, Nov. 11, 1907-July 17, 1963, married Marie Matlack. Son Daniel Landfried, married Jean Hopkins. Their children: Daniel, Lou Ann, Nancy, James, Elizabeth.

Betty Lou Landfried, married David Winter. Children: Kenneth and Jeffery.

George McClellan Landfried, Oct. 9, 1909-July 4, 1989, married Garnet Hamon. Son, Richard Landfried, married Linda Perry. Children: Eliza-



*kneeling: Clay, Guy, Oscar;
standing: Russell, Clyde, Dan and George*

beth, Joseph, Adam. Son, Phillip Landfried, married Anna Beavers. Children: Phillip and Carol.

Russell Landfried, Aug. 29, 1911-May 20, 1987, married Ersil Bailey, Feb. 17, 1911-Dec. 31, 1987. Son, Charles Robert Landfried, married Maxine Faber. Children: Charles, Matthew and Christopher.

Clyde Lee Landfried, Oct. 12, 1916-June 22, 1958, married Maxine Nelson, second, married Fred Ramsey. Children: James Nelson Landfried, Carolyn Sue Landfried, twins; Brenda Landfried, Linda Landfried.

Guy Burton Landfried, Aug. 9, 1913-, married Sada Faith Koontz, b. Mar. 13, 1917. Children: JoAnn Landfried, married Paul Raines. Children: Paul Nolan, Andrew Bryan. Mary Sue Landfried, married Robert Allen Casto, son Thomas Allen Casto. Guy Edward Landfried. *Submitted by Guy E. Landfried and Tessie L. Knotts*

RUSSEL AND ERSIL LANDFRIED

Charles Russel Landfried was born August 28, 1911 at Fairplain, the son of George and Anna Parsons Landfried. He married Ersil Marie Bailey, born February 17, 1911, in Roane County, the daughter of Robert and Ida Jones Bailey. Her father worked for the gas company and was transferred to Boyd County, Kentucky in 1929. She graduated from high school there. While on a visit to a cousin, Freda Mays, at Kenna, she met Russel, who was working for Freda's husband, Foster, at the time. They were married in Ashland on May 28, 1938. Russel was then working for Columbia Gas and they lived at Clendenin. Later, they moved to Sissonville where they were living at the time their son and only child, Charles Robert, was born, November 3, 1941. When he was six months old they moved to Kenna where they lived until their deaths in 1987. He died on May 20 and she on December 31. Russel worked for the gas company 38 years before his retirement. Both were charter members of Kenna Grange and active in many community activities. Ersil was a volunteer for the Red Cross and a member of the Kenna Extension Homemakers Club for over forty years. They are buried in the Given Cemetery.



Russell and Ersil Landfried

Charles Robert Landfried married Cody Maxine Faber, daughter of Jessie and Mary Fisher Faber,

on July 24, 1964. She was born October 27, 1941. Their children are: Charles Robert, Jr., born July 2, 1965; Matthew Peter, born September 8, 1967, m. 7-29-1989 to Patricia Lyn Bodkin, b. January 10, 1969; Christopher David, born October 7, 1970. Submitted by Matthew P. Landfried

KEMP AND EURADA (SKEEN) LANDIS

Kemp Sylvester Landis (1923-), married Eurada Lee Skeen (1926-) in 1942. Son of Ola (Jesse and Miranda Jane Gandee Landis) and Lessie (Ralph and Medora Johnson Walker). Ripley High School Institute of Applied Science, vet. WW II.

Kemp and Eurada both spent their pre-school years in Charleston. During the Depression of the 1930s both families moved back to their farms in Jackson County located between Kenna and Kentuck. The families raised most of their food and sold eggs and chickens to get money to buy the other necessary foods at the Kentuck Store. They usually had lambs and calves to sell to buy winter clothing. Trapping for small game was another way for the boys to make extra money.

Both walked 1¼ miles to Kentuck Star's one-room school, with grades one through eight. At age thirteen, Kemp started to Ripley High. Along with five other boys, he walked five miles to Rt. 21 to catch the bus. After school and football practice, he hitched a ride back to Kenna and walked home. In the winter Kemp boarded with Brian (County Clerk) and Fay Duff Mays, formerly of Kentuck.

The following year, 1938, a canvas covered truck with wooden benches, driven by Beecher Poling, hauled nineteen boys and girls to Ripley. On pretty days, they rolled the canvas back. On cold days, they huddled together for warmth. The next year, 1939, the county sent a school bus filled with children from Pleasant Run, Goshen Valley, Kentuck Star, First Creek, Second Creek Schools. Some of these children walked five or six miles to catch the bus at the Kentuck bridge. During WW II, when gasoline and cars were in such shortage, the school bus also hauled citizens to Ripley to do business or go to doctor.

Like other men and boys of the county, Kemp was happy when the gas fields opened up in Jackson County. Then boys could dig pipeline ditches if they were sixteen years old. They had to dig three sections or 45 feet of ditch, two to three feet deep daily, and received 35 cents per hour.

At age 17 with a dime in his pocket, Kemp walked five miles to Kenna, hitched a ride to Charleston's West Side — commonly known as Jackson County corner. From there he walked eight miles along Kanawha Street (now the Boulevard) to the Libbey-Owen-Ford Glass Co., in Kanawha City where the Kanawha Mall is now located. He was one of eighteen hired from over a hundred men who stood outside seeking a job. He went to work that day on the 3-11 shift. He located an uncle, Foy Skeen, and spent the next few weeks with him and his family in Charleston so that he would have a way to get to work.

The Charleston branch of LOF in the 1930s and '40s was the world's largest flat glass factory, with over 30 acres under roof. Many, many men from Jackson County found work there because of their reputation as good workers. The men rode to work in the back of covered trucks with only a lantern for heat and light. The travel time on U.S. 21 took four to eight hours. In the winter, they shoveled snow or pushed when necessary. As the economy improved, cars and gas became available after WW II. Then men shared rides in cars for safety and economy. (It's no wonder Dad's knees had to be replaced).

Kemp was employed with LOF 42 years, moving from laborer to general factory superintendent and consultant associated with the Toledo Ohio home office at retirement.



Kemp and Eurada (Skeen) Landis

Purchasing the Kentuck General Store, they operated it thirteen years during the '50s and '60s. At the same time, Kemp was building roads and farm ponds throughout the county.

Active in community affairs, Kemp and Eurada led the drive to get the Kenna-Kentuck Road paved and the road toward Belgrove rocked. Together they now operate a 400-acre cattle farm at Kenna.

Eurada attended Ripley High, received her B.S. at Morris Harvey College and attended University of West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. She taught twenty-three years and retired in 1987 from Kenna Elementary. Her parents, Virgil and Alice Kern Skeen, are listed in this book.

They are the parents of five children: *Zelma Doris* (1943-), BA Morris Harvey, attended UWVCOGS. Executive Director Jackson County Housing Authority and Vice President of Southeastern U.S. Regional Council of Housing Directors. Married William Franklin Boggess (James and Gertrude White Boggess). Children: Patrick, twins, Beth and Jo, reside in Ripley.

Mary Louise (1945-), BA Morris Harvey, MA UWVCOGS. Teacher Kenna Elementary, 4-H leader. Married Dencil Clayton Sayre (Rudolph [Sam] and Blanche Howell of Evans). Children: Brent, Kerby (deceased), and Betsy, reside in Kenna.

Carolyn June (1947-), BA Morris Harvey, MA Marshall University, teacher, Kenna Elementary, Community Association president, married William E. Lewis (Carl and Ruth Reiley [O'Reiley]) of Charleston, a descendant of General Lewis of Battle of Point Pleasant. Children: Dustin and Laramy, reside at Kenna.

Gary Kemp (1948-), Glenville State College and Commercial College of Charleston. Self-employed trucker and equipment operator. Married Darlena Stover (Wallace and Lorene Barnette). Children: Brandon, Clifton, and Jason, reside at Kenna.

Shannon Lynn (1957-), Morris Harvey and Marshall University, Credit Representative at AT&T. Resides at Kenna. Submitted by Mary Landis Sayre and Carolyn Landis Lewis

OLA AND LESSIE (WALKER) LANDIS

Ola Oval Landis (January 1, 1900-December 6, 1970) was a son of Jesse and Melinda Gandee Landis. Ola's paternal grandparents were David and Emily Jane Miracle Landis. David came from Washington County, Ohio. Ola's maternal grandparents were Uriah and Minerva Parsons Gandee. Ola was a glass worker and farmer near Kentuck.

Ola married Lessie Myrtle Walker (July 7, 1902), a daughter of Ralph Bailey (1882-1960) and Medora May Johnson Walker (1880-1957), on June 1, 1922. Lessie's paternal grandparents were William and Safrona Bailey Walker. Safrona was from Clarksburg and William came from North Carolina at the end of the Civil War. He was in the Union Army and fought against his father and brother, who were in the Confederate Army. Lessie's maternal grandparents were Riley and Pricey Jane Gibson Johnson. Lessie graduated

from Morris Harvey College, with a BA in Elementary Education. She taught in Jackson County at Goshen Valley, Kentuck Star, Forest Home and Goshen Elementary Schools. She retired in 1968.



Ola and Lessie Landis

They had seven children:

Kemp Sylvester (January 30, 1923) married Eurada Skeen. Their children are; Zelma, Mary, Carolyn, Gary, and Shannon.

Ralph Neil (June 8, 1928) married Emogene Skeen. One daughter, Shelia.

Juanita Faye (September 26, 1929) married Neal Skeen. Three children; Linda, David, and Michael.

Richard Lee (August 18, 1931) married Monnie Parsons. Two children; Terry and Marsha. Willard Ray (1933-1933).

Wanda Lessie (November 12, 1934) married (1) John Koontz, (2) Claude Gambill. Children; Claudina, John, Patricia, and Donald.

Wilda May (April 29, 1936) married Owens Scarbrough. Four children; Karen, Judith, Allen, and Kathy.

Ola and Lessie have 19 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. Three of those grandchildren are currently teachers in Jackson County schools. Submitted by Lessie Walker Landis

SAMUEL GLEN LANE

Our Lane (Layne) was descendant from Ireland. My father, Samuel Glen Lane, was born below Ripley on Clay Lick in 1888. He was the son of Sarah Jane (Patterson) and Daniel Lane, and had two brothers and two sisters. They were: Melvin, Lou, Mary and Esta. My father, Samuel Lane, married Flossie Jane Steele and to them were born six children: Virgle, John, Freda, Virginia, Glen Jr., and Carmelita.

Virgle Lane, now deceased, married Lilly Kay and they had six children; Gene (deceased), Harold, Dorothy, Sandra, Susan and Gary. They all live in Newton Walls, Ohio.

John Lane, married Virginia Murray of Sandyville. They had three children; Ronald (deceased), Donald and Deborah. They now live in North Carolina.

Freda Lane, married Paul Jones and they had four children; John, William, Carolyn and Robert. Freda and Paul have lived in Charleston and Ripley, now reside on their farm near Ripley.

Virginia Lane, married William A. Jones of Martinsburg. They had two children; William Jr. and Jeanyne. They lived in Morgantown. Virginia died in 1974.

Glen Lane Jr. has lived in Ohio for the last 40 years, where he was a long-distance truck driver. He is now retired.

Carmelita Lane, married Hubert D. Herdman (now deceased). They had three children; Cynthia,

Sandra and Hubert Jr. (Rocky).

Carmelita then married Aubrey Eugene Cobb in 1965 and they have one son, John, and three daughters, Suzette, Stephanie and Kathlene. My brothers, John and Glen Lane, both served in the United States Navy during World War II.

My Uncle Melvin married Docia Casto and they had five children; Lewis, Wilmer, Sylvia, Mildred and Francis. My Aunt Mary married Ad Balch. They had four children; Wayne, Mable, Bernice and Ruby. My Aunt Esta married Berch Snodgrass and they had three children; Eugene, Marie and Gwendolyn. My Uncle Lou married Daisy Rawlings and had four children; Harry, Dorothy, Russel and Ila.

My Uncle Melvin owned a shoe repair shop in Ripley, located on Main Street, next to Dr. George Simmons' office. The rest of my father's family moved out of town. Aunt Mary lived in Ohio, Aunt Esta lived in Charleston and Uncle Lou lived in Pennsylvania.



Samuel Glen and Flossie Jane Lane

My father was employed in Ripley all of his life, working for Appalachian Power Company and as a carpenter. My father and mother lived in or near Ripley all of their lives except for a four-year period when they lived in Florida. They bought a house and lot on West Street in Ripley in 1944 and while living there they built a new house on the extra lot in 1949. They built the house all by themselves. My mother even wheeled and mixed the mortar and wheeled the blocks for my father to lay up. They loved the friends and family they had in Jackson County. They were members of the Ripley Baptist Temple. My father, Samuel Glen Lane, died in 1961 and my mother, Flossie, died in 1973. Submitted by Carmelita Cobb

ABRAHAM LANHAM

Abraham Lanham (1839-?), son of John and Pheby (or Mary) Lanham, married Lucinda Comer (1846-?), daughter of William and Della (Dawson) Comer, on July 15, 1860. Abraham served in Co. G, 7th W.V. Cavalry during the Civil War. Their thirteen children were: Nancy E.; Abraham M. married Mary Milan; U.S. Grant; George W., married Ida Raines; Columbus N., married (1) —, (2) Letha Siders; John M., married Cordelia Mangus; William E., married Ruth Jones; Charles Hayes (1876-1959), married (1) Sophronia Counts (believed to be the daughter or a sister of Wade Counts), on March 22, 1896, no children, (2) Mary Ellen Romine about 1900 and they had three children, and Mary Ellen died April 12, 1920; (3) Virgie Lee Harper, (4) Maude —; Adam C. Lanham, married Rosetta Mangus; Lizzie; Annie; Ollie, married Frank Westfall; and Odell.

Charles Hayes Lanham married Virgie Lee Harper (1900-1968), daughter of Andrew Jackson and Rebecca Elizabeth (Kersey) Harper, on February 5, 1921. Virgie previously had married Jesse Auxier and had one son. Her child took the Lanham name. Charles and Virgie had four children. Charley and Virgie divorced. Virgie remarried to Fred Craig. Charles remarried to Maude

— and they had no children. His children numbered seven but he raised eight. Charley worked as a coal miner. The children are: Julia Agnes Lanham, married Frank Tasker; Herman Noble, married Dolly Hudxall; Rebecca Jane, married James Lee; James Joseph (Auxier), married Katherine —; Orvil Isaac married (1) Zella Stanley, (2) Rita Arthur; Violet married — Porter; Lloyd (Buck) married Audrey —; Charles Hays, Jr. married Lucy —.

Orvil Isaac Lanham (1922-1985) married (1) Zella Stanley, had no children, divorced February 1947; married (2) Rita Jean Arthur (1928-), daughter of James Edgar and Goldie (Goldsberg) Arthur on March 23, 1949. Orvil served with the U.S. Army in France and Italy during World War II, as a demolition expert. Orvil worked as a coal miner most all his life, before becoming disabled with Black Lung in the early 1960s and unable to work. He went to Chicago, at one time looking for work, but returned to his home in Kanawha County, West Virginia, when no work could be found. Rita, also known as Shorty, worked several years as a custodian at East Bank High School, until she retired June 1989. The family lived at Chelyan, Kanawha County, West Virginia, after the 1950s. Orvil died of Black Lung October 3, 1985, exactly 26 years to the day his father was buried. Orvil and Rita have eight children, eleven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two step-great-grandchildren. Their eight children were: Malcolm Arnold, born 1948, married Vicki Rohr Newhouse, born 1947; Orvillene married (1) Michael Mitchell, (2) Joseph Hoyt; Clarence Nicholas married (1) Anna Perdue, (2) Debra —; Linda Kay married Francisco Sperondeo; Mary Katherine died an infant; David Lee, single; Goldie Sue, married James Morgan; Charles James married Betty —.



The Lanham's

Malcolm Arnold (Mike) Lanham entered the U.S. Navy January 25, 1965 at seventeen years of age. He served two tours in Vietnam on mine sweepers and riverboats. He was stationed in Portsmouth when he met and married Vicki Lynn Rohr Newhouse, daughter of Sherman Rohr, Jr. and Elsie (Parrsh) Rohr Stuckell of East Liverpool, Ohio, on July 30, 1970. They lived in Norfolk, Virginia, until 1974; then transferred to San Diego, California, and lived there until 1977. Mike was transferred to Mississippi August 1977, where he became a plank owner on the new construction, USS Siapan LHA-2, returning to Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia in November 1977. His family lived there until 1983 when they moved to Roane County, West Virginia.

Mike retired November 30, 1984 from the Navy and joined his family in West Virginia. Mike worked for Pinkerton Security, and the state of West Virginia before getting work with the Post Office in Charleston. Vicki worked at Spencer State Hospital until it closed June 30, 1989. She now attends classes at Arch A. Moore, Jr. Vocational Center at Frozen Camp, Jackson County. Mike and Vickie have two sons; Malcolm Arnold, Jr., serving with the U.S. Air Force in Bitburg, West

Germany, and Howard Dale, attending school at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Submitted by Malcolm A. Lanham, Sr. and Howard D. Lanham

STANTON AND WESTA LANHAM

Edgar Stanton Lanham (born October 13, 1906 - died December 8, 1950) and Westa Jones (May 19, 1909 - June 1, 1979) were born at Romance, WV on the Middle Fork of Poca River, near Sissonsville. Stanton's parents were Charles Lanham and Celia Thomas Lanham. His siblings were Arlage, Nellie (Mrs. Cage Myers), and Thelma (Mrs. Atha Bowles). Westa's parents were Perry Clinton Jones and Arstella Covey Jones. Westa's brothers were Russell, Marshall, Dewey, and Emory. Stanton and Westa were married December 5, 1927. They had five children: Charles Clinton, Paul Edgar, Robert Lynn, Iris Peggy, and Diann. The family moved to Ripley in 1943. Stanton served in the U.S. Army from April 12, 1944 to November 19, 1945, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He was severely wounded by an exploding mine and never fully recovered from the injury. After his death Westa married Brady Hickel.

Charles married Lilly Faye Staats, daughter of Delbert and Clara (Lilly) Staats. Their children are Teresa Faye (Mrs. Howard Higgins), Joyce Elizabeth (Mrs. Jeffery Berryman), Edgar Stanton II (married Patricia Keefer), and Charles Delbert (married Doronna Fowler). Grandchildren are Alisa, Monica, and Rebecca Higgins; Claire and Tyler Berryman; Edgar Stanton Lanham, III and Meredith Lanham; and Christina Lanham. Charles is a banker, employed at First National Bank of Ripley (1953-1963) and Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant, becoming president in 1968.

Paul married Helen Holmes, daughter of Russel and Macel (Carpenter) Holmes. Their children are Tamara Sue (Mrs. Terry Arth), Stephen Paul, Randall James, and Gary Lee. Paul is a football coach, coaching at Ripley High School, U. of Delaware, U. of Dayton, Colorado State U., and U. of Arkansas. His professional team coaching includes St. Louis Cardinals, Washington Redskins, Los Angeles Rams, Detroit Lions, and Cleveland Browns.

Robert married Sue King, daughter of Lloyd and Glada (Skinner) King. Their daughter is Lisa Lynn (Mrs. Don Kennedy). Robert was employed by Union Oil Corp. and Case Equipment Co. before purchasing in 1979 a Case dealership, Coastline Equipment Company, in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Peggy married Edward Lee, son of Dale and Mae (Sheets) Lee. Their son is Timothy Michael, who married Valerie Parsons, daughter of James and Ruth Parsons. Peggy is a registered nurse and has served in various nursing capacities at Jackson General Hospital.

Diann married Franklin Mays, son of Paul and Charlotte (Schwartz) Mays. Their sons are Bryan David (married Linda Walker) and Vincent Franklin. Diann is a beautician and is employed by Nelda's Styling Salon in Steubenville, Ohio.

Submitted by Lilly Faye Lanham

STANLEY D. LATHEY

Stanley was born Feb. 22, 1936 in Ripley, WV, at the home of Oliver D. Kessel, his uncle, the son of Clyde and Jane Kessel Lathey. His grandparents were George and Cora Casto Lathey and Dennis and Ella Corbin Kessel also from Ripley, WV.

He met Mary Warner at one of Ripley's 4th of July celebrations. They were married Dec. 27, 1957 at Epworth Methodist Church in Ripley, WV. Mary's parents were James Clarence and Grace Allen Warner of Leon, WV. Her grandparents were James T. and Sarah Ann Waugh Warner of Tribble, WV, in Mason Co. and Alexander and Bessie

Russel Allen of Buffalo, WV, in Putnam Co.

Stanley and Mary have two children: Cynthia Jane, born Oct. 10, 1958, and Richard Dennis, born Sept. 3, 1961.

Stanley and Mary purchased the Oldham farm from Manford Casto in March of 1960. The house they occupied until 1972 was built by Jephtha Mason around 1817. Mr. Mason was one of the three men who first settled on Parchment Creek. In 1974 Foy Fisher dismantled the logs and rebuilt a beautiful cabin on his farm located on Rt. 34. The logs were still perfect and looked almost petrified. Mary and Stanley's mantel is made from one of the hewed yellow poplar beams. Both Cindy and Rick graduated from Ripley High School. On Jan. 16, 1981, Cindy married Richard Mark Sansbury. They have one child, Amanda Jane, born June 19, 1983. Rick married Nancy Dee Ranson Nov. 29, 1980. Three children, Ashli Richelle, born Oct. 8, 1982, Ambra Dee, born April 3, 1985, and Derek Richard, Jan. 18, 1987.

Both Cindy and Rich built on plots of the farm in Parchment Valley.

Stanley works for Ravenswood Aluminum and with the help of his father and the children operates the farm. Mary worked at Jackson General Hospital in Ripley from 1972 until retiring in July of 1989.

We enjoy the tranquil, peaceful setting of our home in Parchment Valley and we are proud of our inheritance. Our thanks to Jephtha Mason for getting it all started. *Submitted by Mary Lathey*

JOHN G. LAWWill

John G. Lawwill was born January 13, 1835 at Aberdeen, Brown County, Ohio. John came to Angerona, West Virginia around 1864. He married Sarah Ann Ayres September 18, 1864. Children born to this marriage were: Sallie Jane and Emma. Sallie Jane married Daniel Webster Rhodes, Sr., son of Daniel Deming Rhodes. John and Sarah Ann resided at Angerona until 1870. While in Angerona Mr. Lawwill was a merchant.

In 1870, he purchased land in Cottageville. There he built a beautiful ten-room house and store building at the east end of the bridge. John was appointed postmaster of the Cottageville, West Virginia, post office September 20, 1872. From 1870 until his death, February 9, 1908, he was primarily engaged in farming and the operation of his general store. Mr. Lawwill was a model citizen, a kindly man, and a valuable asset to the community in which he lived. *Submitted by Frederic H. Rhodes*

HERMAN H. LEDBETTER

Ledbetter, Herman Hutson (6/17/1901-4/29/80) of Overton Co., TN, married Darlie Arvilla Shields (born 10/24/1907) at Little Creek, Jackson County on December 23, 1928 and came to live and farm in Jackson County in 1938 in the Meadowdale area. They had six children: Earl Hutson (born 3/18/30 and died in infancy); Georgie Marie, born 5/3/31; Clarice Jean (born 11/32/32 and died in infancy); Frances Ellen, born 4/3/36; Clifford Marion, born 7/23/40, died 11/20/59; James Dalton, born 1/5/45.

With exception of the time between 1944 and 1946 when the family moved to Overton Co., TN, where the last son, James, was born, Herman Ledbetter lived in Jackson County until he passed away at the age of 78. The family home was at Wiseburg at that time.

Ledbetter, Darlie, spent much of her lifetime taking care of the needs of the household and weaving rugs for income. Her customers were from all parts of the state and shipment of material and product was by train and postman. In her later years she was known by her quilting and newspaper correspondence.

Ledbetter, James D., born 1/5/45, resident of Wiseburg, WV and a road construction worker,

married Paulette Ceree Fisher of Kanawha Co. (born 8/2/49) on April 11, 1968 after serving two years with the U.S. Army MP Corp in Vietnam. They had two children: Clarice Jean, born 12/5/68; and James Dalton, Jr. born 3/3/71. *Submitted by Darlie Ledbetter*

LEE — BATTRELL

The earliest ancestor of the Battrell family known to this writer was Columbus Chauncy Battrell, who was born about 1780 in Jersey, near Athens, Ohio. He was first married to Mary Coon and to this union were born two sons, John William (1830-1909) and Francis Everett (1836-1908) and one daughter, Lucinda. After the death of Mary Coon, Chauncy married Lucinda Smith and to them was born a son, George Everett, who removed to the far west in later life. Little is known about George but it is thought that he had a son named either Claude or Clyde Minor Battrell. Lucinda Battrell married John Kerwood; John William married Mary Burnside; and Francis Everett married Chloe Ann McDermitt (1843-1902).

At the time of her marriage to C.C. Battrell, Mary Coon was a widow. She had two children by a previous marriage: Sarah Christine and Elizabeth. Both daughters married Stewarts. Sarah married Elisha Stewart and Elizabeth married John Stewart.

It is not known when or for what reason C.C. Battrell moved from Ohio to Jackson County, nor whom his parents were, but it is noted that his son, Francis Everett Battrell and Chloe Ann McDermitt had ten children, one of whom was Valentine Albert ("Turp") Battrell (1866-1898), who married Barbara Ellen Hill (1866-1945). To this union were born five children, all of whom were born in Jackson County: John Minor (1887-1920), Della A. (1889-1919), Georgetta (Georgia) (1891-1948), Okey Otmer (1893-1968), and Harvey Raymond (1897-1987). Georgia married Maurice Clyde Lee, Sr. (1889-1937) and in this marriage, nine children were born: Maurice Clyde Lee, Jr. (1914-1980), Raymond Battrell (1916-1988), Robert Eugene (1918-), William Edward (1920-), Donald Henry (1923-), Nancy Ellen (1928-), George Burton (1930-), Franklin Delano (1933-), and Richard Kenneth (1936-).

Both Georgia and Clyde were graduated from the Lee Normal School at Ripley which was established and conducted by Albert Sherman Lee, Sr., the father of Maurice Clyde Lee, Sr. The father of Albert Sherman Lee was Henry Adam Lee (1818-1899) who married Sarah Elizabeth Enochs (1823-1893). They had twelve children. The father and mother of Henry Adam Lee were John Lee, Sr. (1788-1871) and Martha Ann Braham (Graham?) (1769-1852) who had seven children: Henry Adam m. Sarah Elizabeth Enochs; John m. Drusilla Hasteed; Christian m. —; Barbara m. Sebastian Schafer; Benjamin m. Rosetta Enochs; Martha m. Charles Huffman and William m. Jane Crum. *Submitted by Richard Kenneth Lee*

JAMES MADISON LEE

My great-great-grandfather, James Madison "Matt" Lee, was born 18 Feb. 1843 at Lucille, then Wood County, once Jackson County, now Wirt County, WV. He was the eighth child of Joshua Lee, b. 27 Sep. 1805 on Lee Creek, Wood County, WV, m. Nancy Davis on 29 Apr. 1826. Nancy was the daughter of Jesse Davis and Mary Carter. She was born 22 Feb. 1807 on Occoquan Creek, Fairfax County, VA and died 2 Sep. 1899. Joshua died 24 Mar. 1900 in Wirt County, WV.

James Madison Lee, his wife Nancy, and his parents, are all buried in the Hill Grove Cemetery in Wirt County, WV. Matt's brothers and sisters are as follows:

1) Jesse, b. 3 Jun. 1827, d. 20 Jun. 1903, m. a) 21 Oct. 1857 Hester White, b) Mary McCann,

c) 13 Apr. 1891 Catherine Hunter, d) 16 Oct. 1902 Rosalie Wehl.

2) Sidney, b. 8 Dec. 1828, d. Aug. 1911, m. a) 4 Nov. 1847 William Enoch, b) 4 Nov. 1860 James White.

3) Pardon, b. 9 Jan. 1831, d. Jul. 1903, m. Caroline Chapman.

4) Elizabeth, b. 15 Apr. 1833, d. Feb. 1870, m. Kingsbury Dulin.

5) Samuel, b. 8 Mar. 1836, d. 6 Jun. 1923, m. a) 7 Oct. 1858 Nancy Anna White, b) 7 May 1900 Hanna Thornton, c) 3 Aug. 1908 Sarah Monroe.

6) William, b. 27 Jun. 1838, d. 1909, m. Evelyn Scott.

7) Nancy, b. 8 Oct. 1840, d. 1904, m. Ambrose Leech.

9) Robert Edward, b. 29 Apr. 1845, d. 1 Mar. 1923, m. a) Mary C. Flesher, b) 10 Jan. 1878 Mary Elizabeth Ayers.

10) Stephen Sullivan, b. 21 Nov. 1848, d. 19 Aug. 1937, m. 17 Dec. 1876 Virginia Quick.

James Madison Lee, m. 26 Nov. 1865 in Roane County, WV, Louise Virginia Rader Mount. Virginia Mount was born 26 Nov. 1844 in Wirt County, WV, a daughter of Catherine Rader, and was later adopted by Humphrey Mount after he married Catherine. Catherine was a daughter of Joseph Rader and Martha Rayburn, Joseph being a son of the Revolutionary veteran Michael Rader, m. Catherine Long. The Raders were a very prominent Jackson County family for many years. "Matt's" children are as follows:



James Madison "Matt" and L. Virginia (Rader) (Mount) Lee

1) Robert Edward, b. 24 Oct. 1866, d. 10 Nov. 1959, m. 17 Mar. 1889 Nancy Virginia "Nanny" Monroe.

2) Ambrose, b. 23 Aug. 1871, d. 14 Jan. 1944, m. 1 Oct. 1891 Adela C. Hall.

3) Alice Florence, b. 15 Jun. 1876, d. 22 Jun. 1915, m. 24 May 1895 Gilbert T. Hall.

4) Bessie Louise, b. 8 Apr. 1888, d. Oct. 1918, m. Oct. 1918 Frank Rowand.

"Matt" Lee was kind, honest, and loved and respected by all. He taught his family good values and morals. I am very proud of my Lee family heritage. I share the sentiments of my great-uncle Ray, one of "Matt's" grandsons (son of Robert Edward Lee), and from whom much of this information was obtained. From Ray's book *The Lee Family Genealogy*:

"Some folks say that it does not matter who your ancestors were; all that matters is what we are. To a certain extent that is true, but *we are what we are partly because they were what they were*, (emphasis added) and it seems to me that we, who are descended from the hardy pioneers who pushed into the West, have a special obligation to the country they helped to establish . . . You . . . have a right to be proud of your heritage and the obligation to be worthy of it." *Submitted by Wayne F. Lee*

MAURICE CLYDE SR. AND GEORGIA (BATTRELL) LEE

The following announcement appeared in the Jackson County news January 1914 -

The Blushing Bride

"Last Friday after the 12 o'clock edition had been mailed, receipt of news of the marriage of a well known and popular couple spending the winter in Kanawha as a clerk in a store and teacher, respectively, resulted in the following brief announcement, without taking time to look up the half-tone of the bonny bride, procured for the auspicious occasion, therefore today the pretty portrait above:

We stop the press to say that Mr. M.C. Lee and Miss Georgia Battrell were married at Hinton, Sunday.

This beautiful rite resulted in our branch of the family.

Georgia was the daughter of Valentine A. and Barbara Ellen Hill Battrell, born on June 17, 1891 at Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia.

M.C. Lee was the son of Albert Sherman and Mary Louise Pryor Lee born at Harriettsville, Noble County, Ohio on March 18, 1889.

To this union nine children were born: Maurice Clyde, July 19, 1914; Raymond Battrell, May 30, 1916; Robert Eugene, April 19, 1918; William Edward, May 20, 1920; Donald Henry, April 27, 1923; Nancy Ellen, April 21, 1928; George Burton, November 29, 1930; Franklin Delano, March 9, 1933; and Richard Kenneth, February 10, 1936.

M.C. Lee was educated in West Virginia schools and the family resided in Ripley for many years. He attended Teachers Normal School at Ripley, passed the state examination and made a First Grade Certificate. He taught school for many years then finally decided he could do better for coal company stores. He then went to work in their stores. After some time he and his brother, Ray, moved to Harriettsville, Ohio, thinking they could do better financially. Clyde, as M.C. was known, excelled in mathematics and was Township Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Education in Noble County, Ohio at the time of his death, March 18, 1937.

Georgia also was a Jackson County lady living at Ripley. She was educated there and received her Teachers Certificate, teaching at Ripley and surrounding communities. This is where she met and married M.C. Lee. Georgia was very popular and a good student. While attending school she played many parts in school productions. One was the "Statue of Liberty" in a play. She also attended A.S. Lee's Ripley Normal School in 1911. She passed away March 18, 1937.

M.C. Lee was the son of Albert Sherman and Mary Pryor Lee. A.S., as Albert Sherman was known, operated the most celebrated subscription school in the times. It was Ripley (West Virginia) Normal School. He was assisted in this adventure by C.W. Lee. One writer says "That A.S. Lee came more nearly being a walking encyclopedia than any man he had ever met on the face of the earth. He just seemed to know everything and his learning was colossal." The Lees taught two different summer terms every year for years and years. Usually they had students from 40 or more West Virginia counties every summer. The classes numbered 150 to 200 students. A.S. wrote a set of books called "Lee's Condensed Textbook for Teachers" which was very popular in that day.

A.S. Lee was principal of schools in West Virginia until his retirement. He married Mary Louise Pryor Lee in 1888 and to them were born Maurice Clyde; Elsie Maude; and Roy Raymond. Elsie Maude married William Keener and to them were born Virginia; Margaret; Mary Jane; Charles William; and Francis Ann. Roy Raymond married Blanche Light and to them were born Mary Katherine and Roy Raymond, Jr.



front row: Donald, George, Frank; inset: Maurice;
standing: William Robert, Kent, Nancy, Raymond

Mary died 22 May 1893 and A.S. married Hester Ann Merrill. Their children were Blanch Virginia; Bernard; A.S. Lee, Jr.; and Dorothy Sharlene.

Georgia was the daughter of Valentine A. and Barbara Ellen Hill Battrell.

To Valentine and Barbara were born John Minor; Della A.; Georgia; Okey Ottmer; and Harvey Raymond.

Valentine died in 1898 and Barbara married William H. Staats. They resided in Ripley until their deaths. Barbara passed away 27 August 1945.

Harvey married Lucille Southard — no children.

John Minor married Alberla — two sons, John Everett and Merl Clifford were born. Both died in 1916 of infantile paralysis.

Okey Ottmer married Marie Andoga. To them were born Harvey Raymond; Robert Franklin; and Andrew Valentine.

Della A. was never married.

Georgia Battrell Lee was the progenitor of William Parsons and Susannah Bonnett Parsons through their daughter, Lydia Ann Parsons, and Harrison Hill. I'm sure there will be more on these people in another chapter.

M.C. and Georgia Lee's children are scattered throughout the good old U.S.A.

Maurice Clyde, Jr. married Esther Jane Butcher in 1935. No children were born to them. Esther died 19 December 1935. Maurice then married Helen Brinson — no children. Maurice passed away October 31, 1980.

Raymond Battrell married Alice Koralewski on 16 February 1946 — no children. He passed away 14 June 1988.

Robert Eugene married Doris Brown 10 September 1939. To them were born Donnie Rae; James Michael; Robert Brown and William Eugene.

William Edward married Betty Bowler 10 May 1941. To them were born Betty Ann; Billie Lou and Georgia Marie.



William Edward and Betty (Bowles) Lee,
Georgia Marie, Billie Lou, Betty Ann

Donald Henry married Doris Roberta Cyfers on 18 February 1945. To them was born David George.

Nancy Ellen married Charles Eugene Shumaker on 3 January 1946. To them were born Charles Eugene, Jr., who passed away 4 April 1969, and

Thomas Lee. Nancy married Clyde Edward Brown October 23, 1959 — no children. Clyde passed away 11 May 1983.

George Burton married Donna Jane Lee on 23 August 1953. To them were born Linda Diane; Steven George; Margaret Ilene; John Arthur; and Georgia Blanche.

Franklin Delano married Merry Marilyn Fleming 8 October 1955. To them were born Sherry Kay and Philip Wayne.

Richard Kenneth married Ethel on January 9, 1965 — no children.

Our family has played a large part in Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia history and many are buried there. Submitted by Nancy Lee Brown and Betty Bowler Lee

LEMASTER — HERTJE

Septamus Lemaster was born July 15, 1824, in what is now Monongalia County, WV. His wife, Mary (Thompson) Lemaster, was born June 21, 1828, in Ohio. They lived in Noble County, Ohio, before moving to northern Jackson County, in 1875. Septamus died Sept. 16, 1908 and Mary died May 2, 1905. They are buried in the Flinn Cemetery, located on Little Sandy Road, in Grant District. Their children:

1. Maranda Lemaster (Sept. 15, 1846-June 21, 1925) married Jesse Hall. They are buried in the Dunkard Cemetery, Wirt County, WV.

2. Emmor Lemaster (Aug. 21, 1848-July 3, 1925) married Alvira Meredith and went to Oklahoma.

3. Jasper Lemaster (Jan. 10, 1851-Oct. 9, 1927) never married. He is buried in the Flinn Cemetery.

4. Richard Lemaster (Oct. 13, 1852-Oct. 11, 1913) never married. He is buried in the Flinn Cemetery.

5. Isaac Lemaster (Sept. 14, 1856-Feb. 11, 1881) never married. He is buried in the Flinn Cemetery.

6. Elizabeth Jane Lemaster (Aug. 9, 1859-May 3, 1929) married George Black. She is buried in the Red Brush Cemetery.

7. John Evan Lemaster (Nov. 24, 1862-July 15, 1863).

8. Walter Lemaster (July 30 1864-Mar. 1, 1945) (See information below).

9. Louverna Lemaster (July 4, 1865-May 10, 1848) married David Spear. She is buried in the Wilding Cemetery.

Leonard Hertje, son of Valentine and Blyestina (Granch) Hertje, was born in Ohio in 1855. He married Mary Louisa Biggs, Feb. 25, 1877. She was born in Ohio, Dec. 10, 1857, daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Seibert) Biggs. They lived at Sandyville, WV, near the site of the Columbia Gas Compressor Station. Leonard died Dec. 27, 1929 and Mary Louisa died March 26, 1932. They are buried in a small family cemetery along Route 21, beside the Raines Auto Body Shop. They had eight daughters.

1. Elizabeth (Apr. 24, 1878-Feb. 25, 1880) is buried in the family cemetery.

2. Alice Amelia (Sept. 11, 1880-Nov. 26, 1961) married H. Moses "Mart" Kittle, Sept. 28, 1905. They lived near Leroy and are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville.

3. Sarah Ann (Dec. 19, 1882-Oct. 11, 1963) never married and is buried in the family cemetery.

4. Barbara (Jan. 31, 1885-Sept. 26, 1982) married Nelson Perry, Nov. 21, 1906, at Letart, WV. She lived with her daughter, Betty Scyoc, for many years and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

5. Katie Myrta (Mar. 19, 1887-Nov. 14, 1946) married Walter Lemaster, June 19, 1919. (See information below).

6. Lucinda May (Aug. 20, 1889-May 11, 1982) married Thomas B. Kittle, Mar. 28, 1915. They lived near Ripley and are buried in the



Leonard and Mary (Biggs) Hertje

Independence Cemetery.

7. Cora Luey (Feb. 25, 1896-Mar. 19, 1981) married Charles H. Dillon, Apr. 11, 1920. They lived near Lockhart for several years before moving to Sandyville. They are buried at Fairplain, WV.

8. Dorothy Louisa (Mar. 10, 1898) never married and lives near Sandyville, WV.

Walter Lemaster married Katie Myrta Hertje, June 30, 1919. Walter taught in the public schools for 35 years, ending his teaching career in 1929. He taught at Wilding, Hope Dale, Orchard Grove and Beatysville, in Jackson County. He also taught at Fayetteville and Buehannon, WV. During the summer, he also taught school for teacher certification at the Wilding School building. Katie taught school for 12 years, which included a school at Pee Wee, in Wirt County, and Leroy, in Jackson County. Walter and Katie lived near Wilding and are buried in the Wilding Cemetery. They had two sons, Leonard and Walter Jr.

Leonard Marmaduke Lemaster (Apr. 15, 1921) married first, Thelma Iona Mills. Their children: Bernice Ann Lemaster, Dorothy Mertie Ward, Lonnie Kay Lemaster and Katie Bennett. Leonard married, second, Betty Snyder.



Walter and Katie (Hertje) Lemaster with sons, Leonard and Walter Jr.

Walter Lemaster Jr. (Sept. 13, 1923) married Elba June Conner, Aug. 25, 1946. She was born June 20, 1926, at Martins Ferry, Ohio, daughter of Patrick Henry and Hindy Ellen (Bunner) Conner. Walter and Elba June live at Wilding. They have three children. Linda Faye Lemaster (Sept. 16, 1948) married Charles Kenneth Benson, Oct. 6, 1966. They live at Wilding. Their children: Charles Brian Benson, born June 12, 1968, (married Christy Russell, Aug. 19, 1988, and lives at Madison, Tennessee. They have a son, Charles Brian Benson II, born Feb. 22, 1989) and Jodie Michelle Benson, born Jan. 2, 1972. Gary Harlan Lemaster (June 25, 1951) married, first, Ursula Mae Fitzwater, June 16, 1972. Their children: Kimberly Dawn Lemaster, born May 4, 1974, and Gary Christopher Lemaster, born April 29, 1977. Gary married second, Dreama Gail (Hendricks) Angus, Oct. 6, 1989. They live at Ravenswood, WV. James Richard Lemaster (Oct. 2, 1954) married Henrietta Fitzwater, May 1, 1975. Their children: James Steven Lemaster, born Dec. 27, 1976, and Timothy Joe Lemaster, born Nov. 12,

1979. Submitted by Walter Lemaster Jr. and Linda (Lemaster) Benson

CHARLES MARION LEMLEY

George Lemley, born 1741, married Catharine Yoho. Their son, John Lemley Sr., married Barbara Livingood. Jacob Lemley Sr., born 1802, son of John and Barbara, married Catharine Morris. Jacob came to Jackson County from Pennsylvania. Their son, Jacob Lemley, Jr., 1849-1923, married Sarah Gandee, 1855-1890, daughter of Levi Gandee. Jacob and Sarah lived on the Gandee farm, on the ridge between Cavin Fork and Nesselrode, in Grant District. Jacob married, second, Sarah Holliday. Jacob was buried, near his first wife, in the Cross Cemetery, at Cavin Fork. Three daughters, Viola, Alma and Laura, all died in infancy. They had three sons: Sylvester, Elmer and Charles.

Sylvester Kerman, born 1876, married Ellen Mills and moved to Webster County. Their children: Orin, Owen, John, Artie, Hazel, Bernice and Maxine. Elmer Ellsworth, born 1885, married Bessie Dillon and lived at Milton, WV. Their children: Pearl, Charles, Elmer Jr., Helen, Marjorie, Joan, Gail and Alma.

Charles Marion Lemley and Ada Whitman had a son, Lawrence. Lawrence Whitman was raised by his grandparents at Canvas, WV. He married Beulah Bryant and lived at Boomer, WV many years before moving to Alloy, WV. They have five children. David Whitman married Dorothy McCoy. Dale Whitman married Betty Jo Stephens. Phyllis Whitman married Mauriee Barnett. Marlene married Robert Drake. Sharon married Jonathan David Lowe.

Charles Marion Lemley, born Dec. 16, 1880, married June 6, 1911, Bertha Kate Kester. She was born May 25, 1881, daughter of David and Tabitha (Williamson) Kester. Charley left home at the age of 17 to work in lumber camps in Webster County. He was a lumber jack and later became the camp cook for the Curtain Lumber Company. He was head cook for several years. He, and one or two helpers, would use two barrels of flour in a week's time, using it to bake bread, pies, cakes, etc. Family photographs show noon meals taken to the woods to feed 75 men. They used a one-horse sled to carry the food. After he and Bertha were married in 1911, they lived in the Webster County area until the fall of 1914, at which time they moved back to the family farm. They lived in the tenant house on the farm until 1915; then they moved in the main house, which was made of logs. The house was located on a ridge where the cold winter winds hit as well as the cool summer breezes. The view from the house allowed the family to see for several miles around. They raised cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens. Great fields of alfalfa and tobacco were raised, as well as a garden and strawberries. They attended the Temperance Methodist Protestant Church and sent their children to the Cavin Fork School. Charles died May 31, 1944 and Bertha died Dec. 15, 1954. They are buried in the cemetery near the Temperance Church. Their children: Darrell, Lora, Maxine, Lowell, Charles and Aneth. The Lemley farm is owned by Pauline



Charles M. and Bertha (Kester) Lemley

Lemley, widow of Lowell.

Darrell Lawson Lemley, born Mar. 3, 1912, married Tennie Elva Wells. They had four children. Charles Thomas, born 1935, married Regena Lemon. They had three children. Sheila was born 1956. Charles Randall, born 1958, married Elisabeth Griffith. Their child: Monica, born 1979. Judy Darlene married Daniel Knopp and has a son, Phillip Todd. Evelyn Marie, born 1938, married Harold Denver Life. They have three children. Crystal Darlene Life married a Balsley and has two sons. Daniel Lee Life married Debra Lynn Rader. He has a step-son, Troy Vincent, born 1978. Darrell "Lawson," 1941-1987, married, first, Brenda Piggot. Their son: James. They divorced and he married, second, Karen Gard. Phillip Carroll, born 1949, married Connie Sue Sellers. Their children: Erie Seoll, born 1969 and Jennifer Sue, born 1975.

Lora Elena Lemley, born Nov. 3, 1913, married William Hugh Anderson. They had three children: Joseph Hugh, Karen Kate and Ellen Diane. (See the Jefferson Davis Anderson history for the rest of their descendants).

Geneva "Maxine" Lemley was born Mar. 24, 1915 and died June 8, 1927.

Lowell Austin Lemley, born Mar. 19, 1917, married Pauline Moore. They lived at Silverton and later moved to Ravenswood. They built a house on the family farm at Cavin Fork, shortly before Lowell died, Nov. 12, 1976. They had four children. Thomas Lowell, born 1948, married Ethel Shockey. Their children: John, Paul, Austin and Sarah. James Paul was born 1953. Mark Austin Lemley married Cindy Lamb (divorced). They have a daughter, Ashley, born 1984. Lois Ann married Tage Erickson and they have two children: Andrew Tage, born 1981 and Laura, born 1984.

Charles Arden Lemley was born Sept. 7, 1919 and died Sept. 8, 1919.

Aneth Leona Lemley, born Dec. 24, 1920, married Russell Leonard Sellers. They live at Parkersburg, WV. They had five children. Enos Leonard Sellers, born 1939, married Betty Scott. They have three children. Julie Ann Sellers, born 1958, married, first, Michael Smith and had a son, Jeremy, born 1981. She married, second, Phillip Arnold. They have a son, Joshua Phillip, born 1990. Steven Leonard Sellers was born 1960. Christine Diane Sellers, born 1962, married Riek Ellison. Charles "Russell" Sellers, born 1940, married Judith Hickman. Their children: Robert Russell, born 1966 and Misty Lynn, born 1970. Aneth "Carolyn," born 1941, married William Larry Edwards. Their children: Elisabeth Anne, born 1966 and William Scott, born 1967. Alita Kay Sellers, born 1949, married Charles Rote. Their children: Joshua, born 1979 and Carrie Alita, born 1989. Jan Sellers, born 1950, married Arthur Kinder and has a daughter, Joy Maureen, born 1979. Submitted by Aneth Sellers and Lora Anderson

LEWIS

The Lewis Family in Jackson County begins with the "Louis" Family in France in the 17th Century. The name was changed due to dislike of Louis XIV because of his persecution of Protestant Huguenots. Jean Louis, Esq., of a Protestant family of Castres, fled from France about the time of the Revolution of the Edict of Nantes (1685) and bought an estate in Wales. He had three sons, all lawyers. William, the eldest, shortly moved to Ireland and married a Miss McClelland. He left one son, Andrew, who married a Miss Calhoun and left two sons, John (our ancestor) and Samuel. John (1678-1762) married Margaret Lynn (1693-1773), daughter of the Laird of Loch Lynn, Scotland. They had six children born in Ireland: Samuel, Thomas, Andrew, William, Margaret and Anne. Another son, Charles, was born in Virginia.

John left Ireland for America in 1728, landing in Philadelphia where he remained until he came

to the Valley of Virginia in 1732. He is said to have been the "founder" of Augusta County, Virginia. He built a fort-like home called "Bellevue" near Port Republic.

Both his daughters died unmarried. His sons were in uniform most of the time during those early and challenging days of the Pre-Revolutionary War Period. Samuel (1718-1755), William (1724-1811) and Charles (1736-1774) served in the War between the English and French Colonists and were present at the Battle of Braddock's defeat (1755). William and Charles were wounded and Samuel was killed. William was a Doctor of Medicine but twice abandoned his profession to take up arms for his country. During the Revolutionary War he was a Major with the 10th Virginia Regiment and taken prisoner at Charleston in 1780. He was released and returned to his family in 1781. After recovering from his wounds, Col. Charles Lewis participated in many skirmishes with the Indians and on one occasion was captured by them, later effecting his own escape. He was killed at the Battle of Point Pleasant. Lewis County in West Virginia is named for him. General Andrew Lewis (1720-1781), "the hero of Point Pleasant," was Colonel of Militia for his County. Upon the outbreak of hostilities with the French (1754) he enrolled a company and joined Major George Washington and was wounded at Fort Necessity. At the Assembly in 1774 the danger of an Indian War was apparent and measures were concerted which led to the campaign resulting in victory at Point Pleasant. At the solicitation of Washington, he accepted the commission of Brigadier General and commanded the Virginia Troops when Lord Dunmore was driven from Gwynn's Island in 1776. General Washington and Andrew Lewis first located and owned the noted Burning Spring near Kanawha River. He died from the effects of a fever while on his way home from the Army in 1781.

Thomas Lewis (1718-1790), my fourth great-grandfather, by reason of defective eyesight, was prevented from joining his brothers as a warrior. He was a man of much learning and dedicated his life to public civil service during the Colonial Period and Revolutionary War. He was appointed Colonial Surveyor of Augusta County in 1745 and, in partnership with General George Washington, surveyed the Lord Fairfax lands. He represented his county in the House of Burgesses from 1745 to 1767. In 1755 he was chosen a delegate to the Colonial Congress and was one of the first to join the Society known as the "Sons of Liberty." He served on the committee in the Convention of 1788 which framed the Virginia Bill of Rights and Virginia's first State Constitution. He married Jane Strother (1732-1820), a schoolmate of George Washington, and they brought up 13 children.

The sons of Thomas Lewis also served their time in the military. John (1749-1788), Andrew (1751-1810) and Thomas, Jr. (1760-1847) were with Washington at Valley Forge. John and Thomas, Jr. were also present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Charles (1772-1832), my direct ancestor, rebuilt the family home in 1813 on the family plantation near Port Republic, Virginia. He married Anne Hance in 1792 and reared five children. Charles, Jr. (1796-1877), son of Charles, married Nancy Allen and reared six children.

My great-grandfather, William Strother Lewis (1834-1863), son of Charles, Jr., married Susan V. Sirk in 1853. On April 2, 1860, a Land Office Treasury Warrant, signed by John Letcher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, granted to Strother Lewis 100 acres lying in Jackson County on the waters of the Middle Fork of Pocahontas. In the tradition of his ancestors, William Strother Lewis volunteered for duty in the Civil War on November 1, 1861 and was assigned to Company "K" at Charleston in the 7th Virginia Cavalry Volunteers. He was killed in action at the Battle

of Droop Mountain, Pocahontas County, on November 6, 1863. He left his wife and two children; Mary Jane, born March 6, 1858, and Charles Wesley, my grandfather, born February 12, 1860.

Charles Wesley "Wes" (1860-1947) married Eliza Ellender Pringle (1865-1946) December 2, 1882. They built a log cabin on Angel Ridge Road, Fairplain/Ripley, and reared seven children: Minnie Elizabeth (1883-1971) married Charles E. Hanning, seven children; Holly Everett (1885-1977) married Adelia Kessel, six children; Eva Mae (1891-1976) married Howard Casto, four children; Rosa Belle (1894-) married Homer S. Hanning, two children; Ruby Jane (1896-1978) married Leal French, two children; William Frederick (1899-1981) married Irene Chancey, four children; Velma Fae (1908-) married (1) Clair McCloud, (2) Woodrow McKown, one child.



Lewis family

In 1966 the seven children of Wes and Eliza, together with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, held the first family reunion. The reunion is still held annually although all but two of the children and some grandchildren have passed on. It now includes some members of the fifth generation. Submitted by Kathryn Hanning Mackenzie and Luella Casto Crane

LEWIS — FRIEDLAENDER

Rebecca Elizabeth (Becca) Lewis, daughter of Glenva May Starcher (Cottageville) and the late Benjamin Franklin Lewis (Ravenswood), is descended from early settlers Jacob Starcher, Abraham Staats and Ephriam Evans of Jackson County. She was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, January 15, 1952. At this time her father was the minister of the Congregational Church in Rye, New Hampshire, having just completed studies at Harvard University Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The coastline at Rye remains a favorite vacation spot.

At the age of two and one-half, she moved to Lexington, Kentucky when her father returned to chair the Department of Philosophy and Religion at his undergraduate alma mater, Transylvania University. Growing up in "horse country" was wonderful for Becca as she loved horseback riding, showing and riding her horse, "Spaghetti Sauce," for many years. Her second love was ballet. Both activities have continued to play an important part in her life.

She attended the Sayre School, University of Kentucky Training School and Fayette County Public Schools before attending the University of Georgia. A Political Science and Journalism major and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she graduated in 1974 and returned to Kentucky to teach History and English. After three years of teaching she began undergraduate studies at Transylvania University in 1979 to pursue a life-long dream of going to medical school. In 1981 she entered the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, graduating in 1985.

During her internship at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she met and married (in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania) Jonathan

Scott Friedlaender, an Anthropologist who studies health changes of the Natives of the Solomon Islands. Following her internship, they left for a field season in the South Pacific — a grand and romantic adventure that took them to tiny atolls of the Solomon Islands, to Fiji, and to Hawaii.

Exploration was not new to Becca, who loves to travel. She attributes much of this to her father's love of travel (Europe, the Near East, Japan, India, Africa, all fifty states, Canada and Mexico). Besides traveling extensively with her family while growing up, Becca has managed her own trips; four times to the Navajo Reservation where she has taught and taken dance at the Navajo Community College, and practiced medicine at the Chinle Indian Hospital. In 1985 she spent two months at the Sino Japanese Friendship Hospital in Beijing, China, studying acupuncture and moxibustion.

Becca and Jonathan live in Center City, Philadelphia, in an historical townhouse. They have a son, Benjamin Lewis Friedlaender, born January 7, 1988. Becca is a physician at Drexel University Student Health Center. Jonathan is Chair of the Anthropology Department at Temple University.



Rebecca (Lewis) and Jonathan Friedlaender and Jonathan

Becca enjoys returning to Ripley to visit her cousin, Genevieve Starcher, whose knowledge of and love for the area and its history gives her a sense of belonging and a pride in her own Jackson County heritage.

Becca has an older brother, Stephen Starcher Lewis, living in Lexington, Kentucky; and a younger brother, Benjamin Franklin Lewis, Jr., living in Greenwood, South Carolina. Submitted by Dr. Rebecca E. Lewis

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEWIS, JR.

Benjamin Franklin Lewis, Jr. was born to Benjamin Franklin and Glenva May Starcher Lewis on July 21, 1954 at Exeter, New Hampshire. He moved to Lexington, Kentucky at six weeks of age where his father took the position of Chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Transylvania University.

Benji was a notable high school athlete, being all state in basketball, all city in baseball, and attending Transylvania on a basketball scholarship. He graduated from there with distinction and honors in biology in 1976. He then attended



Dr. Benji Lewis Jr.

medical school at the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1980.

In June of 1980, Benji married Nancy Lancaster Kidd and was divorced within two years. He did his residency in Family Practice at the Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood, South Carolina from 1980-1983, and since that time has remained in the Emergency Department of that hospital as a full-time emergency physician. As of this writing (1989) he is in the process of completing his board certification in that specialty as well.

Benji has visited Jackson County in recent years to see relatives and to visit the gravesites of five generations of ancestors at Evans, Ravenswood and Cottageville cemeteries as well as the Settlers and Pine Hill cemeteries in Ripley. He feels a warmth in his heart for the area and its people. He has one older brother, Stephen Starcher Lewis, living in Lexington, Kentucky and one older sister, Rebecca Elizabeth Lewis-Friedlaender, living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In the accompanying photograph, Benji is in the Starcher cabin at Cedar Lakes, sitting in the rocking chair in which his great-great-grandmother, Prudence Emily Harker Starcher, died.

Submitted by Dr. Benji Lewis

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND GLENVA (STARCHER) LEWIS

Benjamin Franklin Lewis was born at Hogsett in Mason County, West Virginia on March 25, 1918, the son of Frederick and Ola Mae Broyles Lewis. When he was six months old the family moved to Ravenswood in Jackson County. Ben was an enthusiastic participant in school affairs, being particularly outstanding in athletics and drama. A favorite story of his children and grandchildren is of the Christmas tree and the backwater. In the fifth grade, he and Claymore Rowley were sent by their teacher to get a Christmas tree. They went farther and farther hoping to find just the right one. Finally they discovered they did not know their way home. The familiar route was cut off by backwater. It was getting much colder and as it grew dark they were no longer concerned about a tree. They were very cold, very hungry, and very, very much afraid. Finally they heard the voices of their older brothers calling them. The brothers put them on their backs and carried them home.

After graduating from high school in 1935, Ben worked at the Fisher grocery store for five years.

Glenva May Starcher was born at Cottageville in Jackson County on April 4, 1918, the daughter of William Paul and Golda Laurina Hill Starcher and a direct descendant of early settlers Abraham Staats, Ephriam Evans, and Jacob Starcher. She attended the Cottageville schools, graduating from Union High School in 1935. She enrolled in Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia in January 1936 and graduated (Magna Cum Laude) in May 1939. One lasting memory of college days was of the 1937 flood and her trek (Marshall dismissed classes) from Cabell County to Jackson County with Virginia Pinnell Hogsett. Traveling via Charleston by taxi, by boat, and by walking, they moved over and around great stretches of backwater. The trip took two days.

Glenva began teaching at Ravenswood High School in September 1939. There she met Ben. They were married at Cottageville, August 17, 1940. Ben attended Morris Harvey College in Charleston in 1940-41 while Glenva continued teaching in Ravenswood.

In the summer of 1941, they moved to Lexington, Kentucky where Ben enrolled in Transylvania University. Glenva taught for a year, then did secretarial work at the United States Public Health Service. When Ben received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943, they both enrolled in the Lexington Theological Seminary. On weekends Ben ministered to rural Kentucky churches. They graduated

from the Seminary in 1946 — Glenva with a Masters in Religious Education and Ben with a Masters in Theology.

Ben was then accepted for graduate study in the Divinity School at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. During his studies there they lived in Everett, Massachusetts where Ben served the Disciples of Christ Church. Glenva was secretary to the General Council of the Boston Legal Aid Society.

In 1949, Ben, having practically finished his work at Harvard, (he received his Masters in Theological Sciences in 1950), the Lewises moved to the seaside village of Rye, New Hampshire. There Ben served the Congregational Church which had been organized in 1720. Their three children were born while they lived there: Stephen Starcher, born in Melrose, Massachusetts, November 11, 1949; Rebecca Elizabeth, born in Exeter, New Hampshire, January 15, 1952; and Benjamin Franklin, Jr., born in Exeter, July 21, 1954.



Ben and Glenva Lewis, Steve, Becca, and Benji

In 1954 Transylvania called Ben to become Chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion. They moved to Lexington in September. In 1960-61 Ben, on sabbatical leave from Transylvania, completed studies for a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Philosophy at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ben's work at Transylvania was highlighted by his development of a program in Intercultural Studies, an area for which he had been an advocate years ahead of its time. His teaching may be summed up by the following episode. Seeing a student with an armload of books struggling to get through a door, he rushed to help her and said, "Here, let me open that door for you." She replied, "Dr. Lewis, you've been opening doors for me ever since I came to Transylvania." During these years he also served churches in Kentucky — first at Ewing and then for 28 years, the New Union Christian Church in Woodford County. In 1961 Glenva began teaching in the Fayette County Public Schools. In 1983 they both retired. In 1985 Ben received the prestigious Morrison Medallion — the highest honor accorded a Transylvania alumnus.

While teaching, both Ben and Glenva traveled extensively abroad with students — Ben predominately to India, Japan, and Europe; Glenva to Europe and Israel. In retirement their outstanding trip was to the Harvard 350th Anniversary Celebration in the fall of 1986. In March 1988 Ben resigned from his church but the congregation would not accept his resignation, so he continued until his death.

Benjamin Franklin Lewis died July 20, 1988 in Lexington, Kentucky. He is buried in the Lexington Cemetery. Glenva is living where she has lived for thirty-five years. She has enjoyed accom-

panying her children to Jackson County to expose them to their heritage there. *Submitted by Mrs. Benjamin Lewis*

JOHN LEWIS

John Lewis, son of Andrew and Mary Calhoun Lewis, was born in Denegal County, Ireland in 1678. He died near Staunton, Va. on Feb. 1, 1762. In Ireland, John Lewis was a well-to-do and respected esquire, but an unfortunate incident occurred in which he killed Sir Mingo Campbell of Campbell's Manor in self defense. The altercation grew out of difficulties over an attempted ejection from a freeholder's lease. He fled from Ireland and reached Portugal in 1729. We next find John Lewis in Pennsylvania in 1732. The following year, it is said he was pardoned by the king and granted an immense tract of land near the headwaters of the Shenandoah River.

John Lewis became the first settler of what was later Augusta County, Virginia. His first home was erected one mile east of the present city of Staunton. He was the first magistrate in this section of Virginia.

Before coming to America, John Lewis married Margaret Lynn of Scotland. Margaret was the daughter of a Scottish lord and was known as Lady Lynn. She was born July 3, 1693 and died near Staunton in 1773.

Their children, except the last, were born in Ireland. They were: Samuel, Thomas, Andrew, William, Margaret, and Charles.

Our Jackson County connection comes from John Lewis' great-great-grandson, Samuel Lewis. A quick run down of the family tree goes like this: John (1678-1762) begat Andrew (1720-1781) who begat Thomas (1752-1800) who begat Andrew (1780-1850) who begat Samuel (1820-1874).

Samuel Lewis married Mary Greer, the daughter of William and Martha J. Monroe Greer. The names of their children were: Marquis deLafayette Lewis, Samuel Jackson Lewis, James Madison Lewis, Almyra Lewis Taylor, Laura Lewis Parsons, and Martha J. Lewis Kerwood.

Almyra Lewis married Joseph Taylor and resided near Ripley before moving to Charleston.

Laura Lewis married "Nim" Parsons, brother to Judge W.A. Parsons. Their children were Richard, Mary, Dan, Howard, Paul, and Pearl.

Samuel Jackson Lewis married Cora Kay. Their children were: Bonnie Lee, Eva Demond who married Layton Bradley, Georgia who married Lloyd Stone, Johnny, Mary Katherine who married Rolla Raymond Parsons, William E. and a baby who died at birth.

James Madison Lewis married Nannie Elizabeth Taylor. Their children were: Adda who married Edward Casto, Edna who married David F. Sayre, Ellen who married R.S. Algee, Pearl who married Emmett Reder, Charles who married Nellie Donohew, Taylor who married Luella Sayre, Mary who married Walter Stewart, and Mollie.

Marquis deLafayette Lewis married Hannah Casto. Their children were: Lelia who married Abram J. Neat, Romeo, Leon, Tennie, and Samuel who all died unmarried, and Carl Allenmore who married first Louie C. Parsons. They had one daughter, Thelma who married Troy E. Kessel. Carl's second marriage was to Lillie May Pinnell.

They had two children. Ronald Pinnell Lewis who married Pauline Anderson and Mary Louise Lewis who married Edwin P. Fisher. Ronald has two daughters, Claudia who married Steve Chancey, and Mary Beth Lewis. Claudia and Steve have two children, John Wesley and Mary Susan.

Mary Louise has two children, Jennifer Lynn and Jon Edwin. Jon is married to Andrew Battit.

Submitted by Ronald P. Lewis and Mary Louise Lewis Fisher

STEPHEN STARCHER LEWIS

Stephen Starcher Lewis was born November 11, 1949 in Melrose, Massachusetts. He is the oldest son of Benjamin Franklin Lewis (1918-1988) and Glenva May Starcher Lewis (b. 1918). He resided in Rye, New Hampshire until the age of five. The family moved to Lexington, Kentucky where his father became head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Transylvania College (now Transylvania University). He has one brother, Benjamin Franklin Lewis, Jr. (b. 1954), and one sister, Rebecca Elizabeth Lewis-Friedlaender (b. 1952).

Steve received his Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1971. After spending a short time as recreation director for the government-funded Model Cities Program in Pike County, Kentucky, he returned to Lexington and began a 14-year career with the now defunct Bank of Commerce and Trust Co. During this time he married Ann Sharon Makle (b. 1946), daughter of Kyle Herman Makle (b. 1918) and Georgia Foster Makle (b. 1919). Steve and Sharon have three sons, Kyle Foster Lewis (b. 1968), Kent Stephen Lewis (b. 1976), and Kristopher Makle Lewis (b. 1980).



Steve and Sharon Lewis and children, Kris, Kyle, Kent

Steve left banking in 1986 to fulfill a long-time dream of operating his own business. He started Heritage Golf Co., Inc., a wholesale component distribution and custom club building business.

Steve's roots go deep into the history of Jackson County. His family tree will show direct lines back to the early settlers of Ripley and Evans. Abraham Staats (1750-1826) and Anna King Staats (1755-1811) (fifth great-grandparents), Jacob Starcher (1768-1838) and Ann Staats Starcher (1777-1847) (fourth great-grandparents), and Ephriam Evans (1800-1878) and Rhumai Wright Evans (1806-1882) (fourth great-grandparents): all were prominent in the early history of Ripley and Evans. Paternal grandparents Frederick Lewis (1881-1957) and his wife Ola Mae Broyles Lewis (1886-1966) moved to Ravenswood in 1918.



Steve Lewis

Frederick and his son Frederick, Jr. (Ted) (1910-1970) had careers with the Ravenswood Police Department.

The accompanying photographs shows Steve Lewis at the grave of his fifth great-grandparents — Abraham and Ann (King) Staats. Submitted by Stephen S. Lewis

ELIJAH AND MARY (SAYRE) LITTLE

Mary Sayre (10 August 1827-23 January 1906), daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Hall) Sayre, married 18 October 1844 Elijah Little (1823-1890), son of David and Sarah Little.

They established their home near Rockcastle, W. Va. where they had a family of 12 children. Mary and Elijah, along with children Parkerson, Oliver and Iona, are buried in Shinn/Little Cemetery near Rockcastle, W. Va.



Elijah and Mary (Sayre) Little

This family was a family of honorable distinction. Their children and grandchildren have been teachers, merchants, postmasters, mail carriers and farmers. Many have served in distinguished positions of our country in time of need.

Their other nine children were:

1. *Emily J.* (1845-1880) married 1871 Enoch Stewart.
2. *Elizabeth* (1847-1924) married 1868 William Barnett, married second Aaron Smith.
3. *Enoch* (1853-1933) married 1875 Caroline J. Casto.
4. *Lenora* (1855-) married 1874 William H. Parson.
5. *Austin* (1857-1931) married 1880 Rebecca Shinn.
6. *Hannah* (1859-1939) married 1877 William Casto.
7. *Nancy* (1860-1890) married 1881 John Parsons.
8. *Eliza* (1863-1930) married 1883 George Shinn.
9. *Joel* (1870-1916) married 1884 Mary Francis Kay.

I am the great-grandson of Mary (Sayre) and Elijah Little. Their daughter, Nancy, who married John Parsons, were the parents of my mother, Ivy Mrytle Parsons, who married Homer F. Wandling. Submitted by Clair P. Wandling

LLOYD

The Lloyd family came to Virginia in 1623 and were descendants of Elystan Glodryodd (Welsh spelling of Lloyd), Prince of Ferlys, the territory of Wales. This area lies between the Wye and the Severn rivers near Plynlimmon mountains. 17 years after the family landed in Virginia, Edward Lloyd set out for Maryland, and in 1640 became one of the first settlers of Maryland. He established himself on the bay north of the Talbot County line, at a spot called Lloyd. Maps published as late as 1960 showed the location about five miles northeast of the Wye Oak (a landmark tree more than 20 feet in diameter), which was about a mile from Wye Mills. This information was researched from

the Library of Congress and Archives, from Lee Lloyd's manuscript "Dear Don and Dave."

Great-grandfather William Henry Lloyd (1813-), son of Thomas and Anna Lloyd, and brother to William, married Nancy Hite (11/13/1836) Wood County. He served in the Civil War as Pvt. in Co. F, 9th West Virginia Infantry, Tyler County. He received an honorable discharge from the army, reenlisted, and received another honorable discharge. Listed in the 1850 census as living in William Henry and Anna's household were son *Henry, five years old, (10/10/1844-12/03/1882, Hopewell); brother William, who married (11/17/1859) Elizabeth, daughter of Martin and Nancy Jane Ridenour, and his son William, Jr., seven years old (1843).

*Henry Charles Lloyd married (6/16/1868) Czrena Alwilda Williamson (8/27/1851-12/25/1936, Blaine Memorial). Their only son, Owen Roseberry, was born 11/30/1870 and died 12/1953, Blaine Memorial.

Grandmother Czrena was one of eight daughters of John W. Williamson (11/10/1810-12/14/1893, Hopewell) and Isabella I. Ankrom (or Ankrum) (2/09/1820-1/24/1920, Hopewell). The sisters were born in Sistersville and came with their family to Jackson County at an early age. Two sisters, Elizabeth Anne (7/08/1840-8/03/1854) and Josephine Amanda (7/10/1840-8/19/1854) died at an early age, the same month and year, and we assume that they died of a prevalent ailment of the times. The other sisters were long-lived, and Great-grandmother Isabella lived her last years with Czrena, and died 16 days short of her 100th birthday. Great-grandfather Williamson was a physician in the Civil War, and practiced medicine in civilian life before he became a steamboat pilot. He was well-respected and known in the community, and through personal knowledge, King George V granted him fifty-thousand acres in the Charleston vicinity. Unfortunately, Grandmother Czrena had these papers, but they were spirited away by a neighbor and were never seen again. In the 1880 census, Henry and Czrena are listed as caretaker and matron of the County Poor Farm. Owen was nine years old, and Isabella, a widow, was living with them.



Owen Roseberry Lloyd and son, Charles Henry

Owen married (3/03/1898) Anna Ernestine Karr (1870-3/1938), daughter of David Karr and Frances VanHorn. Their union produced Marie Louise (7/14/1897-8/10/1974, New Orleans); Charles Henry (8/27/1901); and Alwilda Karr (5/12/1905). Owen and Anna lived in Ripley for a time and managed the McGuire Hotel (House) owned by Anna's mother. They moved to a log house on the Cow Run Road, just outside Cottageville, about 1910, and built a two-story house with a wrap-around porch just across the road. Owen engaged in general farming, and had enough milk cows to furnish cream to the creamery. He operated the milk and cream separator in the milk house just off the kitchen, poured the contents into cans, stored them in the cellar until ready to ship off by rail from Cottageville to market. Anna was a homemaker, and was known for her beautiful

flower gardens. Owen was a devout Christian and a member of the Cottageville Methodist Church. He taught the men's Bible class for 35 years, and often played cornet solos at Sunday school and church. He originated and directed the Cottageville band which played at functions around the county, and was a Master Mason AF&AM, Cottageville Lodge #54.

Marie Louise graduated from Ravenswood High School, the only high school in the county at that time, and became a teacher. She married (3/24/1924) George Meredith, who died in 1939. Charles Henry graduated Ravenswood High School, received his AB in Geology from Marietta College, where he remained as an assistant instructor for several years before accepting employment with the federal government. He married (2/14/1935) Freda Evans, daughter of William Lewis Evans and Nita Waybright. Freda (Petie) taught in Jackson County schools before their marriage, and they now reside in Augusta, Georgia. Alwilda Karr graduated Ravenswood High and Marshall College, and taught in Jackson County, southern states, and New Orleans, where she resides. (See Pinnell-Williamson) Owen Roseberry Lloyd is half-brother to William Lloyd Pinnell. *Submitted by Charles Henry Lloyd and Alwilda Lloyd*

NEHEMIAH LLOYD

Nehemiah Lloyd, born May 3, 1832, died July 3, 1896, was the son of Joseph Lloyd and Malinda (Hughes) Lloyd. She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Hughes.

Contrary to popular belief, not quite all the land in the Ravenswood area was owned by George Washington, though Washington did obtain a Patent of 2,448 acres of land from Lord Dunmore in 1772. One example was the Lloyd farm. In 1852 brothers Joseph and William Lloyd came from England and purchased 90 acres of land from the Virginia government. The land which they obtained for \$100.00, bordered on the Washington tract. (Article printed in the *Parkersburg Sentinel* dated July 1, 1952, when Ravenswood had their Centennial). William Lloyd and his wife Elizabeth deeded their share of the property to Nehemiah S. and Harriet Lloyd May 29, 1886, Deed Book 29, Page 284 for the 90 acres.

Nehemiah married Harriet Mullinex, born July 11, 1841, died April 10, 1910. They were the parents of Amanda A. (Allie), born May 15, 1865,



Nehemiah Lloyd

died February 5, 1929. Allie married George Washington Coe, March 31, 1903. George was the son of John Adams Coe, Sr. and Susan (Bibbee) Coe. Allie and George had a daughter, Edith Coe, who married Philip Sheridan Hughes, Jr. Nehemiah's second daughter was Flora Estella, born October 18, 1867, died 1954. The third daughter was Georgia Rosanna, born September 22, 1871, died 1966. She was a school teacher. The fourth child was John Henry Wetzel, born March 20, 1874, died 1947. The fifth child was Robert Leonard, born December 8, 1877, died 1940. He was a school teacher. Robert and his

wife, Lula Anna, had three children, Robert, Jr., Mary Gathel and Muriel Jean. Flora, Georgia, John, Robert and Lula are all buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

On February 18, 1986, Gwendolyn (Hughes) and Howard C. Robinson, Aloise (Hughes) and Charles J. Bosworth, Howard D. and Sandra S. Hughes, heirs of Edith Coe Hughes, deeded the balance of the Lloyd farm to Stanley W. and Betty L. Nuzum, on the waters of Sand Creek and the Ravenswood Pike public road.

Nehemiah, his wife Harriet and their daughter, Allie (Lloyd) Coe, are buried at the Sandy Creek Baptist Cemetery. *Submitted by Howard D. Hughes*

LOCKHART — VAN FOSSON

Charles Squire Lockhart was born of a family long prominent in Jackson and Wood counties. Charles Squire Lockhart, eldest son of Kenneth and Dora Josephine Somerville Lockhart, was born November 17, 1897 in Lynn Valley, Jackson County, near Wiseburg, and died March 13, 1964.

Kenneth Lockhart, the eldest son of Squire Lockhart, was born January 26, 1876 and died January 4, 1964; his first wife, Dora Josephine Somerville Lockhart (her parents were Robert R. Somerville and Elizabeth McCann), was born June 29, 1874 at Sandyville, W. Va. and died July 11, 1936. To this union were born: Morris, an unnamed infant, Charles, Harley, Rexford, Nelle and Lillian. Dora had always taken an active part in church work and was always willing to lend a helping hand to the sick. She was a very active member of the Sheppard Chapel Ladies Aid Society at Wiseburg, W. Va. Dora and Kenneth spent their lives on their farm, which adjoined his father Squire's farm, raising hogs, chickens, cows, and vegetables and fruits. After Dora died, Kenneth married Minnie M. Callaghan who was born August 13, 1873 and died October 17, 1951.

Charles Squire Lockhart was born and raised in Jackson County on his father's farm. He taught in the public schools for four terms; served as a rural carrier in Sandyville during the absence of his cousin, T.A. Lockhart, during World War I, and in 1920 was census enumerator in Jackson County. He then served as rural and city carrier in the Parkersburg Post Office as well as clerk until his appointment as superintendent of the North End Post Office, Parkersburg, W. Va. He also served for some time as a deputy assessor in Wood County.

Charles Squire Lockhart married Della Alice Van Fosson (born 11-17-1899) on October 7, 1916. They were blessed with four children: Lloyd Derward Lockhart who married Ruth Glenna Moore. Their children were Charles Michael and Robert George Lockhart; Cleona Onalee Lockhart; Dora Eithel Lockhart; and Emma Jean Lockhart who married Lawrence Edwin Davis. Their children are Richard Lee Davis and Barbara Ann Davis. Richard Lee Davis married Jane Mary Kull and their children are Sean Christopher Davis and Sara Kathleen Davis. Barbara Ann Davis married Robert Wren Smith and their children are Christina Jean Smith and Lauren Ann Smith.

Charles Squire Lockhart's wife, Della Alice Van Fosson, was the daughter of Dan Van Fosson and Emma Francis Powell Van Fosson. Della was born November 17, 1899 at Garfield, West Virginia and wrote the following notation about her parents a few days before her 90th birthday: "My parents lived on a farm at Pleasant Ridge, W. Va. and were both very hard workers in tending the animals and growing our food. We had lots of fruit, rows and rows of fruit trees; therefore, we did a lot of canning. My mother was the most gracious, pleasant, understanding woman I have ever known. Mother was very active in the church and since she had a beautiful voice was called upon to sing quite frequently for different activities. My father never went anywhere much if he could get out of



Charles Squire and Della Alice (VanFosson) Lockhart

it as he would rather stay on the farm. He was a pleasant man to meet and my father never drank. We raised sheep on the farm and I always had a pet lamb around, so I didn't mind that my father didn't have any use for dogs."

Dan Van Fosson was born in 1871 and died 1951. Dan's parents were Silas M. Van Fosson and Nancy Jean Forchey. Silas' parents were John and Mariah Van Fosson. They are all buried at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

Dan Van Fosson's wife, Emma Francis Powell Van Fosson, was born 1874 and died in 1914. Her parents were Adonager Powell and Elizabeth Neptune Powell. Dan and Emma Van Fosson had two children: Leonard who was born April 14, 1898 and died April 16, 1898; and Della Alice Van Fosson who was born November 17, 1899.

Submitted by Dora E. Lockhart and Jean L. Davis

ALBERT LOCKHART

Albert Lockhart, 1840-1905, born Lockhart homestead, Jackson Co., WV, to John and Mary Jane Cheuvront Lockhart, married 3 May 1860, Annetta Derenberger, 1840-1921, born Jackson Co. to John Peter, Jr. and Christina Staats Derenberger. Albert was the grandson of Isaac Lockhart and Amos Cheuvront. Annetta was the granddaughter of Elijah Staats and John Peter Derenberger, Sr., all early settlers in what is now Jackson Co., WV.

The village of Lockhart was named for Albert Lockhart, who built the first store and established the first post office in 1866. At that time Lockhart was located where Nesselroad Creek empties into Sand Creek. There was a mill and several houses, including the home of Albert Lockhart. The store was on the creek bank, almost in front of the house, with a footbridge leading into it. A short distance up the road was another small village called "Buttermilk." (See John Somerville Family for origin of name). It also had a store and several houses.

The 1889 flood destroyed Albert Lockhart's store, many homes and business places, and caused several people to lose their lives. Now only the large house and a smaller one once occupied by the Curracy family remain at the former site of Lockhart. The road sign was moved farther up the road to where the village of Buttermilk was located.

Albert Lockhart was an early school teacher and built the first school house in the village in 1870. He was also a farmer and engaged in the timber and saw mill business. His daughter, Lillie, wrote in her diary, "Father rode old Golden Standard to the lumber camps. He would have a house built of the sweet smelling lumber and move the family to the camp until the job was finished." Albert owned many acres of land in Wirt and Jackson counties. His three sons were school teachers and also in the timber business.

An account book, dated Feb. 1877, written in old fashion script, lists daily sales and expenses for the store. It also lists 150 apple trees by name, including 95 Rome Beauties, along with other fruit trees and grape vines. The women of the family

must have been very busy during preserving season! On 20 May 1877 is the brief notation, "Annetta born today."

Albert Lockhart died 1905 from injuries received while lifting on a saw mill. Annetta, a semi-invalid for several years, died in 1921. She was cared for by her daughter, Annetta Vannoy and family. They are buried in Independence Cemetery, Sandyville, WV. Children: Catherine, 1861-1935, married William Cain, Albert Dawkins. Franklin, 1863-1931, married Ida Lee, Celestine Enoch. Neave, 1865-1949, married Linna Enoch, Ella Anderson. John, 1867-1942, married Hattie Archer, Mary Yates. Lucy, 1869-1928, married Dr. Yancy Currey. Christena, 1872-1973, married Ben Somerville. Sarah, 1874-1961, married Willard Archer. Annetta, 1877-1955, married John Vannoy. Ida, 1881-1964 married Henry Warfield, Neal Vannoy, James Dickson. Lillie, 1883-1966, married Frank Leep.



Kate, Lucy, Tena, Sarah, Nettie, Lillie, Celestine Enoch, and Mary (Yates) Lockhart, 1922

John and Patricia Kent now own the Lockhart property. John is grandson of "Nettie" and "Dock" Vannoy, great-grandson of Albert Lockhart. Submitted by Margaret Vannoy Kent

ISAAC LOCKHART

The Lockhart families of Wirt, Wood, and Jackson counties, trace their ancestry to John and Christeny Lockhart who came to Wood Co. before 1800. They built a cabin home on a creek near Mineral Wells which is still known as Lockhart's Run. A short time later they moved to lower Right Reedy section near now Lynn Camp. By patent right and purchase they acquired large tracts of land. John, born 1766, died 1832, said to be a son of Jacob Lockhart of Greenbrier Co., WV. Christeny, born 1768, died 1836. They are buried in the Palestine Cemetery, Wirt Co., WV. His tombstone says that he was from Hampshire Co.

Children of John and Christeny Lockhart: Nancy married George Lott; Elizabeth married George Owens; Sarah married Josiah Hindman; Amy married Enoch Steed; Mary married George Stephens; Margaret married James Sheppard (first marriage in Reedy Dist.); John married Nancy King; William married Louise Rochambaugh; Isaac married Sarah Sheppard, daughter of Jonathan and Martha Wilson Sheppard. Jonathan was a Revolutionary War soldier and early settler in now Wirt Co.

Isaac (1791-1845) and Sarah (1792-1863) lived near the present location of the Pisgah Church in Wirt Co. They gave the land for the church lot and cemetery. Isaac is listed on the 1812 tax roll of Mason Co. as that county then extended to that area. In 1826 Isaac purchased in now Jackson Co. on Slab Camp Run, so named for a camp probably used by early hunters. This is now known as Lockhart's Fork. This land was divided among his descendants and some of it is still owned today by great-great-grandsons. Isaac and Sarah lived the remainder of their lives on Lockhart's Fork. They are buried in the deserted cemetery at Sheppard Chapel Church near Wiseburg, Grant Dist., Jackson Co., WV. Children of

Isaac and Sarah: Nancy married William Stephens; John married Mary Jane Chevront; Henry married Rebecca Trickett; Amy married George Steel; Samuel married Jane Osborne; Sarah married Fidellus Woodyard; Julia married Joseph Full; James died young at Ravenswood of cholera, buried there, and Susannah died single.

The name of Lockhart probably originated from Sir Simon de Loc Ard whose estates were adjacent to the beautiful lake in Scotland, called Loc Ard. When Robert Bruce, King of Scotland died, he had chosen Lord James Douglas and Sir Simon de Loc Ard to take his heart to the Holy Land. Lord James was slain on the way by Spanish Moors. Sir Simon, with a few followers, returned to Scotland. The heart of Bruce was placed in Melrose Abby. After his return, Sir Simon used the emblem of a heart within a letterlock on his shield and became known as Lockhart instead of Loc Ard. Some historians say that the name of Lockhart was in use at least two centuries before Robert the Bruce became king. Lockhart Castle is today an ancient ruin near Lanark, the county seat of Lanarkshire. It is nearly surrounded by two streams that flow into a third which flows into the River Clyde. Submitted by Gaynelle S. Davis

JOHN LOCKHART

John Lockhart (1815-1882), son of Isaac, born Pisgah area, now Wirt Co., WV, married 5 March 1840, Mary Jane Chevront (1820-1905), born Harrison Co. to Amos and Sarah Joseph Chevront. She was a granddaughter of Rev. Joseph Chevront, pioneer minister of the Methodist Church, school teacher and Revolutionary soldier. Amos Chevront came to Jackson Co. in 1838. John and Mary Jane lived on the farm on Lockhart's Fork his father purchased in 1826. They are buried in Sheppard's Chapel Cemetery. Their children: Albert, married Annetta Derenberger; Samuel, killed in Civil War; Sarah married John Nicholson; Susan, twin to Sarah, married Thomas Bing and went west; Jonathan married Jennie Full; Squire married Elizabeth McFee, second Florence Burton Province; Amos and Lemuel went to the Dakotas; Margaret and Addison died young; Nancy married Gershon Conger.

During the Civil War, Jackson, Wirt and Roane counties were hot-beds of activity for the Home Guard and Moccasin Rangers. Feelings ran high and families were divided in their loyalty to the North and the South. In the Lockhart family, Samuel, brother of John, joined the Union Army. Samuel, son of John, joined the Confederate Army. In the spring of 1865, while on his way home, Samuel, son of John, stopped at the Roach farm on Middle Fork of Reedy, to leave a message from their son, Jesse. Samuel and Jesse were tent mates in Lee's Army.

Two weeks later as Samuel was returning to Lee's Army, he stopped at the Roach farm to get some clothing that Jesse had requested. As described in William Bishop's History of Roane Co., "A musket report was heard from the woods back of the orchard. Men were rushing about shouting that a Confederate had been shot." Samuel Lockhart, badly wounded, was taken into the Roach home where he soon died. The next day his relatives came with a wagon to take Samuel home to Lockhart's Fork. They were given a safe conduct pass so that the Home Guards would not bother them. Samuel Lockhart was killed 11 March 1865, age 22 years. He is buried in Sheppard Chapel Cemetery.

Samuel's brother, Albert, wrote this poem in his memory.

Dear brother, fare thee well,
The anguish, oh, who can tell?
Before we part, once more adieu,
We hope at last in Heaven to meet with you.
Yes, heaven is a better place than this,
A happier home and endless bliss.

Death! What a solemn call to all,
And sudden judgement to us fall.
Death takes the young, as well as old,
And in the wintry sheet doth fold.
Rest-brother-rest; thy foot steps wake thee not,
Thy grave is a consecrated spot.

I now own several acres of the original Lockhart homestead on Lockhart's Fork. The building now used for a barn, was once the Lockhart house and still has some of the original logs in it. This land has been owned by members of the Lockhart family since 1826. John Lockhart was my great-great-grandfather. Submitted by Paul D. Somerville

JONATHAN LOCKHART

The Jonathan Lockhart Family traces its origin to John Lockhart (1766-1833) who settled on Lockhart's Run near Mineral Wells in Wood County about 1790. His oldest son, Isaac (1792-1845), was one of the early settlers in Grant District. He moved there in 1826 and the stream where he lived was later renamed Lockhart's Fork. His marriage to Sarah Sheppard (1791-1863) united the Lockhart and Sheppard families. The eldest son of Isaac was John Lockhart (1815-1882). John's marriage in 1840 to Mary Jane Chevront (1820-1905) gave his descendants three lines back to Revolutionary War soldiers: John Lockhart, Jonathan Sheppard and Joseph Chevront. John Lockhart was one of the original trustees of Sheppard's Chapel Church when the site was deeded to the Methodist Church on 22 Dec. 1851. Both Isaac and John Lockhart and their wives are buried in Sheppard's Chapel Cemetery.

John Lockhart (1815-1882) fathered 11 children: Albert (1840-1905) married Anetta Derenberger 1860 and for whom the village of Lockhart is named; Samuel (1842-1865) killed in the Confederate Army; Sarah (1844-1922) married John Nicholson 1884; Susan (1844-1895) married Thomas Bing 1870; Jonathan (1847-1932) married Virginia Full 1871; Margaret (1850-1850); Amos (1852-1935) married Emma Somerville 1871; Squire (1854-?) married Elizabeth McFee 1875; Nancy (1857?) married Gersham Conger 1882; Addison (1860-1860); and Lemuel (1861-1934) married Elizabeth Myers 1881.

Jonathan Lockhart, like his father, was born and lived his entire life on Lockhart's Fork. He was the third generation of successful farmers and land owners on this small stream in Grant District. In addition to his farming, he operated a small general store for a number of years. He was also the designated Postmaster at Pee Wee, Wirt County, 13 October 1892 to 2 December 1895. On 4 December 1871, he was married to Virginia Full, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth Somerville Full. Reuben was the son of Lewis and Emma Jane Collins Full. Emma Collins' mother was a full blooded Shawnee Indian named Tecumopease, a niece of Chief Tecumseh.

Jonathan Lockhart acquired his first farm land



Jonathan Lockhart home

by deed from Joseph Full and Juliana Lockhart Full in 1865 (at age 18), 240 acres for \$1,000. A part of the land was Juliana's share of her father's estate (Isaac Lockhart). Before his marriage in 1871, he had built a beautiful house for his new bride. [Some of the author's earliest memories are of visits to Grandfather Jonathan's house.]

There were eight children born to Jonathan and his wife, Virginia. The eldest was Frederick (1872-1918). He and two of his six children were killed in a house fire on their farm near Huntington, WV. His widow, Rilla Barlow Lockhart, moved her remaining family back to Lockhart's Fork where they grew to maturity. Belva was married to Roscoe Lockhart and their son, Bernard, is the only descendant of Jonathan Lockhart still living in Jackson County. There are three surviving children: Vernon of Long Bottom, OH, Vernice Reeves of Walker, WV, and Grace Emerick of Parkersburg, WV, as well as 13 grandchildren.

Lisette, the second child (1874-1963), was married to Ira B. Currey who grew up near Lockhart. They lived on a farm adjoining her parents. They had four children: Bradley (1904-1982), Vesta Currey Palmer (1906 -) Virgie Currey Lockhart (1908-1984) and Gordon (1915 -) and 12 grandchildren. Jonathan Lockhart's farm is now owned by his great-grandson, Herbert Palmer of Parkersburg. Almost all of their descendants live in the Parkersburg area.

The third child, Frannie (1874-1970), was married to Alva Preston Archer and lived in the Huntington, WV area. They had three children: Holley (1899-1962), Rexford (1903-1932) and Genevieve (1913-1927). They are survived by one granddaughter, Maxine Archer Justice of Jacksonville, NC and two great-grandsons. Herbert Lockhart (1879-1907) was the fourth child. He was never married.

The fifth child was Flora (1882-1956), married to William F. McVey. They lived on Full's Fork in Wirt County and had four children: Doyle Franklin (1910-1976), Edith McVey Carder (1912-), Freddie Wilber (1915-1986) and Bernice McVey Corbitt (1918-). There are 11 grandchildren. Both Edith and Bernice live in Mineral Wells, WV.

The sixth child was Mary (1884-1923) married to Jonathan Morehead. They had two children, Douglas (1916-1979) and Beulah and are survived by two grandchildren, Kerry Douglas Morehead and Peggy Morehead Baadte of Hanover, PA.

Therman Allen Lockhart (1887-1968) was the seventh child in the family. He became a school teacher in 1905 and in 1912 was appointed a rural mail carrier at Sandyville, where he served for over 36 years. There was a break in his service in 1917-18 while he was in the Army in World War I. He was a notary public for many years and was active in promoting the creation of Gilmore High School in the 1920s. His wife, Erna, was the secretary of the School Board during this time and later was a local correspondent for the *Jackson Herald*, the *Mountaineer* and the *Ravenswood News* until her death in 1963. Therman is best known to local historians for his long-running series of articles in Jackson and Wirt county newspapers on families of the area written under the pen name, Tommy Sewell. He had three sons: Eugene (1914-1914), Brooks (1920-) and Bruce (1923-). Brooks, who is a retired college professor and dean, lives in Carmel, CA. He has three children and three grandchildren. Bruce is disabled and lives in a nursing home in Chicago, IL.

Jonathan and Virginia Lockhart had an eighth child, stillborn in 1892. At about this time they started a family cemetery about 300 yards from their home. This was made official by deed dated 4 May 1907 naming as trustees Gresham Conger, Kenneth Lockhart and Therman Lockhart. Among the headstones in the cemetery is that of Tony

Lockhart, Jonathan's nephew, who was killed in France in World War I. Submitted by Brooks J. Lockhart

JAMES WESLEY LONG

James Wesley Long married Elizabeth Bell Tucker. To this union were born three sons, Charles A., Grover C., and Fred L., and five daughters, Adah, Flora, Fanny, Ora, and Minnie.

Around the year 1893, James and Belle Long moved their family from Athens, Ohio to the area around Evans, West Virginia. James and his two oldest sons did farming and construction work.

Grover, the oldest son, later moved back to Ohio and married. One son, James, was born to this family.

Charles and Fred spent most of their time around the Jackson County area.

In 1916, Charles married Lona L. Williams, daughter of William A. and Dinah DeWeese Williams. There were eight children born to this couple: Georgia (Mrs. Melvin Casto); Mildred (Mrs. Raymond Todd); Nora (Mrs. Wilson Indorf); Pearl (Mrs. Hayward Winemiller); Rosemary and Charles W. One son and one daughter died at birth.

Charles A. Long died September 25, 1965 and Lona Long died February 3, 1973.

Fred Long married Addie Crew, the daughter of Lorenzo and Lydia Crew. There were two daughters born to them: Doris (Mrs. Ray Randolph) and Maxine (Mrs. Ed Jordan).

Fred Long died 1971 and Addie Crew Long



back row: Grover C., James Wesley, Adah Springston, Bell Tucker, Charles A.; front row: Fred L., Fanny Nauman, Minnie Barr

died in 1975. Submitted by Pearl Winemiller

MYRTLE (BOSWELL) LONG

It is a known fact that in Jackson County the Boswell Family were some of the first settlers. They came from old Virginia, and settled around Rockcastle Community in the early 17th Century. Their ancestors were from England and Germany. Myrtle was born April 27, 1907 near Rockcastle. Out of thirteen, she was the 8th child of Thomas Gilbert Boswell (1860-1923) and Susane Parsons (1870-1937) of Fairplain, W. Va.

Grandparents were Gilbert Boswell Jr. (1814-1887) and Mary Good (1824-1906), married June 5, 1845, and Nicholas Parsons and Mary Madalene Casto.

Great-grandparents were Gilbert Boswell Sr. (1779-1854) of Franklin County, Va., and Elizabeth Mason (1792-1860), married 1809. The only good jobs back then were as slave overseer, so they migrated west over the Blue Ridge Mountains in a covered wagon in the early 1800s with young Gilbert Jr. for some inexpensive land. On the way to Ripley, Myrtle's grandmother climbed out of the wagon at a place called Polka and said she wanted to be the first white woman to put her feet on the ground there. It upset Elizabeth's dad so badly, he only left her a dollar in his will to make it legal.

They had a big plantation.

Other great-grandparents were William Parsons and Susanna Bonnett. Great-great-grandparents were Captain Wm. Parsons, born eastern shore of Maryland July 1769-1839. He was a captain in the War of 1812. He was married two times, first to Susan Fink in 1786, second time to Elizabeth Walker.

Myrtle was raised on a farm with her brothers and sisters, Garfield, Mary, Homer, Floyd, Marion, Bernice and Mabel. Myrtle's oldest brother, Gilbert N., died Dec. 11, 1896 when he was just 13 months old.

Myrtle had a lot of fun as a kid growing up, and sad times too. Some times they would all get up before sunrise, milk the cows, and go to town in an old road wagon. It would be dark before they got home. At night, sometimes, they would hear panthers screaming. They all had their own jobs to do. Myrtle would help her mother around the house and in the garden. Sometimes when she was little, those big chicken hawks scared her flying overhead. Her mom would wave a stick at them if they came too close. They had a hen house and would take the eggs down to the Rockcastle grocery to trade. Myrtle went to Lone Oak school. All eight grades were in one room. She became a really good speller, and would help her kids spell later in life.

There were weddings to go to, and when the couple would go home to settle down for the night, friends and relatives would come over and shoot guns, and bang on cans and hoot and holler.

On Sunday the whole family would go to church. After church they sometimes would have dinner with the Smiths, or they would come over to their house. Once in a while Myrtle and her sister, Marion, would walk over to Fairplain United Brethren Church.

Myrtle's brother, Garfield, passed away on his 16th birthday, May 21, 1912, of TB. Then her dad in 1923 of unknown cause. It was one year later that her sister, Bernice, died of TB, Jan. 14, 1924. Myrtle's father had said before he passed away that they had all better get off the farm. He thought the TB was in the water. They were all devastated by it.

Myrtle's sister, Mary, wanted them to come to Akron, Ohio to live. Their dad's sister, Marion Gillespie, came with them on the train, leaving their home, relatives and friends. Myrtle was 17 at the time (1924). One year later she and her sister, Mable, both came down with the TB. Myrtle said they probably both had the TB before they left home. Myrtle went into a TB sanitarium for treatment for two years, and ended up with scars on her lungs. Mable's spread to her bones and they were not able to cure it. Mable passed away at the age of 21, April 3, 1930. The doctors said that if they would have stayed on the farm, they would probably all have died of it. The doctors figure that maybe TB came from infected cows. That's why we have pasteurization of milk today. That's how they put an end to the TB epidemic.

Myrtle worked at some of the rubber companies and restaurants. In 1926 she met her future husband, John F. Long, Jan. 4, 1905-Feb. 18, 1970, of Jefferson, NC. After a long courtship, they got married Aug. 7, 1937. From this marriage they have two sons and one daughter.

Oldest son, John Marvin Long, b. 6-27-1938, m. 12-19-1959, married to Cordia Jean (Wilborn) of Tenn., b. 9-19-1942.

Grandchildren: 1. Deanna Long, born 4-3-1960. 2. Martha Ann Long, 6-27-1961, married to John W. Long, 5-3-1960. 3. Tina Magaret Long, 10-26-1964.

Great-grandchildren: 1. Daughter, Mclissa Jean Long, born 11-4-85, died Christmas Eve 1985; Eric Michael (Sunday) Long, 9-23-1988. 2. Laura Beth Long (Long), 7-26-1984. Daniel William Long (Long), 5-31-1989. 3. Sara Magaret (Sis-

Long (Long), 5-31-1989. 3. Sara Magaret (Sisson) Long, 3-5-85.

Youngest son, Edgar Alvin Long, born 8-31-1949.

Grandchild: Adam Jason Roscoe (Cooper) Long, 4-7-1973.

Daughter: Imogene Carol (Long) Bennett, born 8-6-1941.

Grandchildren: 1. Kathy Lynn (Bennett) Stamper, 12-16-1962, married to Dave Stamper. 2. Debra Ann (Bennett) Snyder, 2-14-1965, m. James Lee Snyder, 6-25-1967. 3. Christina Marie Carrol, born 12-16-1982.

Great-grandchildren: 1. Daughter, Cassandra Holly Younkin, born 8-17-1983. 2. Daughter, Holly Krista Snyder, born 12-30-1988.

Myrtle lived with and helped take care of her ailing mother until she passed away Nov. 1, 1937. Myrtle's husband was a structural ironworker and she was a housewife. She always enjoyed visiting back home.

My mother passed away May 6, 1988 from complications of brain stem stroke. When she was



Myrtle (Boswell) Long

younger, I can remember her singing that old hymn "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." The day after she had the stroke, she went on the ventilator. A double rainbow appeared over the hospital. I know you're in Heaven and I hope I have written this article the way you would have wanted it written.

Submitted by John Marvin Long

LOW

In 1831, John and Elizabeth Low paid taxes on land holdings near Murfreesville in Jackson County. John Low died Jan. 2, 1872, aged 92 years, 8 days. Elizabeth died Jan. 25, 1877, aged 91 years, 10 months and 4 days. They are buried in the Dewitt Cemetery. They had a son, James, born Feb. 27, 1805, who married Elizabeth (Price) Chase. She had two daughters by her first marriage to Archabold Chase, a river boat captain who died in Louisiana. Janette Chase married David Bower and Harriett Chase married John Dewey. James purchased a large tract of land on Pond Creek in southern Wood County about 1842, although the family did not move there until sometime later. This area became known as Lowdell. James died June 21, 1864 and is buried in the Dewitt Cemetery. The place of burial for his wife, Elizabeth, has not been determined. James and Elizabeth had nine children:

1. Mary Ann (1833-1835) is buried in the Dewitt Cemetery.

2. John Power (February 24, 1834-Dec. 5, 1900) married Docia Anderson, Oct. 30, 1856. Docia (Jan. 18, 1839-May 10, 1867) was a daughter of Michael and Prudence Anderson. They had no children.

3. Nathan B. (Feb. 29, 1836-Sept. 7, 1900) married Mary Orphia Lent, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Matthews) Lent, on Dec. 10, 1857. Nathan was a stonemason and Orphia a school teacher. After moving to Oregon in 1889, he cut stone for the first lighthouse on Puget Sound and also cut several school foundations. They had eight children, one of whom died in West Virginia. Two of his children were medical doctors, one a sheep rancher, one a fruit farmer, one a mortician and one daughter had a millinery shop in Vancouver, Washington. The other daughter married, had two children, and lived in Oregon.

4. Alexander A. (1839-?) married Mary Ellen Ryan, daughter of John and Lavina Ryan, on June 24, 1856. They had nine children and separated in the late 1870s.

5. Sarah (Feb. 25, 1840-1925) married Rev. James Madison Stephens, a widower. They lived at Lowdell, Wood County, WV all their life and had seven children.

6. James Benton (Jan. 30, 1843-July 30, 1911) married Emily Ryan, Sept. 13, 1867. Emily (Nov. 30, 1847-Jan. 12, 1919) was a daughter of Mycajah and Lettie (Smith) Ryan. They lived in Wirt and Wood counties and had three children.

7. Caleb Price (Aug. 16, 1845-July 11, 1924) married Margaret Ryan, June 23, 1878. Margaret (Aug. 16, 1845-Nov. 7, 1913) was a daughter of Mycajah and Lettie (Smith) Ryan. Caleb was a farmer living on the land where his father had settled at Lowdell in southern Wood County. They had three children: Charles, Mycajah and James. Charles B. (Feb. 12, 1880-Dec. 6, 1936) married Lottie Brown and had eight children. They lived at Lowdell but later moved to Parkersburg. Mycajah McFarlin "Cage" (Mar. 27, 1882-Oct. 10, 1950) married Lelia Marie Anderson, daughter of Clarage and Sarah (Fluharty) Anderson. They lived at Lowdell and had eight children: Lenora Low, Daisy Evelyn Low (died as a child), Flossie "May" Thompson, Thelma Gail Lockhart, Letty Ruth Low (died in infancy), Sarah Low, Bill Low and Lucy Marie Low (died in infancy). James Otto (Oct. 4, 1890-Apr. 27, 1970) married Mary C. Phillips, June 28, 1916, in Iowa. James worked in Iowa and a few other places before the family finally settled in Minnesota. They had four children.

8. William Chaney (Dec. 17, 1847-Aug. 10, 1916) married Mary Francis Dye, May 8, 1879. William lived most of his life near Lowdell except for a brief time when he worked at New Brighton, PA. They had five children, but only two boys who lived to adulthood.

9. Theodore Harvey (1850-1921) married Sarah Elizabeth Brown (1855-1941) on Apr. 29, 1872. They lived part of their lives in Wirt County and had six children.

Four of James Low's sons (John, Nathan, Alex and James Benton) served in the Civil War on the Confederate side. John was wounded by a member of the Home Guard while coming home on leave to see his sick wife. Alex was captured and was first sent to Atheneum Prison, later to Camp Chase and finally to Fort Delaware. He was paroled Feb. 27, 1865, for exchange to City Point, Virginia. He was in Chimborazo Hospital No. 2 at Richmond, Virginia. He then was furloughed Mar. 3, 1865, at Christinburg, Montgomery County, Virginia.

Submitted by Lenora Low and Sarah Low

GRANVILLE LOWTHER

My grandfather, Granville Lowther, was a very handy man to have around. He made the shoes for my mother, Lora Hardman, and her sister, Letha. The shoes were not made for left and right feet. Consequently, they were just alike. At night when they removed their shoes, he would have them switch sides so that the shoe they wore on their left foot that day would be worn on the right foot the next day. That would keep them from being



Granville Lowther, Lora Hardman (on right), and Letha Hardman (on left)

misshapen and "run over." Submitted by Phyllis McComas

WILLIAM LOWTHER

When my family moved from Harrison County to Jackson County, I was four years old. I am Mark McComas.

Thinking all my roots were left behind me, imagine my surprise when my grandmother told



Mark, Donna, Wade, and Carrie McComas

me that my great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather, Colonel William Lowther, was sent to Jackson County by Governor John Floyd in March 1831 as the first sheriff when the county was organized from Wood, Mason, and Kanawha counties. At the time he was sheriff of Wood County.

In those days the sheriff had a lot more to do than they have now. Colonel Lowther, who had fought in the Revolutionary War, had to appoint all court officers and organize records, from a county seat and various other responsibilities.

While living here his sister visited and married Jesse Hughes, the noted Indian fighter.

Colonel Lowther's grandson, Robert, was the first postmaster in Ripley.

The family lived in the Frozen Camp area. Colonel Lowther returned to Harrison County but Robert stayed here in Jackson County.

There is a Lowther graveyard on Joe's Run where Lowther descendants were buried. Submitted by Mark McComas

LYNCH — PARSONS

A BRIGHT DAY — In the Life Calendar of Two Popular Young People. Miss Lola B. Parsons, Became the Happy Bride of Mr. William L. Lynch, of Charleston, West Virginia.

High twelve Wednesday of this week, there occurred a pretty, quiet home wedding, when Miss Lola B. Parsons, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T.I.C. Parsons, of this city, became the happy bride of Mr. William Lynch, of Charleston, West Virginia, the Rev. H.T. Watts, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, officiating. Only the family witnessed the ceremony which was short and impressive. A wedding dinner followed, the bride and groom leaving on the afternoon train for a short honeymoon trip — visiting Cincinnati and

other western cities. They will return here Christmas Eve for a short stay after which they will take up their residence at Charleston, W.Va.

The bride is, as before stated, the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T.I.C. Parsons, and has always been a general favorite with a large circle of young friends in Ripley. She is a lady of culture and refinement, who by her modest, quiet, unassuming and easy grace of manner has endeared herself in the hearts of a legion of friends. She has been taught in one of the brightest and best homes of Jackson County, not only every housewifely duty and virtue, but every noble quality of head and heart.

The groom is a splendid young man, holding a lucrative and responsible position with the Kanawha Drug Company of Charleston, W.Va. He is sober, honest, straight forward and industrious, and is in every manner of man fully worthy of the fair lady whom he has chosen for a companion through life.

The Mountaineer joins their many friends in heartiest congratulations and hope that the joys and sorrows of a long and useful life may be mutually shared, and "when the silver threads shall fall among the gold," may this happy influence of domestic bliss sit hand in hand with clustering honors upon their brow — throwing a halo of youth around their sunset of life.

A five stanza poem followed — not printed here. (From a wedding announcement in a Jackson Co. Newspaper, December 1908.) Submitted by Frances Lynch Vencill

W.L. LYNCH

On December 16, 1908, William Lonis Lynch (1875-1948) married Lola Burton Parsons (1883-1964) in the home of her parents, Dr. T.I.C. Parsons and Mrs. Parsons, in Ripley.

William Lonis Lynch was born at Countsville, Roane County, the son of Wesley Lonis Lynch and



Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lynch

Talitha Loventia Allen-Lynch; traveled as a salesman for Patton Brothers, a wholesale drug company of Kentucky; in 1905 resigned to accept a similar position with The Kanawha Drug Company, Charleston, WV.

Prior to marriage, Lola Parsons-Lynch attended Ripley Normal School and was a teacher in Jackson, Logan, and Putnam counties. After marriage, Mrs. Lynch as a "role model" was a dedicated homemaker.

The Lynches moved into their new home in St. Albans in 1909-10. In 1914 Mr. Lynch opened his own business, the St. Albans Furniture Company.

Previous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, they became active members of St. Andrew United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lynch was a member of the St. Albans Chapter OES, having transferred membership from the Ripley Chapter; was active in many civic activities; and was recognized by the American Red Cross in WW I and WW II for volunteer services.

Mr. Lynch was a member of the St. Albans Board of Trade; member of the City Council for

many years from 1916; interested in providing cultural advantages for the community, he participated actively in such projects as the Lyceum and Chautauqua; member and a President of the Parent-Teacher Association, he witnessed improvements, changes and an increase in enrollment in the school system. A member of the Masonic Lodge #58 AF&AM, St. Albans; also a long-time member and a director of the St. Albans Business Men's Association, he had served as President.

The St. Albans-Nitro Bridge, built in 1934, "... was the first self-liquidating government project to be constructed in West Virginia." The bridge-opening ceremonies sponsored by the Business Men's Association, November 12, 1934, listed on the program a most impressive agenda.

For many years, the Business Men's Association had concentrated on and hoped for a bridge connecting "St. Albans with the North Side of Kanawha River and with its sister cities of Nitro, Sattes, Institute and Dunbar . . ."

On the program, W.L. Lynch's name was listed as one of the five members of City Council. Among the introductions, and following his name on the program he was introduced as "Father of the Bridge."

A member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, he served in many areas: Church Treasurer, member and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and others. At the time of his death, August 3, 1948, he was President of the Trustees and a member of the Board of Stewards. "In August, 1948, the first building project of the united church was undertaken."

The Lynches had three children: Mrs. James W. (Frances Lynch) Vencill; Kathryn Willogene Lynch, Ph.D. (1913-1985); William Parsons Lynch (1917-1965).

They have six grandchildren: *Vencill* — James William, Jr., and twins: *Henry Lynch and John McGraw*; *Lynch*: William Allen, D.D.S., John Swanson, and Mrs. Dale E. (Joanne Lynch) Hunt.

They have 13 great-grandchildren: *Hunt*: Matthew Levi, Katie Anne, and Philip Clark; *Lynch*: Gregory Swanson, Allison Anne, and William Cory Miller; *Vencill*: Lisa Ann, Michael James, Rosanna Kathryn, Beth Ann, John Mc. II (John-John), Amanda Jean, and James Barnett (J.B.).

Submitted by John M. Vencill

LYTTON

The names Litton and Lytton are used here for members of the same family. Family tradition has it that long ago the family name was spelled L-Y-T-T-O-N. Somewhere along the line, a school teacher changed the name to L-I-T-T-O-N to make it easier for the children to spell. In the 1920s, certain members of the family changed the name back to the original spelling.

The *General Historie of Virginia* by Captaine John Smith (Vol. 1, page 262) lists Sir William Litton as an adventurer for Virginia in 1620. The oral history of the family states that the Lyttons of Jackson County all came from him. However, we have been unable to link our family to him. He arrived with two or three sons, one of whom was killed in 1622 in an Indian uprising.

David Litton was born in Berkeley County, Virginia, in August 1793. He married Barbara Rhodes who was born in 1799. She was the daughter of George Rhodes. David Litton and a group of other settlers moved from the upper James River in Botetourt and Rockbridge counties, Virginia, to the current location of Mill Creek in Jackson County in the early 1830s. At the time of David's arrival in the present location of Jackson County, there were only five families living on Elk Fork. As you can surmise, the area was still quite a wilderness with all types of wild animals, game, and Indians living there.

When David came to Mill Creek, he first lived in one end of a double log house on Charles

Carney's farm while he and Fox, the other occupant, built on a lease they had taken from James Rader on Spruce Run. He had completed a cabin at the mouth of that stream when Steven Westfall, who had a title bond from Watson, took possession of his house. This man Watson was said to have been agent for a large tract of land belonging to J.D.D. Rosset, a Swiss, who was an extensive land holder in Mill Creek Valley. Westfall, however helped Litton build another cabin into which he moved in February 1833, before it had a door or window, floor or chimney. It is thought by some that the second cabin built by David Litton is the one which has been restored and now stands at Cedar Lakes.

David and Barbara Litton's children were: Abraham, Alfred, Alexander, John D., Cynthia, Susannah, and Emily. All of these children and their families settled in the vicinity.

Abraham Litton and Margaret Westfall were married on April 16, 1846. They had the following children: Jonathan, Allen, Henry, David, Elizabeth J.

Abraham's first wife, Margaret, died in 1863. Abraham married Louiza Harner on July 3, 1864, and had 13 children by her. Abraham died on February 25, 1912, and is buried with his two wives in the Litton No. 2 Cemetery in Gay, West Virginia.

Henry Litton was born on June 13, 1852, in Gay, Jackson County, Virginia. He married Lenora Thomas on November 29, 1874, in Gay. They had the following children: Clara Jane, Hollis, Walter, Ellis Bertie, Herbert, Okey Nelson, Eva Florence, William Floyd, Alva Lloyd, Effa Blanche, and Olaf Clair. Henry Litton owned and operated the farm known as "Sand Hill" in Washington District of Jackson County. This operation was well rounded and adequate and the farm remained in the hands of his heirs for several decades after his death. His heirs donated land to the Jackson County Board of Education for construction of a school on Aplin Ridge. Henry died of Bright's disease on April 6, 1919, and is buried in the Litton No. 2 Cemetery in Gay, West Virginia.

Ellis Bertie Lytton was born on April 17, 1881, at Gay, West Virginia. He married Nancy Ernestine



Henry (Litton) Lytton family

Price on April 1, 1901, at Staats Mills, West Virginia. They had the following children: Brady Wallace, Monnie May, Mamie Blondis, Carroll Mayford, Bertha Nell, and Dorothy Lenora. Ellis Bertie Lytton was a well-known person in the Ripley area. He was a photographer and a watch maker. He and Oshel C. Staats were associated in a jewelry, watch repair and photography business in Ripley for many years. In his later years he moved to Nitro, West Virginia, where he also opened a jewelry and watch repair business. He died on March 28, 1952, in Charleston, West Virginia, and is buried at Sunset Memorial Park, in South Charleston, West Virginia.

Dorothy Lenora Lytton was born on September 24, 1919, in Ripley, West Virginia. In 1945, she married George Elliott Tabb of Jefferson County, West Virginia. They had the following children:

George Elliott, Jr. and Richard Carroll. Dorothy is an artist and a homemaker. She is active in her church (Presbyterian) and in several civic organizations. She currently lives with her husband near Charles Town, in Jefferson County, West Virginia.

Much of the above information was contained in a historical sketch written by John A. House and published in the *Jackson County Herald* on April 12, 1912. Submitted by George E. Tabb, Jr. and Dorothy Lytton Tabb

MADDUX — STAATS

Warren Hayden Maddox (6/03/1900-2/3/1976) married Theo Carson Staats Maddox (7/21/1900-12/19/1983), daughter of Neil Staats and Bessie Carson Staats (see Staats-Carson entry).

Hayden Maddox was one of eight children of Lycurgus Maddox (born 1858) and Luella Jane Morrison Maddox (born 1866). Lycurgus Maddox was the son of James Gaston Maddox (1823 to 1901) and Flora Hill Maddox (1828 to 1910). James Maddox was the son of William Maddox and Sarah Gaston Maddox.

Hayden Maddox's mother, Luella Jane Morrison Maddox, was the sister of O.J. Morrison, of the O.J. Morrison Department Stores. She was the daughter of Granville Price Morrison (born 5/28/1838) and Virginia Wolfe. Granville Morrison was the son of William Morrison (born 10/9/1777) and Eliza Hoover Oldham Morrison (born 1/1/1802).

Theo Staats Maddox was the daughter of Cornelius C. (Neil) Staats (2/21/1874-10/17/1935)



Warren Hayden and Theo (Carson) Staats Maddox

and Bessie Evelyn Carson Staats (9/17/1876-11/18/1967). (See Carson-Lasher entry.)

The Lycurgus Maddox family of Ripley had eight children: James Bradford Maddox (2/28/1887-9/17/1888); Lona Lee Maddox (11/25/1888-1/15/1921); Granville Leob Maddox (born 6/15/1891-2/16/1921); Flora Bell Maddox, died in infancy; Harry Rector Maddox (12/23/1897-1974); Warren Hayden Maddox (6/3/1900-12/3/1976); Vera Grey Maddox (2/13/1903-1989) and Herman Bryce Maddox (born 9/9/1905).

Theo Staats Maddox attended Science Hill Academy in Shelbyville, KY; the Academy Department of Otterbein College, Westerville, OH; and Ripley High School, Ripley, WV, where she graduated in 1920.

Hayden Maddox was for many years President of the O.J. Morrison Store Corporation in Morgantown, WV. During World War II he was a Lt. Col. in the Air Force. He was in charge of post-exchange stores and saw action in Africa, Italy, England, France and Germany. After retirement Hayden and Theo Maddox moved to FL.

Hayden and Theo Staats Maddox had two sons: Max Edwin Maddox (5/1/1923-present) and Robert Carson (Bob) Maddox (3/1/1926-present).

Max Maddox was an Army Infantry Sergeant during World War II. He saw extensive action in France and Germany. Max Maddox married Mattie Virginia Sterling (10/4/1921-present), and they had two children: Rodney Hayden Maddox

(12/1/1948-present), and Jane Ellen Maddox Bishop (10/9/1953-present).

Max Maddox is remarried to Viva White Maddox (9/16/1923-present). For the past seven years she has visited nursing homes and hospitals as a part of her church's clown ministry. Max is a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Max and Viva are retired and live in Bradenton, FL.

Rodney Maddox, son of Max Maddox and Virginia Sterling Maddox, is Department Manager at Montgomery Ward in Morgantown, WV. He married Marion Fletcher Maddox. Their children are: Jeremy Wayne Maddox (3/14/1976-present), Hailie Amber Maddox (6/23/1978-present) and Justin Tyler Maddox (8/31/1982-present).

Jane Maddox Bishop, daughter of Max Maddox and Virginia Sterling Maddox, married Barry Scott Bishop. He was graduated from Virginia Tech in 1982 with a bachelors degree in Forestry. He is a forest ranger. Jane Maddox Bishop was graduated in Interior Design from West Virginia University in 1979. She breeds Russian Wolfhounds and is a National Dog Show Judge. She is a purchasing officer for the federal penitentiary. Their daughter is Morgan Elizabeth Bishop (10/6/1988-present). The Bishops live in Tallahassee, FL.

Bob Maddox, son of Hayden and Theo Staats Maddox, was graduated from West Virginia University and is an insurance adjuster. During World War II he served in the Army Air corps as a Sergeant. He was a gunner in a B24 bomber in the South Pacific. He is married to Dorothea (Dottie) Page Maddox. Dottie Maddox is a Volunteer Coordinator for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. They reside in Winter Park, FL.

Bob and Dottie Page Maddox have four children: Paige Louise Maddox Parramore (8/1/1950-present), Ann Elaine Maddox Johnson Walls (5/18/1953-present), Thelma Susan (Susie) Maddox Smith (2/17/1958-present), and Robert Mathew (Bob) Maddox (8/17/1961-present).

Paige Maddox Parramore, daughter of Bob Maddox and Dottie Page Maddox, was graduated from Orlando Junior College, Orlando, FL, and married John Hollis Parramore. He is a contractor. They live in Ft. Myers, FL with their children: Gregory John (Greg) Parramore (6/9/1978-present) and Steven Page Parramore (11/24/1982-present).

Ann Maddox Walls, daughter of Bob Maddox and Dottie Page Maddox, was first married to Martin Johnson and has a daughter, Melinda Susan Johnson (1/19/1979-present) from that marriage. She married Dana Lee Walls; they have one child, Leeann Marie Walls (7/1/1985-present). Dana Walls is a heavy-equipment operator. They live in Sanford, Maine. Prior to moving to Maine, Ann Maddox Walls was an electronic technician for high security defense contracts at Martin Marietta Corporation.

Susie Maddox Smith, daughter of Bob Maddox and Dottie Page Maddox, married Don Patton Smith; Susie Maddox Smith is an insurance adjuster for Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL, and he is a store manager. They have two children: Laura Lee Smith (12/31/1984-present) and Holly Jo Smith (9/18/1987-present) and reside in Winter Park, FL.

Bob Maddox, II, son of Bob Maddox and Dottie Page Maddox, works for the county traffic engineering department. He enjoys surfing competitions. He married Nancy Hanna Thompson Maddox (7/7/1963). She has a Liberal Arts degree from Daytona Beach Community College in Daytona Beach and is working on her Masters Degree in marketing at the University of Central Florida. She speaks Spanish and Japanese as well as English. They reside in New Smyrna, FL. They have no children. Submitted by Max Edwin Maddox and Bob Carson Maddox

WILLIAM MADDUX

William Oscar Maddox purchased a marriage bond of \$150.00 for Elizabeth Chevrunt, daughter of Aaron Chevrunt, on March 31, 1832. To this union were born four children in Harrison County, Virginia: William Jr., George, Elizabeth, and Sarah.

Aaron Chevrunt and family purchased 2,000 acres of land north of what is now Sandyville, West Virginia, at the confluence of Nesselroad and Big Sandy. The family traveled by boat from Harrison County up the Monongahela River to Pittsburg then down the mighty Ohio River to Ravenswood. The men of the family herded the cattle, horses, and other animals across the rugged mountains to Jackson County. Upon reaching their wild hermitage, the woods were full of wolves, bears, turkeys, and deer. No public roads on Sandy above Sandyville leading to their domain, also no schools or churches to encourage them along. But they had bought land of the highest quality on which they built their future and the future of generations that followed them in Jackson County. Forty-nine acres of this original property still belongs to descendants of William Oscar Maddox.

William moved with his family to their new home in Jackson County in 1839. Three more children: Rebecca, Mary, and Amos Aaron were born.

William died August 21, 1841 at the age of 33 and is buried in the Maddox Family Cemetery. Elizabeth and her parents raised the children. Elizabeth died November 7, 1886, at the age of 62 and is also buried in the Maddox Cemetery.

George Maddox, son of William, married Mahala Lockhart, daughter of John M. Lockhart. To this union were born 15 children: Anne, James William, John Amos, George, Albert G., Franklin, Elizabeth, Matilda Sarah, Katherine, Margaret, May, Annette, Almeda, Nora, and Oscar.

At this time we have no information on the birth or death of George Maddox nor the birth of Mahala. Mahala died May 10, 1913 in Wirt County, West Virginia.

John Amos, son of George, was born September 14, 1863, and died December 31, 1945. He married Hannah "Sis" Conger on December 23, 1885. She was born May 5, 1866, and died May 5, 1905. To this union were born nine children: Katie (b. 1886, m. Willie J. Griffith, d. 1929), George William, Flora Mae (b. 8/25/1892, m. Charles McCauley, d. 11/8/1970), Harry O'Dell (b. 10/28/1894, d. 3/24/1980, never married), Pearl Ora (b. 8/27/1892, m. Ola Wilson, d. 12/3/1979), Martha Ruthena (b. 8/27/1896, m. James Robinson/Anthony Casperson, d. ?), John L.C. (b. 9/29/1900, d. 10/7/1900), Ada B. (b. 10/27/1902, d. 1/1/1903), and Marie L. (b. 4/14/1905, m. Gilbert Treadway, d. 12/22/1976).

John married Bertha Angeline Smith on June 18, 1907 (b. 8/5/1887, d. 2/25/1973). To this union were born: Holly Alfie (b. 2/4/1908, m. Lucille Angus, d. 12/23/1986) and Clellie Vesta (b. 7/25/1910, m. Roy Enoch/Gussie Pickens — only living member of this family). John, Hannah and Bertha are all buried in the Drift Run Cemetery.

George William (b. 10/13/1888) married Laura Estella Robbins (b. 11/20/1895, daughter of William Alexander and Rachel Malinda Thompson Robbins of Parsons Run, Grant District) on July 30, 1920. They had two sons, Carl Owen and James Ray. George died 5/7/1976. Laura died 1/6/1977. Both are buried at Rockland Cemetery in Belpre, Ohio.

Descendants of the Maddox family still reside in Jackson County. Submitted by Patricia Maddox Graham and James R. Maddox

WILLIAM OSCAR MADDUX

William Oscar Maddox was born Sept. 30, 1805, at Good Hope, WV and died Aug. 21, 1841, at Lockhart, WV. On Feb. 1, 1826, at Midway, WV,

he married Anna Maria Elizabeth Cheuvront, born at Midway, Apr. 20, 1805, daughter of Aaron Charles and Sarah (Richards) Cheuvront. She died at Lockhart, Nov. 7, 1866 of typhoid, and is buried in the Maddox Cemetery. To this union were born 12 children, including four small children buried at Good Hope.

William Jr. was born Dec. 6, 1826. George was born March 26, 1828 and died at Lockhart, Jan. 6, 1882. At Parkersburg, on Jan. 20, 1859, he married Mahala Lockhart, daughter of John M. and Nancy Lockhart of Wirt County. To this union were born: James William (married Lida Carpenter), Ann (married, first, James Winebrenner and, second, Henry Angus), Elizabeth (married Amor Wilson), Sarah (married David Lemley), Albert (married Melissa Dailey), Frank (married Minnie Robinson), Annetta (single), George (married Bettie Hutchinson), Nora (married John Hall), Kate (married John Dailey), Oscar (married late in life, Nancy E. Robinson), Margaret (married Mack Sawyer), Matilda (married H.B. Campbell), John Amos (1864-1945, married, first Hannah Kate Conger and, second, Bertha Smith), May (married Swaney Lemley, his first wife was Julia Andrews (1862-1882) who is buried in the Maddox Cemetery), and Ameda (single). Martha, born 1830, at Good Hope, married Aaron Currey. Martha had a twin sister, Elizabeth, married, and all four went to the Dakotas in 1862. Sarah was born May 5, 1834, and died at Lockhart, Aug. 26, 1914. She married Lewis Ott Nov. 12, 1825-Sept. 10, 1902, and they are buried in the Maddox Cemetery. Lewis was the son of Joseph Ott and grandson of Lewis Ott, a Revolutionary soldier. To this union were born: Mary (1854-1870), Vinton (born 1886, married Allie Archer), Rebecca (Feb. 29, 1860-Sept. 10, 1923, married James Morrison, Nov. 26, 1860-Nov. 28, 1935, a school teacher and brother to my grandmother, Mary Ellen Morrison Currey. All three are in the Maddox Cemetery). Tennessee (married Maywood Thomas), William (married Mary Martha Catherine Ayers, 1866-1934, and lived at Parkersburg), Granville (married Rhoda Watkins), George (married Stella Archer). They were all born at Lockhart, WV.

Amos Aaron, born in 1835, served with the Confederate Army, died in 1863 of typhoid, and is buried in the Maddox Cemetery. In the spring of 1836, William Oscar Maddox and his family left Good Hope and settled onto part of 2,000 acres where the John Morgan family lives today. The land had been inherited from one-time Governor Allison of Virginia. It took in Odaville and went to the Alexander farms on Nesselroad Creek and included some land on Sandy Creek. They came by way of wagons to Parkersburg and there went by flatboats down the Ohio River to Buffington landing near Ravenswood, where they came overland to Lockhart. Two daughters were born at Lockhart. Rebecca, born 1840, died Nov. 7, 1866

of typhoid, married Edward Cheuvront. My great-grandmother, Mary Louisa, born May 5, 1841, died Sept. 8, 1927, married James H. Currey, born July 18 1825, died Nov. 26, 1908. They are buried in the Maddox Cemetery.

(This history is from information researched by the late Elizabeth Williams.) Submitted by Mary Gaynell Winland and June Modeland

MAHAN

Reese Mahan was born in Maryland on August 1, 1784 to William and Jane Mahan. It is not known where or when he married but he moved with his family to the northern panhandle area of West Virginia where he lived several years. Other members of his family lived alternately between the panhandle area and Steubenville, Ohio. Around 1830 he moved to the Flatwoods area of Jackson County where he bought various amounts of land — one recorded deed shows 2,800 acres.

He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Virginia as well as a farmer. He died in Jackson County on December 13, 1857. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at the Flatwoods United Methodist Church.

The known children of Reese and Jane Mahan are:

1. Henry Spence Mahan (1809-1872) m. first, Fannie Gray, second, Elizabeth Gray.
2. Edward S. Mahan (1817-1893) m. Sarah Boice.
3. Thomas S. Mahan (b. ca. 1820-1825).
4. William Reese Mahan (1824-1877) m. Susan Jane Bates.
5. Catharine Mahan Boyd.
6. Sarah Mahan Boyd.
7. Margaret Mahan Desellams.
8. Martha Mahan.

William Reese Mahan and Susan Janes Bates had the following children:

1. Theodora, b. 1845.
2. John H., b. 1847.
3. Mary E., b. 1849.
4. Edgar B., b. 1851.
5. Leander W., b. 1852.
6. Ross B., b. 1852.
7. Oscar, b. 1855.
8. James H., b. 1857.
9. Anna Jane, b. 1859.

Leander Mahan (1852-1937) m. Martha Cooper (1855-1883) on December 30, 1875. Their children were:

1. John Edgar, b. 1876.
2. Charles Ross, b. 1878.
3. Ernest Early, b. 1880.
4. Leander W., b. 1883.



David Board family



Mary Louise (Maddox) Currey, age 76

Ernest Early Mahan (1880-1951) m. Lena Morgan (1880-1972) on October 28, 1900. They had nine children.

The second son of Ernest and Lena Mahan was Charles Ross Mahan, who was born in 1908 and who died in 1988. He married in 1943 Loretta Wolfe, daughter of Holly and Phoebe Anderson Wolfe.

Linda Mahan, daughter of Charles and Loretta Wolfe Mahan, was born in 1944. In 1966 she married David Board. Their children are:

1. David Andrew, born 1967. He married Lora Grandon in 1986. He is stationed in the U.S. Air Force at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

2. Sarah Ruth, born 1986, lives at home with her parents. Submitted by Linda Mahan Board

REESE MAHON (MAHAN)

About the time that George Washington's brother, Charles, was founding Charles Town, Virginia (WV) in the northern part of the Shenandoah Valley, educators were founding the University of South Carolina and Napoleon was in his heyday. Reese Mahon located and purchased 2,800 acres of land near Cottageville, WV (Jackson County Court records in Ripley, WV). The land occupied a good portion of what is now Union District, Jackson County. It apparently included a tract owned by George Washington in his early years. Reese and his family, and their friends the Bates, immediately settled in what became the Flatwoods area.

Reese had been born in 1784, in Cecil County, Maryland. Both the Mahons and their friends, the Bates, had arrived in Jackson County via Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and Steubenville, Ohio. It is assumed that they moved their household goods, clothing and tools down the Ohio River on "keelboats." Livestock probably was driven over a primitive trail known as the "Zane Trace" along the western bank of the Ohio River.

Jackson County, founded in 1831, had gained one of its important assets.

Writer Stan Steiner describes the early settlers as . . . robust and lusty men and women . . . they could not have been timid souls. (excerpt from "Waning of the West" by Stan Steiner).

They were not concerned that steamboats and railroads were in their experimental stages or that the Louisiana territory had been purchased from Napoleon. They had their pioneering spirit, craftsman's skills and religious beliefs and did not feel deprived. They were often saddened by sickness and death of children and young adults but believed that such was the "will of God."

The 1840 census lists two sons and five grandchildren living in Jackson County. It appears that at least one son and four daughters came to the Flatwoods area later. One of them, William Reese, served as a lay preacher and became the first minister of the Ravenswood Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas became a doctor and along with his sister, Margaret, moved to Iowa. Margaret married a De Sellem. Another brother, Edward S., became a delegate to a constitutional convention and assisted in developing a constitution for the proposed new state of West Virginia.

Henry Spence, son of Reese, served as a member of the County Court from 1856 to 1860. He married three times and was the father of at least 13 children.

About 1890 James Mahon and a nephew, Clair Mahon, built the Flatwoods church on land donated by James.

In 1858 the site now known as Cottageville acquired a new grist mill and the Mahons and other settlers were able to obtain flour for their household use. It was not until 1886 that the area was modernized by a railroad along Mill Creek to



Clair D. Mahon family: Lucy, Georgia, Eunice, Bradie, Freda, George and Elizabeth Stanley, Clair, Adrian, Cora and Harrison

Ripley. The town, Ripley, was established in 1832. It already had a grist mill, a coopers shop, and a tannery which supplied the settlers with milled grain, leather and barrels.

Descendants of Reese are not easy to identify. However, if your name is Mahon or Kneff it is likely that you are a descendant of Henry Spence and Elizabeth (Grey) Mahon. If your name is Boyd, De Sellen, Coe or Rawling (Rowling), Latham or Sianley, you are probably descended from Henry Spence's second marriage to Elizabeth's sister, Margaret Grey.

Richard Grey Mahon, son of Henry Spence and Elizabeth, had descendants by the name of Rollins and McKowen.

Other Mahons served in the U.S. Army and as public officials such as road commissioners and deputy sheriffs. Mahon craftsmen became building contractors, general store keepers, hotel operators and farmers.

The second generation of Mahons (Mahans) in Jackson numbered at least 25 grandchildren. We are not able to name all the succeeding descendants due to the space limitations and lack of knowledge of the descendant's names. Submitted by Carroll King

BALLARD MANGUS

Ballard Preston Mangus, born 16 June 1846, Pulaski Co., Va., died 17 Aug. 1920, Jackson County, son of Henry Thomas and Amanda D. (Bowe) Mangus. On 6 May 1867, married (first) Catherine Campbell Thomas, born April 1847, daughter of George C. and Sarah (Jones) Thomas. On 7 Feb. 1899 married (second) Martha A. Godbey, a widow. Ballard was a farmer in the Middle Fork section of Jackson County. Children: (1) Virginia Ann, born 1868, died 1942. On 1 June 1893 married Abednego Canaan Smith, born 1868, died 16 Dec. 1940, son of Samuel J. and Bethany (Kiser) Smith. (2) Amanda, born about 1870, died about 1872. (3) Demoris Florentine, born Feb. 1871, Kansas, died 1949. On 26 March 1893 married Joshua Parsons, born Feb. 1867, son of George Wilson and Sarah Jane (Rhodes) Parsons. (4) Mary Catherine, born Jan. 1873, died 1909. On 29 June 1890 married Elias A. Smith, born Jan. 1868, Harrison County, died 1908. (5) George H., born 26 Dec. 1874, died 20 June 1953, married Leona Jane Paxton. (6) Orissa Emma, born 9 Feb. 1877, died 22 Feb. 1912. On 19 Jan. 1896 married Charles H. Parsons, born 5 Oct. 1869, died 3 Nov. 1926, son of George Wilson and Sarah Jane (Rhodes) Parsons. (7) Eldridge Ballard, born 15 Jan. 1879, died 22 March 1966. On 25 Dec. 1912 married Amanda Maude Haynes, born 3 July 1887, died 9 May 1959, daughter of Samuel Greenberry and Mary Alice (Moffett) Haynes. (8) Martha Matilda, born 1880, died 1 April 1950. On 11 Dec. 1900 married William J. Smith, born about 1873. (9) William Lester, born 8 Nov. 1882, died 6 Aug. 1928. On 25 Dec. 1905 married Luverna Ellen Summers, born 11 April 1884, died 31 Dec. 1965, daughter of Robert and

Leatha (Haynes) Summers. (10) Charles Lewis (twin) born 15 Oct. 1884, died Feb. 1938. On 10 June 1906 married Materna E. Haynes, born 1885, daughter of Samuel Greenberry and Mary Alice (Moffett) Haynes. (11) Lucretia Agnes (twin), born 15 Oct. 1884, died 5 May 1949. On 31 May 1914 married Bilton Covey, born 1884, son of William H. and Sarah Covey. Bilton was a farmer and justice of the peace on First Creek. Chester Bullard and Ballard Preston were the only sons of Henry Thomas and Amanda D. (Bowe) Mangus. Submitted by Warren K. Kiser

CHESTER MANGUS

Chester Bullard Mangus, born May 1844, Roanoke County, Va., son of Henry Thomas and Amanda D. (Bowe) Mangus. On 17 Jan. 1867 married (first) Creasy A. Thomas. On 5 July 1868 married (second) Sarah Frances Bowe, daughter of Hosiah Bowe. Chester served in Company I, 4th West Virginia Infantry (1861-1865) during the Civil War. Chester was 5 feet, 9 inches tall, dark hair, light complexion and grey eyes. Chester and "Sally" are buried in the Mangus cemetery on Middle Fork. Chester was a farmer in the Middle Fork section of Washington district. There were ten daughters: (1) Clarissa Bella, born 23 March 1869, died 20 Oct. 1925. On 18 Aug. 1888 married David Jackson Siders, born 8 Feb. 1869, died 29 March 1950, son of George Henry and America (Miller) Siders. (2) Elmira A., born about 1871. On 7 Sept. 1890 married James L. Larch. (3) Lucy Jane, born 16 April 1873, died 22 Dec. 1948. On 7 Sept. 1890 married Wyatt F. Lanham, born 3 July 1868, died 10 June 1943, son of John W. and Catherine Lanham. (4) Martha Alice, born 27 Feb. 1875. On 11 May 1897 married George T. Reed. (5) Cordelia A., born 1876. On 25 Dec. 1892 married John M. Lanham, born 16 March 1873, son of Abraham and Lucinda (Comer) Lanham. (6) Rosetta Campbell, born 8 Feb. 1879, died 7 Oct. 1954. On 14 April 1900 married Adam Clark Lanham, born 18 Sept. 1879, died 13 Dec. 1961, son of Abraham and Lucinda (Comer) Lanham. (7) Leona Frances, born 9 March 1881. (8) Ida M., born Feb. 1883, married Fred Reed. (9) Emma E., born 25 Jan. 1885. On 10 Nov. 1910 married William Benton Hinzman, born July 1879, son of Samuel B. and Lucretia J. Hinzman. (10) Mary Osa, born 14 Sept. 1887, married Sidney Cummings. Submitted by David Skeen

MANKIN — CASTO

Thomas Henry Mankin was born Meigs County, Ohio, 24 July 1853, married Emily Etta Casto 21 Nov. 1876, Jackson County, by George W. Casto. She was born 16 August 1861, Statts



Thomas and Emily Etta (Casto) Mankin

Mills. They lived at Aplin, Gay. Children: Edward Sherdin, 24 March 1878, married first, Julia Ann Thompson, Jackson County, August 2, 1902. She was born 1883, died 1910, buried Middleport, Ohio. Edward then married Mary Esta Newhouse of Sissonville. Edward died 1948. Mary Esta died 1946. Both buried Middleport Hill Cemetery.

Nancy Alice, 14 June 1881, married Austin Casto 1900. He died 1904. She then married Thomas Jordan who died 1938, Bloomdale, Ohio. She married third, Charles Browneller. Nancy Alice died 18 August 1961, buried Weaver Cemetery, Wood County, Ohio. Benjamin Franklin, 25 Nov. 1883, married Ruth Minerva Rathburn 22 Feb. 1905. Died July 1965 Tiffin, Ohio, buried Weaver Cemetery, Wood County, Ohio. Rachel Belle, 24 Jan. 1887, married Wilse Whittington. Died 21 Dec. 1961, Wellston, Ohio. Jinnie May, 6 May 1892, married Perry Kerns 17 Nov. 1912. One son, Ervil Kerns, born 6 Dec. 1913, graduated from Ripley High School, married Vada Cluster Painter 21 June 1947, Dunbar, U.S. Navy WW II, employed Carbide in Charleston, as was Vada. Jinnie May died August 1915, buried Rhodes Cemetery,



Philip, Phyllis, and Linnie Ethel (Hutton) Mankin

Aplin Ridge. Philip Fulton, 19 Nov. 1895, married Linnie Ethel Hutton 10 Sept. 1919, Kentuck, by Rev. John Skeen. Served in WW I Medical Det. Discharged August 27, 1919. Born to them was Phyllis Lenor Sept. 3, 1921 who married Donald H. Cline (WW II Navy Sea Bees) 22 June 1940, Kentucky, and have daughter, Donna Lenor, born 1944, Charleston, who married Laurel K. Dingelstedt (Vietnam) Fostoria, Ohio, 17 May 1964. They have son, Brian Keith, 1969, and daughter, Tevon Lynn, 1973. Philip Fulton and Linnie Ethel moved to Charleston soon after marriage. He died 29 Nov. 1976, Tiffin, Ohio. Linnie Ethel died 6 Nov. 1983, Tiffin. Both buried Seneca Memory Gardens, Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio. Lillian Ethel, 21 Feb. 1899, married Jesse Ross Corfee 26 April 1926, Gallipolis, Ohio. Died 20 May 1988, Phoenix, Arizona. Thomas Henry Mankin died 19 Sept. 1916, Jackson County, buried Rhodes Cemetery, Aplin Ridge. Emily Etta died 9 June 1940, Columbus, Ohio, buried Middleport Hill Cemetery, Meigs County, Ohio.

Parents of Thomas Henry were Stephen B. Mankin, 15 April 1919, and Rachel P. (Murray) Mankin, 4 June 1828. Other children: Ashford James, 1845; Elizabeth Ellen, 1847, married Melvin Brown 1869, Meigs County, Ohio; Benjamin F. Mills, 2 May 1849, married Martha Parilla Wright. She died 1880. Remarried Hattie Coe 1881. Died 1929, Pomeroy, Beechgrove Cemetery; Wilson W., 7 April 1851; Louisa Virginia, 13 May 1861, married Hezakiah Willet Cady 1874; Cynthia, Feb. 1859, married Samuel Stanley 21 Sept. 1881, son of Philotes; Rachel P. Mankin died 18 Feb. 1913, buried Clay Casto farm cemetery.

Parents of Emily Etta (Casto) Mankin were George Casto, Jr. (Civil War) born 7 April 1822, and Nancy Raines, 1828. Parents of George Casto, Jr., George Casto, Sr. (War of 1812) and Sarah Ours.

Parents of Stephen B. Mankin were Thomas and Elizabeth Mankin. Submitted by Phyllis L. Cline

FRANK J. MARINO

Frank Joseph Marino was born June 6, 1937 in Shinnston, WV, the son of Joe Anthony Marino

and Anne Belcastro Marino.

He attended grade school in Meadowbrook. His parents divorced in 1944. In 1948 he moved to Welch to make his home with his father and step-mother, Rose Rucci Marino.

In 1955 he graduated from Welch High School where he made All-Area, All-Southern and All-State teams in football and basketball and All-County teams two years. He played baseball with Welch business leagues.

In high school he was a member of the Lettermans Club, National Honor Society, A Cappella Choir, Junior Class Play and May Court.

In 1955 he played quarterback at Camden Academy, Camden, SC and led his team to a perfect 12-0 season. He was granted a four-year scholarship to Clemson College, Clemson, SC, where he played all three sports his freshman year.

In 1956 he transferred and played basketball at Marshall College, Huntington, and in 1957 at Beckley College, Beckley.

March 27, 1958 he married Patricia Mahaffey. She was born October 18, 1940 in Welch and was a 1958 graduate of Welch High School. She was a majorette, charter member of the Keyettes and in 1957 secretary of the Spanish Club.

She was employed part time at G.C. Murphy in Welch while attending school and following their marriage as secretary-bookkeeper for Marino Insurance Agency. Daughter, Lori, was born August 11, 1959.

In June 1960 Frank received his degree in geography and physical education at Concord College, Athens, and began his coaching career at Davy Jr. High School, Davy. In 1962 he transferred to Welch Junior High School where he served as coach. In 1963 he became assistant coach at Welch High School. Joseph Michael "Mickey" Marino was born December 22, 1962 in Welch.

December 2, 1964 a Welch *Daily News* sports story read: "One of the best basketball players ever produced at Welch High made his coaching debut last night with a rousing success." Welch beat Gary 65-56.

In 1966 he was manager of Post 8 American Legion baseball team. In 1967 he started a ten-year period as summer city recreation director for Welch in charge of playgrounds and the swimming pool. In 1969 he became head football coach at Welch High School and began with a 7-3 season.

Pat served as president of the Welch Elementary PTA for 1970-71. She was the first president of the Gamma Psi Sorority when it formed in Welch. In 1972 she became Executive Director of the March of Dimes and in 1973 became Executive Director of the McDowell County Unit of the American Cancer Society. She continued both positions for five years.

In 1973 Frank was the only coach in the county for both basketball and football. His basketball career was highlighted by Maurice "Tree" Robinson, an All-Stater who later played for and was captain of the WVU team.

In 1974 a new school regulation made it necessary for him to drop one sport. After a 185-85 basketball record he chose football. From 1969 to 1976 his football teams won 46, lost 29 and tied four.

Son, Mickey, followed in his father's footsteps. He was a member of the Lions Midget League football team, Rotary Little League baseball, Citizens Drug Little League and the Welch Elementary School basketball teams. He made Little League All-Stars every year he played and in 1976 Welch Senior League All-Stars. Every All-Star team that he played on went to the State Playoffs.

June 1977 Lori Ann graduated from Welch High School. Through the years she was Little League, Junior High, Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleader. She was a member of the Pep Club and Tri-Hi-Y. Her senior year she was voted "Most Popular" and "Most School Spirited."

In 1977 Frank resigned at Welch High School to become coach at Ripley High School, Ripley. This school in 1976 had an 0-10 record and had lost sixteen games in a row. His first year record was 7-3. The 1977 team produced one first team All-Stater and nine other players receiving honors on the Triple A team. The Ripley Vikings made the AAA State Playoffs for the first time in the school's history in 1986. They returned again in 1987 and following the school's first ever 10-0 season in 1989, they were back in the state playoffs.

Pat continued her work with the March of Dimes and the American Cancer Society until she moved to Ripley in 1977. She then resigned from the March of Dimes and became Senior District Representative with the American Cancer Society and traveled in 13 counties to promote their programs of Research, Education, Service to Patients and Fund raising.

In 1978 Frank once again became a two-sport coach when he took over the basketball team at Ripley High until 1981 when he resigned the basketball position.

At Ripley High, Mickey played all three sports his freshman, sophomore and junior years. He played quarterback for his father's team three years. He played shortstop in baseball and his junior year had hits in 22 straight games with a batting average of .423. He led the team in runs batted in. That year the team went to the State Playoffs where Mickey was named to the All Tournament team. In basketball, Mickey was named to the All Tournament team of the first Keith Simmons Memorial Tournament in 1979. He chose to only play football his senior year and was named the outstanding senior player.

In 1980 Mickey, a 6 foot 2 inch, 180 pounder, made All-Southern in football and First Team Triple A All-State as quarterback. He was the recipient of the first Mountaineer grid grant to any in state player. July 1981 he played in the North-South game at Laidley Field in Charleston.

Mickey played for West Virginia University his freshman year and attended the Peach Bowl in Atlanta as a player but surrendered his scholarship because of a high school knee injury that was reinjured in JV action. He ran for class president his senior year and graduated from the university in 1988.

In 1982 Lori received her degree in Elementary Education with a specialization in Special Education K-12 at West Virginia University. She accepted a position as L.D. Specialist teacher at Ripley Elementary and soon added sponsorship of the Viking Varsity Cheerleading squad. She is working on her masters.

Following graduation Mickey moved to Ripley and became employed by National Safety Association. July 7, 1988, Mickey met a tragic death in Morgantown when he fell from an apartment window. A scholarship fund was started and continues to grow in his memory to assist deserving students to further their education.

Pat, who had been promoted to State Director of Organization and Training with the American Cancer Society, resigned in November 1988 to join the staff at The Traders Bank.

Pat and Frank reside at 204 Edgewood Circle in Ripley with their pet dog, Chala, a 1987 Christmas gift from Mickey. September 1989, Lori purchased a home at 114 Walnut Street in Evans. Submitted by Frank J. Marino and Lori Marino

MARTY

Ernest Marty was born 3-27-1920 in Wadesville (Wood Co.), WV, son of George Washington and Annie Clark Marty. His ancestors came from Ireland. He was the youngest of 10 children.

In the fall of 1945, he married Edna Jane Montgomery. The Martys have seven children. The Marty family joined the Coleman Chapel Method-

ist Church at Murraysville in 1961. Ernest was called to preach in 1962. He was assigned to the Ripley circuit of the Methodist Church June 1963, pastoring Aplin, Briscoe, Centennial, Clay Lick, Elk Fork, and Sinaville. In 1967 he went to pastor the Crossroads Circuit, north of Parkersburg.

In 1969 the family had the privilege of going back to Jackson County, where Ernest pastored the Ravenswood Circuit which consisted of Coleman Chapel, Cedar Run, Fannin Chapel, and White Chapel. The Lockhart Circuit was pastored by the preacher Marty beginning June 1972. The churches on that charge were Beech Grove, Drift Run, Lockhart, Providence, and Warden Chapel.

The family occupied the parsonage part time during those six years. Dwight attended Ripley High School and Ted went to Gilmore School during 1973. In 1978 they moved to the Parkersburg Circuit. In 1981 the family moved to Cairo



Rev. Ernest Marty family

(Ritchie County), pastoring.

Rev. Marty's final pastoring (unless he comes out of retirement) began January 1, 1986 at the Pettyville (Wood Co.) U.M. Church and ended June 1987. They are now living in their home at 1512 20th St., Parkersburg. He occasionally preaches in revivals and regular services when the opportunity arises.

The Martys are members of the Pettyville Church and still enjoy working for the Lord. He keeps busy with gardening, woodworking, hunting, rook, and dominoes.

Ernest and Edna have seven children. In 1966 Frank married Martha Southall, daughter of Arnel and Lucille of Staats Mill. They have two children — David and Barbara. In 1966 Bill married Lynn Casto, daughter of Darrell and Ellen of Staats Mill. They have three children — Tim, Billy, and Janie Ellen. In 1967 Donna married Bob Hamon, son of William and Faye of Given. They have one son, Bobby. In 1971 Connie married Allen Mihibach, son of Rex and Juanita of Little Sandy. They have one daughter — Beth. In 1976 Joc married Judy Smith, daughter of Jimmy and Faye of Medina. They have two daughters — Jennifer DeAnn, and Jessica Renee. In 1973 Dwight married Barbara Metz, daughter of William and Betty of Vienna. They have two children — Addy and Dwight Jr. Ted is single. Submitted by Mrs. Ernest F. Marty

ROBERT MATE

Robert Mate, a prominent citizen of Ripley throughout the last half of the 19th century, came to Ripley by accident. Born in Poynton, Lincolnshire, England on January 14, 1821, he migrated to America in 1844, where he found work in Genesio, New York, as head of one of the largest blacksmith shops in the state, where guns and articles made of iron were necessary to America. In England he had become a master iron worker after seven years as an apprentice. That he quickly became a public citizen in Genesio is shown by an official certificate from the town in 1846. Even so, he decided that better opportunities might be in St. Louis, Missouri, gateway to the West.

In England the family of James and Mary

Pierson Mate, Robert's parents, and the family of William Harker were close friends. Together they planned that some day they would go to America together and locate near each other. Their plans faded with the death of Robert's father, James, in 1834, and his being apprenticed, at age 13, for a trade. When Robert completed his training in 1844, the families renewed their old plans. Robert, with his mother, Mary Pierson Mate, and brother, James, would go to America, and the William Harker family would follow when feasible. Tragedy again fell. William Harker died crossing the Atlantic, and was buried at sea. His wife, Eliza, landed in New York with five daughters and little money to provide for them.

On July 4, 1850, Robert Mate and Eliza Harker, the eldest daughter, were married, and left the next day for St. Louis. Traveling by boat on the Ohio River, they learned that cholera had spread in St. Louis and it was not safe to go there. They got off the boat at Ripley Landing and found shelter with the Cunningham family at Evans, where they learned that the young town of Ripley had no one with Robert Mate's skills. They decided to settle here on July 22, 1850, where they lived their remaining life except for the years of the Civil War, when he and his wife moved farther south in Virginia for Robert to make guns for the Confederacy.

On his return after the war, he reestablished his business, setting up apprenticeships for young men to learn his trade. Those from out of town lived in the Mates' home. They made farm implements, such as plows, rakes, wagons, horse shoes, guns, locks, hinges, nails, and lanterns. Some of the boys learned the trade and went into business for themselves. Some of these were James McKown, Robert Conley, John and Frank Vail, John Rhodes, Nathan Ong, and Henry and Charles Landfried. Robert Mate also taught them much about the care of domestic animals, which he had learned from his father, James Mate, a veterinary surgeon, in England.

Robert Mate negotiated for the land on which St. John's Episcopal Church was built in 1872 and was a member of its first vestry. Records in Ripley's IOOF Lodge show him as a member in 1859. Apparently, he also was a Mason as the obituary of his death, April 26, 1902, states his funeral was conducted by Reverend Hyatt of Parkersburg and the Masonic Lodge of Ripley. The pallbearers were distinguished men: Judge Virgil S. Armstrong, V.F. Armstrong, W.T. Greer, C.H. Proglar, G.B. Crow, William Crow, J.A. McIntosh, and F.H. Greene. *Submitted by Grace Brownlee and Emily Starcher Pace*

SALLY (BARNETTE) MEADOWS

Sally Barnette Meadows, daughter of Camden and Birty Pickens Barnette, was born on January 4, 1917 at Rockcastle, WV.

Sally attended elementary school at Bethel Elementary in Rockcastle, her high school years at Ripley High School.

Sally married Basil B. Meadows in 1938 and



Basil and Sally Meadows

they lived in Jackson County until 1944. In 1944 they moved to Grandview Ridge in Putnam County, then in 1954 they moved to Lock 9 at Buffalo; in 1968 she moved to Eleanor where she now resides. Basil died in 1957.

Sally and Basil had eight children, seven boys and one girl: Conrad Leroy, born 1939; Donald Larry, 1940; Ronald Gene, 1942; Dale Edwin, 1943; David Allen, 1945; Basil Frederick, 1946; Karen Louise, 1949; and Lyle Bruce, 1952.

Sally has 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sally worked for the Putnam County Cannery, Buffalo Shopping Center and the Putnam County Aging Program. She attends Eleanor Presbyterian Church and is very active in the Senior Citizen Program, Eleanor Home Demonstration Club and is an Eastern Star. *Submitted by Sally Meadows*

PETER MIIHLBACH

Philip Miihlbach was born in 1816 at Merxheim Hesson, Hamburg, Germany, and died in Noble County, Ohio, in 1895. He immigrated to the United States in the 1830s or early 1840s. He and his family lived in Elk Township, Noble County, Ohio. He was a farmer and also operated a tobacco packing house. He married, first, Dorteia Bane. Their children: Philip, Elizabeth, Mary, and Peter (See information below). After the death of Dorteia in 1851-52, Philip married Hannah Januk or Young. Their children: Phoebe, Theodore, George, Hannah, Charles, Herman, and Bertha. Philip is buried in the Zion Cemetery near Harrietsville, Ohio.

Peter Miihlbach (1851-1908), married Matilda Eaton (1861-1925), in 1878. She was born in Monroe County, Ohio, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Harmon) Eaton. They lived in the Lee Creek area of Wood County, West Virginia before moving to the Medina area of Jackson County. Theodore and George Miihlbach, half-brothers to Peter, also lived in Grant District in the late 1800s and early 1900s, but moved back to Noble County, Ohio. Peter had a tobacco packing house and also operated a general store. They are buried in the Simpson Cemetery in Grant District, Jackson County. They had six children.

Nellie (1880-1959) married Clark Stallings and lived north of Medina before moving to Tallmadge, Ohio. Philip (1881-1948) (See information below). Charley (1886-1974) married Nellie Robbins and lived north of Medina, later at Rockport, and finally at Mineral Wells, WV. Frank (1890-1952) married Dessie McKee and lived at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Peter (1892-1978) married Mollie Argabrite and lived at Parkersburg, WV. John (1883-1883).



Philip and Ollie (Alexander) Miihlbach and children: Nolia, Kenneth and Ralph

Philip Miihlbach (1881-1948) married Ollie Alexander (1881-1962), in 1901. She was born in Jackson County, daughter of William and Cynthia (McKee) Alexander. They first lived at Cavin Fork, in Grant District. In 1918, Philip bought a farm on Negro Run, not far from the Little Sandy Road, in Grant District. They attended the Becch

Grove E.U.B. Church and later went to the Orchard Grove Methodist Church. Philip was a farmer and also raised tobacco. He had a cane mill and traveled to various places in Jackson County making molasses for people who raised sugar cane. He served a few years as a member of the school board for Grant District. Several years before her death, Ollie went to live with her daughter, Nolia Clem, at Mansfield, Ohio. Philip and Ollie are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, at Parkersburg. They had seven children.

Nolia (1904-1987) married Virgil Clem and lived at Mansfield, Ohio. Kenneth (1906) married, first, Audrey Carothers, and, second, Murhl Lemley Carothers. They live at Silverton, near Ravenswood. Ralph (1908) married Hattie Williams and lives near Little Hocking, Ohio. Rex (1914) (See information below). Aulene (1920) married Dwight Waddell and lives near Mansfield, Ohio. Katharine (1922) married Hurley Isbel and lives at Belleville, Ohio. Glen (1924) married Frances Kaufmann and lives near Sylvester, Georgia.



Rex and Juanita (Weser) Miihlbach

Rex Alexander Miihlbach (1914) married Juanita Weser (1920-1987), in 1941, at Catlettsburg, KY. She was born in Wood County, West Virginia, daughter of Matthew and Ruby (Tate) Weser. Rex and Juanita lived at Mineral Wells on the Ott Province farm, then moved to Jug Run Road, near Lakeview Drive, at Parkersburg. In 1944, they moved to the family farm, in northern Jackson County. A brick home was built by the family in 1968, replacing the old farm house. As a child, Rex had first attended the Oak Grove School and later the Cuba School. Rex did custom farm work from 1939-1944, working in Jackson, Wood, Wirt, and Pleasant counties in West Virginia; also, Washington County, Ohio. In 1948, he bought a sawmill and set it up on property where he had purchased tracts of timber. It was set up in various locations in northern Jackson County, including Wilding, Little Sandy and Cavin Fork. He continued to do this until the early 1960s. The family maintained a dairy farm from 1951-1964 and later raised Angus beef cattle. Rex has served the Little Sandy area as a fire warden, since the late 1940s. He was employed by Kaiser Aluminum for 20 years in the finishing department and retired in 1977. Juanita lived in the Rosemar Road area of Wood County as a child and graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1939. She had worked at the Viscose, at Parkersburg, before her marriage. She assisted with the work on the farm and always raised a big garden, filling the cellar with canned garden produce. She was actively involved with the Little Sandy Homemakers Club and the local 4-H group. Juanita spent several months a year in the 1970s and early 1980s working at her sister's greenhouse, Goff's Nursery, at Parkersburg. Sunday school classes and church work were important pursuits for Juanita. Rex and Juanita first attended the Orchard Grove Methodist Church until the construction of Interstate 77 destroyed the building. Later, they went to the White Methodist Church until it was closed and finally, they attended the Coleman Chapel U.M. Church where

Rex continues to attend. Juanita is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, at Parkersburg, WV. They had three sons.

Jerry (1942) married Angelas Moore and lives on Little Sandy Road. He is employed by General Electric and also raises beef cattle. Their children: Philip, Anita, Peggy, Janet, Jason and Lisa. Rex Jr. (1950) married Carolyn Thomas and lives on Little Sandy Road. He is employed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and farms with his father, raising beef cattle. Their children: Rex III, Kevin and Malinda. Allen (1953) married Connie Marty and lives at Parkersburg, WV. He is employed by Roberts Express. Their child: Elizabeth. Submitted by Rex Mithlbach and Allen Mithlbach

MILHOAN

A genealogy study of the Pennsylvania Archives found that a Peter and Andrew Milhoan (spelled differently) lived in York Co., Pa. in 1777. Andrew had served in the York County Militia in 1777 and 1778. No other information was indicated about him. However, Peter Milhoan moved his family (number not indicated) to Winchester, Frederick Co., Va. after the Revolutionary War. Peter's family grew up and were married there. In 1798 three of Peter's sons, Henry, Peter Jr., John and seven of their neighbors moved to Belmont Co., Ohio, Wayne Twp. (Later became Monroe Co.) Travel was by covered wagon. They arrived in January 1799.

Henry's first wife was Catherine Ewe. She deceased in 1791. His second wife was Mary Williams (nee Green) a sister of Gen. Nathaniel Green of Revolutionary War fame. Peter Jr.'s wife was Katherine Lamp. John's wife was Elizabeth Kackley. No further significant information is available on the families of Peter Jr. and John. Henry and Mary had two children, Jacob and John. There is no definite records of Jacob except that he may have settled in Gurnsey Co., Ohio. Henry's son, John, was three years old when they moved to Belmont Co. He grew up there and married Elizabeth Starkey. He built and operated a grist mill on Captine Creek, near Mr. Horeb, for a number of years. John Milhoan was also the pastor of the Christian Church for a number of years.

In 1846, John purchased a tract of 1,300 acres in Jackson County, WV (was Va. at that time) near Murraysville, now known as Milhoan Ridge. He came back to Ohio and started preparations to move, but deceased in 1847. His wife, Elizabeth, and most of their 13 children, made the move in 1849. Following is a list of the 13 children: George, Henry, Samuel, John Jr., Peter, Lemuel, Joshua, William and Jesse were the boys, the girls were Mary, Elizabeth, Phebe, and Minerva.

George Milhoan (son of John and grandson of Henry) moved with his mother and family from Monroe Co., Ohio to Jackson Co., WV (Va. at that time) in 1849 and settled on Milhoan Ridge. He married Rebecca Pasco. Their children are: Almire, married Isaac King; Thomas, married Jennie Hartshorn; William married Martha Robinson; Aldo married Luey Belle Hoselton; Talitha married John Swain; Belle married B.F. Whiteside; Lora married Comer Ring; Albert Jackson (Jack) married Emma Bull, sister of Stephen Bull, M.D., who practiced medicine in Spencere, WV for many years. The remainder of this history will be concerned with the descendants of Jack and Emma Milhoan. Their children were: Pearl, Glen (Jeanette and Gordon deceased at an early age), Margaret, Crystal, Wilford and Mary Lou, a foster daughter.

Pearl O. Milhoan (son of Jack and grandson of George) was born on Milhoan Ridge in 1896. He married Mollie Francis Reed, daughter of Joseph W. Reed and Laura Josephine (Staats) Reed. With the exception of the first few years after their marriage, Pearl was employed on construction projects, primarily as a crane operator



Albert Jackson and Emma Mihoan

and maintenance mechanic. From 1923 to 1943 he was employed by the U.S. Government at Lock 21 near Portland, Ohio, as Lock Operator and Chief Engineer. From 1943 to 1956 he was employed by the U.S. Government as Lockmaster at U.S. Lock 22 near Ravenswood. After retirement Pearl started an insurance agency and was a Ravenswood Councilman from 1957 to 1959. He then served three terms as Mayor of Ravenswood, 1959 to 1965. In addition, he served as an officer in the Jackson County Democratic Party and was active in the Masonic Lodge, including a term as Deputy Grand Master. He was also active in the First Baptist Church. Pearl and Mollie had two sons; Olin and William. Olin married Therma Karr. To them were born a daughter, Carolyn Louise. Carolyn married William Bruce Bradford, a West Point graduate, who served in Vietnam and Laos. He is now a retired Lt. Col. Carolyn has a degree from Ohio University and is employed by Bank One in Athens, Ohio, as branch Administration Officer. Carolyn and Bruce have two daughters: Dana, married Michael Murphy and he is employed as a bank manager. They have a daughter, Laura Louise. Dana attended Ohio University and was employed by Bank One in Columbus, Ohio. Leslie married John Foley and he is employed as an apartment complex manager. They have a son, Patrick Joseph. Leslie attended a one-year term of school in France and is a graduate of Loyola Marymont University in La., Calif., majoring in Communications — Arts, writing for film and television. She has been employed in positions related to her college degree.

Olin's second wife is Juanita Stone, daughter of Benjamin Bass Stone and Ruth Lemon Stone. She attended Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia and was employed by Union Carbide, South Charleston, WV for nine years as laboratory technician. They have two daughters: Julie Denise, and Anita Lynn. Julie has attended Ohio University and has taken part time classes at the Ironton, Ohio branch of Ohio U. She is a devoted distance runner and is employed in retail merchandising. Anita married Scott Malecorm. He is a heavy equipment mechanic and welder. Anita also attended Ohio University and graduated from the Huntington College of Business. She is employed as roof frame designer with a building supply company. Olin is a graduate of Ohio University with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering; and is a licensed civil and structural engineer. Employment consisted of field engineer on construction of flood control projects, including Bluestone Dam at Hinton, WV, design of industrial structures, highway bridges, and assisted in the design of high lift navigation dams for the Ohio River, including Racine, Belleville, and Willow Island and other miscellaneous flood control structures. Retired from C. of E. Hunt. Dist. Jan. 1, 1985.

William Milhoan married Joan Johnson, daughter of James Avis Johnson and Edith Humphrey Johnson. She attended Marshall University, studied business. Joan was employed by the WV department of highways. She has done volunteer work at St. Joseph and Cabell Huntington Hospital. Wil-

liam and Joan have a daughter, Kimberly. She attends Huntington East High. She has been a model for Rose Tree and has done volunteer work at Cabell Huntington Hospital. William is a WV University graduate with a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering. He served two years in the Korean War. William was employed as a civil engineer with the Kaiser Engineering Co., during construction of the Ravenswood Kaiser Aluminum Plant. William was employed by the WV Department of Highways as an area engineer during the construction of I-77 from Fairplain to Williamstown, WV, and was also field engineer during the erection of the Williamstown-Marietta bridge. For the past 20 years William has been employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, and assists in the design and construction of flood control projects, highways and bridges.

Glen O. Milhoan (son of Jack and grandson of George) was born on Milhoan Ridge, Jackson Co., WV. His first wife was Aline Hopkins who died in the 1920s. Glen's second wife was Edith Kibble, who was an elementary school teacher in Parkersburg for many years. Glen was successful in many jobs, including oil well drilling in Texas, operation of a service station, a mechanic for the Greyhound Bus Co., and other significant jobs in Parkersburg, WV. Glen and his brother, Wilford, have maintained and kept the old homestead, the Milhoan Ridge Christian Church, and the cemetery in excellent condition and still do at the present time. Glen is active in the Christian Church and the Masonic Lodge.

Margaret Milhoan (daughter of Jack and granddaughter of George), married John Harbart. She was employed by the Bell Telephone Co. for a number of years, then continued working as an office receptionist at the U.S. Coast Guard Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. John was an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. After retiring he was employed as a hospital manager for several years.

Crystal Milhoan (daughter of Jack and granddaughter of George), married Richard Hoselton and they had the following children: Thomas married Mary Groves. They have a son, Richard. Thomas in his early years was a Jackson County Deputy Sheriff. For the last several years he has been employed by the Remington Rand Corp., near Marietta, Ohio. Glen married Loretta Sams and they have three daughters and a son, Glenda, Donna, Christina and Glen Dean. Donna married Tony Scarberry and they had two daughters Christy Lynn, and Michelle Dawn. Donna's second husband is Richard Goodwin and to them was born a daughter, Andrea Marie. Glen Dean married Linda Boggs. Christina is employed by the P.B.C. Insurance Co., in Charleston, WV. Glen was one of the first local production employees hired by Kaiser Aluminum and has been employed for 33 years. Marie married Robert Williams. They are living in Crystal's and Richard's home place and keeping the farm and home in excellent condition. Marshall has the job of caretaker of the Ravenswood Cemetery and uses his other talents as time permits. Earlie married Carolyn Sams who is a foster daughter of Pearl and Mollie Milhoan. Carolyn and Earlie have a son, Brent. Earlie has been employed for many years by the Newell Gas Company. Carolyn attended Mountain State Business College in Parkersburg, WV. Edith married Charles Nelson and they have two sons, Lee and Johnny. Charles is employed by the Ravenswood Country Club. They reside in Ravenswood. Kay married Gary Baldwin. They have a son, Gary Dean, and a daughter, Ashley Dawn. Kay is a hair stylist in Ravenswood.

Wilford Milhoan (son of Jack and grandson of George) married Helen Stephens. They have two daughters. Beatrice married Daniel Swick and they have a son and daughter. David has a M.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio University, and is employed by the Caterpillar Corp. in Illinois.

Debbie is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. She has a B.S. Degree in Music Education and is employed by the Berkshire local school system in Burton, Ohio. Linda married David Wilcoxon. They have a daughter, Tracy, and two sons, Mathew and Mark. David is a high school athletic coach. Linda is an elementary school instructor.

Wilford was employed by the U.S. Government for many years, starting in the early 30s at U.S. Lock No. 21 at Portland, Ohio. Then later he was promoted to a higher position at U.S. Lock 19 at Washington Bottom. A few years later he was promoted to Lock Master at U.S. Lock 18, and remained there until retirement in the 60s. After retirement Wilford spent a lot of time maintaining and repairing the Milhoan homestead and Christian Church and cemetery. He had help from his brother, Glen, son-in-law, and grandsons. Wilford's wife, Helen, is a retired school instructor and they are active in the Christian Church and Wilford in the Masonic Lodge.

It is unfortunate that all the descendants of the John Milhoan family will not be included in the History of Jackson County.



Milhoan Ridge Christian Church, est. 1880

The Milhoan Ridge Christian Church was established by the descendants of John and Elizabeth Milhoan in 1880. The church was active until the early 1930s, then from 1947 to the early 1980s, it was used for the Milhoan Ridge Reunion.

The present Milhoan Ridge Elementary School was built in the early 1900s. The church and school are located approximately one and a half miles from S.R. 68.



Milhoan Ridge School

The Milhoan Ridge Baptist Church was built in the early 1980s and is located on S.R. 68, near the junction of the Milhoan Ridge Road. The church is attended by many of the local residents.

The descendants of John and Elizabeth Milhoan are very fortunate to have ancestors who, without any doubt, had a deep concern of the necessity for religious and scholastic training. This is reflected in the establishment of the Milhoan Ridge Christian Church and by their effort in obtaining the Milhoan Ridge Elementary School.

Submitted by Olin and William Milhoan

HARLEY MILHOAN

Descendants of Harley and Artie Reed Milhoan, who lived on Washington Run Road near Murraysville in northern Jackson County, can trace their ancestry to County Fermanagh, Ireland, where the name Milhoan originated from Mulholland. The first record of a Mulholland, Mulhorn or Milhorn in America begins with Peter Milhorn, a native of York County, Pennsylvania, in 1777, who is thought to have been a sergeant in the Revolutionary War. After the war Peter moved his family to near Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia. Peter's children grew up and were married there. Among his children were Henry, Peter (Jr.) and John.

Henry married his second wife, Mary Williams (nee Greene), in 1793. Mary seems to be the one who changed the spelling from Milhorn to Milhoan after the family moved to Ohio. All her offspring followed suit. Henry and his family, along with his brothers, Peter (Jr.) and John, plus seven neighbors and their families started their trek from Virginia to Wayne Township, Ohio, sometime after harvest in 1798 and arrived at their destination the later part of the year, when the temperature was ten degrees below zero. The women and children had to stay in the covered wagons for three days and nights until the men could erect a common cabin to shelter them until they could get the family cabins built. Henry and Mary had two children, Jacob and John, who made the journey with their parents.

John grew up in Wayne Township and married Elizabeth Starkey (Starke). He built and ran a grist mill on Captina Creek, near Mt. Hereb, for a number of years. John was also a follower of Alexander Campbell and for several years preached in the Christian Church. In 1846 John purchased a tract of 1,300 acres in Jackson County, (West) Virginia, now known as Milhoan Ridge. After inspecting his purchase he came back to Ohio to make preparations to move, but died in 1847 before he could make the move. His wife, Elizabeth, and most of her children made the move in 1849. Elizabeth died in 1853 and is buried in the Milhoan Ridge Cemetery. She and John had 13 children: George, Henry, Samuel, John, Peter, Lemuel, Joshua, William, Jesse, Mary, Elizabeth, Phoebe and Minerva.

Peter M. Milhoan (1830-1917) married Margaret Hoselton (1838-1893) and had 11 children: Charles, Thomas, Arthur, Peter Jr., Kansas, Frances, Alma, Elizabeth, Rhoda Ann, Molly and Ada. Peter married for his second wife, Martha Belle Ward, and had five more children: Hod, Clyde, Dale, Howard and Homer.

Peter Milhoan, Jr. married Jennie Swiger (1863-1943) and had one child, Harley Charles.



Artie (Reed) Milhoan, 1964

Harley Milhoan (1893-1950) married Artie Reed (1894-1975). Artie was the daughter of Joseph and Josephine Staats Reed who had seven children: Rose, Belle, Artie, Molly, Edward, Clyde and Russell. Harley and Artie made their home on



Freda Harris, Orville, Artie Reed (mother), Gerald and Carl Milhoan, 1965

their farm in Washington Run and had four children: Orville, Gerald, Carl and Freda.

Orville E. Milhoan (1913-) took a job with General Motors and moved to Worthington, Ohio, in the 1930s. He married his wife, Claribel Heffner, of Ironton, Ohio, in 1938. They had two children, Gene Roger and Carol Sue.

Gene Milhoan (1942-), son of Orville, married Karen Shultz of Syracuse, New York, in 1965, and they had two children, Scott A. (1967-) and Jason T. (1970-). Gene and Karen live in Worthington, Ohio.

Sue Milhoan (1949-), daughter of Orville, married Dennis Richard Mondrach in 1972. They presently live in Sylvania, Ohio, and have two children, Dustin A. (1976-) and Darin J. (1979-).

Gerald Kenneth Milhoan (1916-) married Ruth Eilene Polk in 1938 in Logan, Ohio. Gerald worked at Kaiser Aluminum and lived in Ravenswood. He and Ruth had three children: Gerry Allen, Charles Kenneth and Phillip Lore. In 1962 Gerald married his present wife, Francis Burgess Cottrill, of Spencer, West Virginia. They are retired and living in Florida.

Gerry Milhoan (1939-), son of Gerald, married Judith Faye Johnson and they had two children, Gregory Allen and Jeffery Scott (1967-). Gerry presently lives in Ravenswood. Greg Milhoan (1963-) is married and has one child, Eric Scott (1989-).

Chuck Milhoan (1943-), son of Gerald, married Patricia Jane Cline in 1966. They have one child, Charles Andrew (1978-), and live in Vienna, West Virginia.

Phil Milhoan (1951-), son of Gerald, married Susan Emile Love. They live in Jacksonville, Florida, with their child, Charles James (1988-).

Carl Leon Milhoan (1921-) worked a few years for Boso and Ritchie then worked for Gas Transport, Inc. for about 15 years. He is now a retired farmer and lives north of Murraysville on Lone Cedar with his wife, Anna Margaret Boggs, whom he married in 1946. They had one child, Douglas Leon.

Doug Milhoan (1954-), son of Carl, married Janet Williams of Burlington, North Carolina, in 1976, and is living on Lone Cedar.

Freda Eleanor Milhoan (1926-1975) married Paul Brown Harris in 1946 and lived in Ravenswood. Together they owned and operated the Western Auto store in the Ravenswood Shopping Plaza for a number of years. Freda was active in the Eastern Star and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Ravenswood. They had two children, Judith Diane and Linda Marie.

Judy Harris (1952-), daughter of Freda, married John Charles Walker of Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania, in 1977, and is living in Bedford, Virginia.

Linda Harris (1955-), daughter of Freda, married Steven Edwin Reynolds of Silverton, in 1976, and is living on Washington Run Road in northern Jackson County. Submitted by Linda M. Reynolds and Carl L. Milhoan

MILHOAN/MELHORN

George Simon Melhorn and sons, George and Simon, came to America on 23 Oct. 1754 aboard the ship, *Recovery*. They were from Germany. There were only four Melhorns listed in Passenger and Immigration book by Gale. An Otto came in 1875, much too late to be our ancestor.

Peter Milhorn, born ca. 1765-70, son or grandson of the immigrant, George, married Catherine Lamp 21 July 1789 at Winchester, VA. They had at least seven children, one of whom was John B., born ca. 1800 in VA.

John B. Milhorn married Mary Shull 21 Jan. 1823 at Winchester, VA. They moved to Belmont Co., OH about 1835. Their daughter, Sarah Jane, born ca. 1833, married John Wesley Milhoan 20 Aug. 1848 in OH. Wesley was born 1825 in OH, son of George and Jane (Luke) Milhoan. George may have been son of Henry and Mary (Greene) Williams-Milhoan.



James William Milhoan

Wesley and Sarah Milhoan had ten children. Their son, James William, born 26 Feb. 1858, married Eva Swan in Meigs Co., OH. Eva, born 18 Aug. 1858, daughter of Dr. Alexander W. and Anna (Caldwell) Swan, was a school teacher in Meigs Co. and for a time in Roane Co., WV.

In the early 1900s, James and Eva moved to Washington District of Jackson Co. James was a farmer, but at one time owned and ran a sawmill in Roane Co. His brother, Albert, and two other men were killed when the steam engine blew up in 1896. Another brother, John, was crippled for the rest of his life. At still another time, James ran a riverboat on the Ohio River.



Eva Swan Milhoan

James and Eva had seven children: *Anne Frances*, born 20 March 1885 was a good photographer. She took pictures of family and friends and developed them herself. She worked her way through Bethany College, working as a private tutor. She married Elbert Hensley 15 June 1915. They moved to Illinois and had three children and one adopted son; *Mary Kansas*, born 5 Sept. 1886, was a school teacher in Pocahontas Co., before marrying Edward Shields 25 Dec. 1906. They lived in Washington District and had seven children;

Wesley Alexander, born 5 July 1889, married Annie Pursley in 1914 and they moved to Akron, OH. They had no children; *James Emmett*, born 24 Dec. 1891, married Delia Mitchell in 1914. He was a farmer in Washington District until his death in a home accident in 1936. They raised eight children; *Jimna Joshua*, born 24 Nov. 1893 married Phyllis Landfried. They moved to Parkersburg and had three children. J.J. worked for the railroad, first as a fireman and then an engineer until he retired; *Robert Udell*, born 17 April 1896, married Georgia Brown in 1925. They lived near Elizabeth in Wirt Co. and had two sons; *Harriett Elizabeth*, born 21 March 1899, married Rance B. Pursley in 1920 and moved out west.

J.J. and Robert were gunsmiths at an early age, managing to build a shotgun when only 10 and 7 years of age. They both continued making and rebuilding guns the rest of their lives.

Robert was a sort of rebel. At the age of 14 he ran away from home and joined the Army, saying he was much older. He found he didn't like the Army but, in order to teach him a lesson, his parents refused to try to get him out. When he finally did get out, he was still so angry at them he wouldn't come home. He went out west where he hunted big game. At one time he was a Texas Ranger. During that time he came home to visit his mother. In her basement he discovered a jar containing what he thought was moonshine, so he broke the jar. She had been making her own vinegar.

James W. Milhoan died in 1917 in Jackson Co. Eva then lived alone at her home atop a hill situated between Little Creek and Marshall. She was well known as "Aunt Evy." She traveled many miles visiting various friends and relatives, almost always on foot. And often she took her "carpet bags" with her to work on. She had a ball of twine string which she added to each time she went to the store. I have part of a mantle scarf which she made from the string — sort of like fine macrame. She made her own house paint of sweet milk, lime and another, now unknown ingredient. She loved to sing, mostly what people called "ditties," but she didn't have a very musical voice. However, when a man came by lugging large, bulky recording equipment, looking for people to sing WV folk songs, she gave it her best efforts. Her voice is now on record at WV University Museum in Morgantown.

Eva continued to live alone and visit as much as far as she wished until about 1945 when she was 86 or 87 years old. For many years she had refused to stay with anyone for more than a few days at a time. A son and daughter, who worried about her living alone, finally had her committed to the state hospital at Spencer. She was saner than most people I know today but it was a way to see she was taken care of. Being such a free spirited person, she didn't last too long being confined. She died 24 March 1946 and was laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Roane Co. She was truly a unique person and many, many years ahead of her time. What a wealth of information she could have provided if anyone had thought to ask for it and write it down. I could not, for unfortunately I was only nine years old when she died. Submitted by Frances (Milhoan) Rhodes and Charlotte (Rhodes) Binder

MILLER-WOLF-CARPENTER-KEE-PARSONS

Joshua Miller was born about 1796 in Greene County, Pa. and he came to Jackson County about 1827 and lived on Middle Fork of Reedy until about 1858 when he moved his family to Sutton Township in Meigs County, Ohio.

Joshua Miller married Nancy Wolf. Nancy was born about 1806 and was the daughter of Jacob and Anna (Straley) Wolf.

Joshua and Nancy (Wolf) Miller had 10 children: James W. (1827-1915) married 7-4-1858 in

Harrison County to Martha Jane McWhorter, daughter of Levi and Eliza (Alkire) McWhorter; Elizabeth, born 1829, and married 4-17-1848 in Jackson County to John Oliver Alkire; Rebecca, born 1832; Nancy (1835-1916) married Alfred Carpenter (1833-1909); Louise, born 1836; Thomas W., born 1838 and died in the Civil War; Jacob M. (1840-1896) married 12-12-1867 in Meigs County, Ohio to Elizabeth Jane Lawrence, daughter of Dorman and Sarah (Anderson) Lawrence; Narcissa Jane, born 1843; Sarah Jane, born 1848 and Mary, born 1850.

Joshua Miller died between 1860 and 1867 in Meigs County, Ohio and Nancy (Wolf) Miller died in Calhoun County, W.Va. after 1870.

Joshua Miller could be a half-brother to John Wright who was born about 1803 in Monroe County, WV and was the son of Basil and Nancy (Jones) Wright, who came from Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Ann Kee was born 11-3-1854 in Jackson County, WV to Nancy Miller. Maternal grandparents were Joshua and Nancy (Wolf) Miller and great-grandparents were Jacob and Anna (Straley) Wolf. On 10-4-1856 in Roane County, Nancy Miller married Alfred Carpenter, a son of Jermiah and Elizabeth Carpenter. Alfred and Nancy (Miller) Carpenter had two sons, Joshua and Marcellus.

Elizabeth Ann Kee took the Carpenter name and on 7-12-1874 in Calhoun County, she married Nathaniel Parsons, born 5-30-1853 in Gilmer County, a son of Paulser B. and Sattira (Connolly) Parsons. Maternal grandparents were Patrick and Mary (Stallman) Connolly and paternal grandparents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Bush) Parsons.

Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann Parsons had 11 children: Frances (1875-1968). Married Thomas Jefferson Newell; Edward Elsworth (1876-1950) married Sarah Myrtle Wilson; Ida (1878-about 1901); Joshua Peter (1879-1976) married Malissa Jane James; Daisy F. (1881-1908) married Russell Meade King; Sarah Ester (1884-1954); Minnie (1886-1909) married Ferrell Altizer; Luvinnic (1888-1981) married George Yenne. After his death she married Peter Criss; Loyd (1891-1965) married Icie Coe (1896-1920). Loyd married second in 1921 in Roane County to Leora Fluharty (1905-1936), and in 1942, Loyd married Geretha (Dorsey) Jones (1902-1986); Nathan (1892-1911) and Lewis.

Nathaniel and Elizabeth Ann lived in Lewis County in 1880 and moved back to Orma, Calhoun County about 1886 and then moved to Arnoldsburg about 1901. After the death of Nathaniel on 1-30-1902, Elizabeth Ann married John B. Goff (1843-1928) on 11-1-1906 in Calhoun County. John and Elizabeth Ann moved to Spencer, WV about 1907.

Elizabeth Ann died 3-4-1939 in Spencer and she and Nathaniel Parsons are buried in Carpenter Cemetery at Orma, WV in Calhoun County.

Submitted by Mrs. Irvin Greathouse

LEANDER AND JESSIE MILLER

Leander Miller (1850-1934), the son of Lewis Montgomery and Elizabeth Kay Miller, was a farmer and teacher in Union District. Shortly after the Civil War, he and his brother, Judge Warren Miller, attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where Leander was a charter member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

He and Jessie Harrison were married Nov. 28, 1889. She was the daughter of Katherine Harris and William Henry Harrison, a minister. She had one sister, Elizabeth, and a half-brother, Dr. Benjamin Early Harrison, who was a graduate of Starling Medical College, now a part of Ohio State University. He had an office at Cottageville, near the old mill.

For many years the Millers lived at "The Big Woods" farm, which was surveyed by George



Leander and Jessie Miller family

Washington for Lord Fairfax. The property, near the Ohio River, is known now as "KERA," (Kaiser Employees Recreation Area).

The Millers had 13 children, ten of whom lived to adulthood. They were:

Lewis Harrison Miller (1890-1956) served as mayor of Ripley, first principal of Ripley High School and in the West Virginia Legislature. From 1929 to 1956 he was judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court and was appointed by the United States Senate to serve as tribunal judge at the war crimes trials in Nurnburg, Germany, but he did not accept the appointment. He and his brother, Ben, were graduates of West Virginia Wesleyan College and Ohio University. He also was a graduate of the College of Law at West Virginia University, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif, law school's highest honor. He married Freda Clare Rambow of Mt. Alto, Dec. 23, 1917. Their children were Ruth Lee Oliver of Hurricane, Jo Clare Robinson and Dorris Dell Simmons Nichols, both of Ripley.



Judge Lewis H. Miller

Benjamin Warren Miller (1892-1945) was principal of Ripley High School when the first class graduated. He served in France with the Army during World War I and was an executive in Mountain State Steel in Parkersburg until his death. He married Edna Wood of Illinois and their children are Veda Jacqueline Cauthorn of Parkersburg and Jane M. Acaster of Saddle River, NJ.

John William Miller (1904-1984) was a dairy farmer and entrepreneur. He served as mayor of Ripley when the old high school was renovated and was made the city hall. He married Elizabeth Kincaid of Pocahontas County in 1933 and after her death, Helen Hamon Kirk of Ripley. He and Elizabeth Kincaid Miller had one daughter, Marilyn Jane Bone of Matlacha, Fla.

Starling Loving Miller (1909-1979), a Ravenswood businessman and entrepreneur, lived in Florida for several years before returning to Ravenswood to enter business. He married Sue

Proctor of Ravenswood and their children are Elizabeth Proctor Ryder of Wilmington, Del., and Starling L. Miller, Jr., of Ravenswood.

Blanche Pfost (Bess) (1893-1978) married Henry Floyd Pfost Nov. 28, 1919. He was the founder of the Bank of Ripley with Judge Warren Miller and Enoch Staats. The Pfosts had three sons, Joseph Fielding of Hastings, Minn., John Justice of Charleston, and Francis Miller Pfost of Dunedin, Fla.

Edith Wolfe (Tod) (1894-1979) married James Luther Wolfe, Ripley attorney in 1928 and resided in Charleston after his death, working as an LPN at Mountain State Hospital. She had no children.

Sarah Katherine Kessel (Kate) (1897-1986) taught school in Logan County and was book-keeper at the Bank of Ripley prior to her marriage in 1920 to Dr. Ray Kessel, a Jackson County native. They resided in Charleston until his retirement in 1950, when they returned to Ripley to reside on North Street. Their children are Katherine K. Burdette of Ripley, Dr. Ray Miller Kessel of Logan and Huntington and Geraldine (Jerry) Kessel of Morgantown.

Louella McGraw, born Dec. 10, 1898, resides in Hinton. She married Earl McGraw, Ripley native, in 1922 and lived in Charleston for many years while he served as a U.S. deputy marshal. Their children are Helen Fringer of York, Pa., and Mary Virginia Hershman of Hinton.

Pauline Miller Kessel (Pete) (1900-1981) with her sister, Louella, were members of the first graduating class of Ripley High School. She also was a graduate of Ohio University and taught school at Mount Hope before her marriage in 1927 to Dr. Russel Kessel, a Jackson County native, and Charleston physician. Their children are Jenny Lee Cross of Atlanta, Ga., and Paulina Beth Hughes of Ripley.

Hazel Dell Lilly (1908-1979), an accomplished musician, who attended Chicago Conservatory and was married in 1928 to R. Glenn Lilly, Charleston attorney. Their children are Jessie Meridel Kennedy of Fairmont, Robert Glenn Lilly, Jr., of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Karen Rae Stouch of Charleston.

The Miller great-grandchildren are scattered from the shores of the Pacific to the shores of the Potomac. Submitted by Jo Clare Robinson

RAYMOND LYLE AND JUDITH (PARSONS) MILLER

Raymond Lyle Miller was the youngest child of Romeo Virgil and Mary Caldwell Miller. He was born March 2, 1937, in Roane County. He married Judith Elaine Parsons who was born May 29, 1940, in Kanawha County and is the daughter of Edison and Avelena Jividen Parsons. They married June 5, 1960, at the Calvary United Methodist Church (formerly Evangelical United Brethren Church) in Ripley, WV. They have one daughter, Connie Lee, who was born April 24, 1963, and married Ronald



Raymond and Judith (Parsons) Miller

Dean Waybright, born March 9, 1962, at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Ripley, WV. Connie and Ronald Dean have one daughter, our granddaughter, Kelsey Deanne Waybright, born March 3, 1989, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Miller family has resided in Ripley, Jackson County, for some 29 years and have served the community in a number of ways. Mr. Miller is a member of the Ripley Rotary Club, is an educator who has served at both the secondary and college level. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Pilot Club of Jackson County, Ripley Woman's Club, and is an executive secretary who worked at Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation. Submitted by Connie Lee Miller Waybright

W.R. MILLER

Willie Ray Miller, born in Roane Co. May 26, 1894, died March 23, 1981, son of James Frank and Maggie L. (Moore) Miller. Ray married April 16, 1916 Mary Erma Guthrie, born June 5, 1895, died March 29, 1966, daughter of Henry E. and Susie V. (Wade) Guthrie. They are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Roane Co., U.S. Rt. 33. Willie Ray married the second time Nancy Trimble. He was a farmer and worked in the oil fields.



Erma and Ray Miller

James Frank Miller (1871-1909) married April 10, 1892 Maggie L. Moore (1868-1958). They later divorced. James was the son of Thomas Miller (1830-1895) and his second wife, married in Roane Co., March 31, 1865 Emily Phillips (1845-1896), daughter of Levi and Mary Phillips.

Thomas was the son of Samuel Miller, born April 25, 1796 in Greenbrier Co., and died Jan. 13, 1874, and Rebecca Carpenter, born April 1, 1793 in now Braxton Co., WV and died in Roane Co. Oct. 31, 1875.

Samuel was the son of Samuel and Nancy (Jones) Miller. After Samuel's death she married Basil (Bazzel) Wright.

Samuel, with his brother Joshua Miller, their mother and step-father and family came to then Mason or Jackson Co. around 1830 and settled around Stover, present day Roane Co., WV.

Maggie L. Moore, born in Green Co., Pa. Dec. 25, 1868 and died Oct. 24, 1958, daughter of Alfred Moore (1841-1917) and Elizabeth S. Guthrie (1846-1930). Alfred and Elizabeth were from Greene Co., Pa. and settled after the Civil War in Roane Co. at Ball Hill, U.S. Rt. 33 and are buried in the Peniel Cemetery.

Alfred Moore was the son of Thomas and Rachel (Maple) Moore, and Elizabeth was the daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Patterson) Guthrie, all from Greene Co., Pa.

Willie Ray and Mary Erma Miller's children:

Harold Cloyd Miller (WW II), born Mar. 13, 1917, died Dec. 9, 1973, married May 3, 1947, Mary Lowther. Lived in Spencer, WV. One daughter, Zorita.

Hazel Dell Miller, born Oct. 3, 1918, married March 28, 1937, Donald Lowther who died Oct. 23, 1956 and she married March 9, 1958, John Seaman. Hazel and John live in Ripley, WV. Children: Stephen, Ella Jean, Diane, Deborah and

James Lowther.

Offie Wayne Miller (WW II), born July 24, 1920, married May 6, 1950, Mollie Nadean Parsons. Live U.S. Rt. 33, Ball Hill. Children: Roger and Judy.

Elmer Ellis Miller (WW II), born April 4, 1922, married June 28, 1942, Willadean Petty. Live in Barbarton, Ohio. Children: Robert, Duane, Patricia, Valerie, Richard, David and Pamala.

Thelma Grace Miller, born Jan. 12, 1924, married Oct. 14, 1942, Warren Harrison. Live on Pleasant Valley Rd., Kenna, WV. Children: Joanna and Wilma Lee.

Henry Wade Miller (WW II), born Nov. 16, 1925, married Dec. 24, 1955, Mildred Gandee. Live in Ripley, WV. One son, Larry.

Mildred Ruth Miller, born Jan. 11, 1927, married Jan. 25, 1946 Marshall Rhodes who died Jan. 30, 1951 and she married June 14, 1965, Ace Kerns. Live on U.S. Rt. 33 near Frozencamp.

Rachel Lee Miller, born March 19, 1928, married Dec. 20, 1947, Leo Johnson. Live at Ripley, WV. Children: Cheryl, Randell, Wandall and Angelia.

Maggie Viola Miller, Dec. 26, 1930-Jan. 26, 1931.

Delbert Charles Miller (Korean War), born Dec. 20, 1931, married May 30, 1952, Elaine Elliott. Live in Ripley. One son, Dana.

Billy Darrell Miller, born May 7, 1936, married Oct. 15, 1960 Delma Parsons. Live at Peniel. Children: Kimberly, Christina, Billy Darrell and Robin.

Russell Gay Miller, born April 20, 1942, married Aug. 4, 1962, Elizabeth McHenry Riffle. They divorced and he married June 30, 1973, Gale Braswell. Live in Florida. Children, David and Michael. *Submitted by Mildred Kerns*

JUDGE WARREN MILLER

Judge Warren Miller's parents were Lewis Montgomery, born 1812, and Elizabeth Kay Miller, born in 1813. Judge Miller was one of the largest landholders in Jackson County. He owned much of the land where Kaiser Aluminum built its plant, which is now Ravenswood Aluminum. He was the only person from Jackson County ever elected to serve in the United States Congress. He served as a representative during President McKinley's tenure. He also was elected a judge of the West Virginia Court of Appeals and as a circuit judge. Judge Miller, a bachelor, made his home with his brother and sister-in-law, Leander and Jessie H. Miller.



Judge Warren Miller

He, with H.F. Pfost and Enoch Staats, was a founder of the Bank of Ripley.

He was born April 2, 1846 and died December 1920. *Submitted by Karen Rae Lilly Stouch*

MILLS

My great grandfather's family said the Mills family was from the "Pennsylvania Dutch County." They settled in Ohio because nine of their

11 children were born at Wheeling Creek in Belmont County before 1840. The family traveled through Meigs County before settling in the northern part of Jackson County in the early 1840's.

The most noted was James Mills who served with Company F 17th Regiment Virginia Cavalry, known as the Night Hawk Rangers.

William Mills (1784-1860) married Martha Elizabeth Brooks (1794-188-).

Their children: Lucretia Mills (1817-1888) married Michael Boso (1815-1897); George Mills (1819-188-) married four times: (1) Christine Braham (1826-), (2) Rebecca Flinn Boso (1826-1858), (3) Elizabeth Crouse (1840-1880), (4) Catharine Williams; Thomas Mills (1821-1904) married Louisiana Jacoby (1830-1920); William Mills, Jr. (1826-) married twice: (1) Melissa Dewey, (2) Rebecca Lewis; Sarah Jane Mills (1828-1909) married Brice VanHorn (1830-1889); Deborah Mills (1831-1910) married John Boso (1824-1900); Peter Mills (1833-1921), married three times: (1) Deborah Talbot (1839-1865), (2) Mary Wolf (1845-), (3) Susan Brewer (1849-1913); James Nelson Mills (1835-1918) married twice: (1) Catherine Cassandra Collins (died February 23, 1875), (2) Margaret Phillips (1846-1921); Martha "Eliz" Mills (1837-1913) married James Swain (1833-1908); Mary E. Mills (1841-19) married Henry Williamson (1839-1908); John Mills (1842-).

My great, great grandfather was Peter Mills. His children are:

Joshua Mills (1856-1946) married twice: (1) Lucy Bosworth, (2) Julia Golden; Samuel Mills (1859-1860); William Elizabeth Mills (1861-1943) married twice: (1) Sarah Emily Milhoan (1870-1893), (2) Mary Ellen Brannan (1877-1961); Sarah Elizabeth Mills (1864-1947) married George Milhoan (1866-1952); Martha Ann Mills (1867-1943) married Arthur Milhoan (1866-1940); Lucretia Mills (1868-1944) married Jonathan Seebaugh (1858-1939); Minnie Mills (1871-1945) married John Orem (1863-1936); Charles Mills (1872-1945) married Carrie Folwell (1878-1950); Molly Mills (1877-1947) married Elmer Piggott (1862-1929); Peter Fredrick Mills (1878-1943) married twice: (1) Edith Martin, (2) Ferne Amos; Thomas Mills (1880-1943).



Thomas and Ethel Mills; Harold, Mary Ethel, Florence and Leroy

My great grandfather, Thomas Mills, married December 23, 1915 Ethel Smith (1894-1982), daughter of George and Margie Swain Smith.

Their children are: (1) Harry Leroy Mills (1916-1987); (2) Harold Smith Mills (1918-); (3) Florence Virginia Mills (1919-); (4) Mary Ethel Mills (1932-).

My grandfather, Harold Smith Mills, married February 3, 1940, Stella Carothers, daughter of John and Mary Seals Carothers.

Their children are: (1) Mary Roxanna Mills (1941-); (2) Frances Evelyn Mills (1944-); (3) John Thomas Mills (1947-); My mother, Frances Mills Scott married twice: (1) William V. Taylor

(1941-); their children: (1) Terry Lynn Taylor (1964-), (2) Kristine Leigh Taylor (1970-); (2) George K. Scott (1939-).

My name is Terry Lynn Squires. I am married to James Franklin Squires and we have a son, Jeremy Harold, born May 6, 1988 and a daughter, Catherine Estele', born December 13, 1989. My sister, Kris, graduated from Ravenswood High School 1989 and is currently attending West Virginia University at Parkersburg. My mother is employed by the West Virginia Department of Transportation (Highways) in Charleston and my stepfather is employed by Ravenswood Aluminum.

Submitted by Terry Lynn Taylor

JASPER MILSTEAD

Jasper Milstead was born July 18, 1886 at Zanesville, Ohio. He was the son of William Fernando and Eveline Dobbins Milstead.

Jasper's mother died when he was nine years old. His father was unable to care for the children so he gave them to relatives to raise.

While staying with an uncle near Sandyville, West Virginia, he visited a neighboring farm and there he met his future wife, Laura Leota Hornbeck. She was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Isabelle Powers Hornbeck and was born August 30, 1890 at Reedy, Roane County, West Virginia.

Leota and Jasper were married October 4, 1904 in Ripley.

Eventually they had ten children. They were named Frances Elizabeth, born September 3, 1905; Lottie Omega, born October 10, 1907; Bertha Fostora, born September 5, 1910; William Larry, born April 8, 1916; Mary Addaline, born June 14, 1918; Clarence Fernando, born September 11, 1921; Malcolm George, born August 1, 1922; Sarah Ruth, born September 25, 1924; Florence Mahala, born October 21, 1926 and Ernest Eugene, born May 21, 1931. Bertha, Clarence and Eugene died in childhood.

Jasper and Leota lived in many towns, mostly along the Ohio River.

Jasper worked as a laborer, glass worker and carpenter. Leota took in washing and ironing and worked as a seamstress in the sewing room in Parkersburg during the Depression. She later worked as a ward attendant on the T.B. ward at Cambridge Ohio State Hospital.

Jasper died on January 7, 1957 at Center, Guernsey County, Ohio and is buried in Center Cemetery.

Leota married Willie Nutter on March 28, 1958 at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Willie died at Dexter City, Noble county, Ohio and is buried at Macksburg, Ohio.

Leota is my grandmother. She lives with her daughter, Florence, at Nashport, Ohio. She loves to recount stories about her childhood spent in Jackson County.

She tells of a time when she was about seven or eight. It was dusk and she and her older brother, Don, were playing in their yard. Suddenly they heard horses galloping towards them. Moments later men in white hoods galloped past them. Terrified at what they thought were ghosts, the children ran to their father who was standing on the cabin porch. He explained that the riders were "night riders" (vigilantes) and they were after someone.

She tells of going to school in Sandyville. One of her favorite teachers was a man named Rader (pronounced raider) Thompson.

She remembers playing tag, red rover, and other games with the other students and Mr. Thompson.

She vividly remembers smallpox and scarlet fever epidemics and a host of other maladies that struck their community. Grandma worked all her life. She remembers when she was a child, she hoed corn for a neighbor lady for 25 cents a day.

Several years ago, my sister, Grandma, and I

visited Independence and Sandyville. While touring the cemetery at Independence, Grandma would pause at a tombstone and tell us about the friend or relative buried beneath it.

One grave we failed to locate. It was of a man who had killed his wife and son. Grandma had been a small child when this happened but she remembered the trial and the day the man was hung.

She told us about the various relatives who had lived in the area. She remembers traveling by horse drawn wagon to Silverton to visit an uncle and his family.

Although our family has moved from Jackson County, it still holds a wonderful place in our family's history. *Submitted by Sarah Ruth McConkey and Carol McConkey Skeen*

MARSHALL MITCHELL

Marshall and Cordelia Mitchell came to Jackson County about 1859 from Barbour County. They settled in Washington District. Marshall, oldest child of Hezekiah and Margaret (Farence) Mitchell, was born April 26, 1832 in then Harrison County, Virginia. He married Cordelia Duckworth, born March 22, 1833, daughter of William and Mary Jane Duckworth.

Marshall's and Cordelia's children were: James W., born February 1, 1853, married Sarah Casto 1882, daughter of John R. and Ruth (Bowles) Casto; Nathaniel, born April 23, 1855, married Nancy Jane Street 1884, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth Street; Amos B., born May 9, 1856, married Sarah Delila Leary 1880, daughter of Silas Benjamin and Margaret Leary; Elizabeth J., born May 3, 1860, married Joseph Patterson 1885; Mary F., born ca 1866, married Alonzo Householder 1885; THOMAS J., born April 20, 1868, married Martha Parrish 1887; Amanda E., born May 1873, married Thomas J. Brown 1887.



Thomas Jefferson and Martha Belle (Parrish) Mitchell

Marshall died December 1, 1878 and is buried in Baptist Grove Cemetery at Frozen Camp. In 1883 Cordelia married Thomas Brown. Do not know when she died or where she is buried.

Marshall's father, Hezekiah, was born August 10, 1809 in Harrison County, son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Thompson) Mitchell. Solomon, born ca 1770 in New Jersey, and his brother, John, came to Harrison County, Virginia in late 1700s.

Marshall's mother, Margaret, was born March 27, 1810, daughter of Henry and Ann (Allday) Farence. Henry Farence enlisted in the Revolutionary War at Fredericktown, Maryland as a private in Captain Boyer's Company of the German Regiment. He was in the battles of Trenton and Monmouth. He was discharged after serving six years. On July 20, 1818 he applied for a pension. He was then living at Thompson's Settlement in Harrison County. He was 50 years old and his children were: Abner 14; Nancy 11; Peggy 8 and Hannah 6. Peggy is nickname for Margaret.

Hezekiah and Margaret were married December 5, 1830 in Harrison County, Virginia. Their children were: Marshall, born 1832; Elizabeth,

born ca 1833; Hannah Irena, born 1835, married William Hoffman 1854. They lived in Washington District; Matilda, born 1837, married John Shaw and moved to Illinois; Rebecca, born 1841, married Edwin Morgan 1858. They lived in Ravenswood District; Ezekiel, born July 19, 1843, married Sarah Elizabeth Ludwick 1869. They lived in Jackson County; James, born 1847, married Mary E. Cain 1880 and lived in Jackson County; Jemiza, born February 11, 1954; Mary E., born 1856, married William Hicks and lived in Roane County; Hezekiah J., born February 3, 1858, married Mary E. George 1884 and lived in Roane County; Nancy, born July 5, 1863, married Samson George 1880 and lived in Roane County.

Margaret died February 19, 1885 and Hezekiah died May 15, 1886. They are buried in Sims Cemetery in Roane County.

Thomas Jefferson Mitchell, son of Marshall and Cordelia, married Martha Belle Parrish, May 5, 1887. They had five children: Dollie, William, Delia, Minnie and Roy, all of whom are now deceased.

Thomas and Martha both died in 1951 and are buried in the Baptist Grove Cemetery at Frozen Camp. *Submitted by Clarence B. Mitchell*

L.M. MONROE

The family of Dr. L.M. Monroe moved to Jackson County in 1947. "Doc" was born in Grove City, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1907. His father was George Camden Monroe born in 1865, in Grove City, Pennsylvania. George married Loretta Mae McCandless born December 12, 1867, in Grove City, June 6, 1903. They had three children, Bernice, L.M. (Doc) and Margaret.

March 13, 1930, "Doc" married Thelma Mae Robson, born November 22, 1910. Her parents were Charlotte Ann Dye Robson (February 20, 1882) and John Robson (November 27, 1876) of Grove City, Pennsylvania.

The L.M. Monroes had two daughters, Margaret Joan (January 18, 1934) and Charlotte Ann (April 9, 1938). Charlotte became well-known for her one and two baton twirling, winning the State, National and International competitions in NTBA. She married Forris Edmond McCoy (December 7, 1958) and had five children: Debora Lynn (January 14, 1959), Louanne (March 3, 1961), Nancy Elizabeth (December 26, 1963), Forris Edmond II (July 22, 1968) and Margaret Joan (December 11, 1970). Louanne married Kevin Minear (October 20, 1979) and has one daughter Candice Dawn (August 4, 1980).

Margaret married Ray Roff Ritchie (June 30, 1955) and they have two sons, David Monroe (July 23, 1958) and Scott Douglas (March 3, 1961) and one daughter Shelly Dawn (May 5, 1965).

At the time (1947) the Monroes came to Ravenswood, the only industry was the Trendle Blake China Company and dairying, with the main dairies being the Hughes, Sucks and McCoys. North Ravenswood's streets were unpaved.

"Doc" delivered over 1,000 babies in and



Doc and Thelma Monroe

around Ravenswood, many in Ohio and quite often having to cross the Ohio River in a row boat. One night the water was over the Sandyville road, and he had to row about a mile and delivered the baby in the smokehouse, as the house was under water.

One of the most harrowing experiences was delivering a baby during a heavy snowstorm in a car, parked in front of Carl Smith's service station, out at the Y. The mother and daughter got along fine, with no complications. The mother had been coming to her mother's in Ravenswood, but the baby just couldn't wait.

"Doc" retired from his medical practice on Walnut Street in Ravenswood in December 1969. He and his wife, Thelma, moved to Cape Coral, Florida and stayed until September 1977, then moved back to Ravenswood. *Submitted by Margaret Monroe Ritchie*

DR. ANDREW MOORE

Dr. Andrew Moore was born town of Frost, June 20, 1804 in what is now Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Son of Levi Moore Jr. and Nancy (Sharp) Moore (daughter of William Sharp Sr. 1744-1833 scout in Pt. Pleasant campaigning) and grandson of Levi Moore Sr. of Wales and Susannah (Crist) Moore first settlers of Frost in Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

Dr. Andrew Moore married Rebecca Waugh, August 13, 1829, Bath County, Virginia (now Pocahontas County, West Virginia). Rebecca born November 27, 1802 Bath County, Virginia (West Virginia) died January 18, 1888 Jackson County, West Virginia, daughter of Samuel Waugh 1774-1831, and Ann McGuire 1779-1847. Dr. Andrew Moore died October 4, 1879 Jackson County, West Virginia. He first settled on Knapps Creek Pocahontas County, thence moved to the head of the Stoney Creek and finally located in Jackson County, West Virginia. He was noted for his skill in forecasting the seasons and the weather.

Dr. Andrew Moore came to Jackson County ca 1850 moving near where Given is now. The house he built out of old fort wood is located between Given and Rockcastle called the old Boswell house.

Children of Andrew and Rebecca Moore:

Nancy Ann, born 1830, married Robert M. Duffield of what is now Pocahontas County, West Virginia (Robert son of Andrew and Jane (Moore) Duffield).

Lavinia Moore, born 1834, married Bennett Rayburn.

Samuel W. Moore, born 1836, married February 20, 1870 Alice Casto, daughter of Elmore and Phoebe Casto.

Alice Rachael Moore born August 10, 1838 Pocahontas County, Virginia (West Virginia) died May 16, 1918 Given, West Virginia, married January 4, 1863 Charles Parsons Jr. son of Henry and Lavinia (Turner) Parsons.



Margaret (Wolfe) Moore

Levi Moore, born January 22, 1841 now Pocahontas County, West Virginia died October 25, 1930 Jackson County, West Virginia, married November 12, 1864 Margaret Wolfe born October

3, 1845 Jackson County, died December 21, 1922 Jackson County, daughter of Abraham Wolfe (1811-1904) and granddaughter of one of the earliest settlers of Jackson County, James Wolfe (1788-1858).

John Moore, born 1847 Pocahontas County, West Virginia, married June 1, 1868 Jackson County, to Margaret J. Wise born 1850.



row 1: Early, Levi and Boyd; row 2: John Thurman and Charles Moore

Children of Levi Moore (1841-1930) and Margaret Wolfe (1845-1922):

Dora Moore (1868-1892) married A.S. Corbin (Doctor).

Charles S., a well known traveling salesman and lived at Spencer at the time of his death.

Early Jay (1884-1944) lived on the old home place, married Gracie Mae Stephens (1896-1929).

Della Boyd, born April 1886, died 1964 (78 years old), married Hattie Balch daughter of William Balch.

Lelola Ollie, married Oscar Barnett of Liberty,



John Thurman, Trusty (dog), and Levi Moore

Putnam County, West Virginia.

John Thurman, (April 6, 1880-June 30, 1967) born Jackson County, died Kanawha County, married Lura M. Hill.

Ella D., married John B. Nuckles February 7, 1891.

Mary Virginia, my great grandmother born December 3, 1877 Jackson County, West Virginia, died October 29, 1957 Putnam County, West Virginia, married William Edward Nuckles born September 16, 1870 Tazewell County, Virginia died November 3, 1953 Putnam County, West Virginia. Submitted by Ralph L. Moore

DAVID MOORE

David Moore (1866-1931) born Monroe County, Ohio to Jonathan and Elizabeth Matlack Moore came to Jackson County, West Virginia when nine years of age. The family settled in Nesselroad Creek, Grant District. He married September 26, 1885, Jackson County, Harriett Smith (1866-1939) born Wood County, West Virginia to Martin and Esther Jane Wilson Smith. Martin

Smith served in Co. I, 11th Reg. Infantry, Union Army Civil War. He died 1879, buried Ford-Smith Cemetery, Wood County, West Virginia. Jane Smith later married Harrison Barnhart and moved to Meigs County, Ohio.

David and Harriett began housekeeping in an old log cabin on the Moore farm. They later built a frame house down from his parents house on Moore Hill. About 1908 they bought from A.K. Moore the farm known as the "Hartley Place." Harold Moore, grandson of David now owns this farm. David and Harriett lived there until 1930 when they moved to Ravenswood, West Virginia. David died June 1931 and Harriett moved back to the farm. The children and grandchildren always came to see Harriett on her birthday, July 31, and it was like a family reunion. The Moore Family Reunion is held at Medina Church each year on the Sunday that is nearest to July 31, in her memory. David and Harriett Moore are buried Simpson Church Cemetery near their farm home.



David and Harriett (Smith) Moore with grandson, Lester

Their children: David born and died 1886; Kerman Lonzo (1887-1973) married 1910 Mabel Keeser (1892-1975), daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Paith Keeser. Children: Clarence married Georgie Bonnett; Lloyd married Helen Kruger; Chester married Marguerite Beymer; Gladys married Carl Allman; Virginia married Richard Allman; Nina deceased; Ernest born and died 1888; Laura Elizabeth (1890-1955) married 1923 Sanford Williams (1895-1981) son of James and Sarah Brown Williams; Den (1892-1973) married 1914 Eva Boyce (1895-1989), daughter of Henry and Lillian Shutts Boyce. One daughter, Avana married Omer Thompson; Oscar (1894-1925) married 1919 Eva Stallings (1897-1972) daughter Charles and Nancy Brown Stallings. One son, Lester, married Eileen Nohe; Asa (1896-1977) married 1917 Ella Archer (1890-1979) daughter of George and Lucinda Jerrold Archer; Inez Lola (1899-) married 1917 H.D. Somerville (1895-1973). Children: Paul married Ernestine Snyder, Helen deceased, Gaynell married Floyd Davis, Pauline married George Smith, Hiram married Patricia Balis; Willie (Bud) (1900-1967) married 1923 Margarette Holleron (1906-) daughter of Ebert and Elizabeth Craig Holleron. Two sons: Harold married Eula Miller; Rex married Pearl Rhodes; Everett (1902-) married 1931 Catherine Swain (1907-) daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth Williams Swain. Daughter Pauline married Jack Gorrell; son Phillip married Sue Canterbury; Clara Belle (1905-) married 1927-Carl Flinn (1900-1988) son John and Nora Ramsey Flinn; Fannie Blanch (1907-) married 1930 Delmer Burke (1905-1970); son Walter and Lulu Wilson Burke; Rodney (1909-) married 1930 Mildred Pepper (1910-1973) daughter of Samuel and Florence Murray Pepper. Children: Agnes married Thomas Gyles; Leon married 1st, Margaret Shields, 2nd, Opal Collier, Rodney Jr. married Loraine Weaver. Submitted by Virginia Moore Allman

ELIZABETH MOORE

Elizabeth was born September 19, 1823 in Maryland. She died in 1906, and is buried in the



Elizabeth (Sovil) Moore

Chapel Hill Cemetery on Dutch Ridge, Jackson County.

We believe she was the daughter of John Sovil (born November 16, 1789, died April 21, 1846). She is listed as one of his heirs in a court case.

Elizabeth had three children who were Sovils, Lewis (born 1842), Charles (born 1845) and Catharin. Lewis went by the name of Moore and told his relatives that Moore was really his last name. Lewis was married twice, first to Lavina Bates in 1868 and later to Lucinda Woodyard in 1886. Lewis died July 26, 1900 and is buried in the Mt. Ephraim Cemetery near Caldwell, Ohio. Charles married Isabella Givens. Charles served with the O.V.I. 129th Company during the Civil War. He was run over by a train in Parkersburg, West Virginia, in 1912 and is buried in the Core Road Cemetery in Wood County, West Virginia. Catharin moved away from the family and we know nothing more about her.

Elizabeth married Henry Moore (born 1801). They lived in Belmont County, Ohio, and were the parents of five children. Louisa Jane (born June 3, 1856), Abigail (born February 4, 1859), Mirza (born October 22, 1861), Minerva (born July 2, 1863) and William Henry (born April 6, 1867). Louisa and Mirza died in August, 1862, within ten days of each other. They are buried in the Moore Family Cemetery, Belmont County, Ohio.

Henry Moore died April 9, 1871. He is buried in the Belmont Ridge Christian Cemetery. After Henry's estate was settled June 2, 1871, Elizabeth brought her children to West Virginia and settled on Dutch Ridge, Jackson County. Elizabeth and her children lived and worked on their farm to support themselves. Elizabeth was known for being able to split rails for rail fences. We know Elizabeth could speak German and she had a Bible written in the German language. She gave the Bible to her daughter, Minerva.

Abigail married Lemuel Postlewait December 20, 1875. They had two sons Okey and George. Later she married Charles Burton and Edward Leasure. Abigail died in Washington County, Ohio and is buried in the River Hill Cemetery.

Minerva moved back to Ohio and lived with her brother, Lewis until she got a job as a maid with the Simeon Bates family. She later married one of their sons, Sheridan Bates, December, 1886, near Caldwell, Ohio. They had ten children, Lulu Cleo (born November 20, 1887), Lewis Stanley (born October 10, 1889), Roy (born December 20, 1891), Simeon (born June 6, 1894), Glen (born November 19, 1898), Ralph (born August 28, 1902), Myron (born August 14, 1905), Clyde Okey (born February 15, 1910), Mary (born December 11, 1900). They also had an infant child who died at birth January 8, 1897. Minerva and Sheridan lived their lives in the Caldwell, Ohio area. She died in 1930 and he died in 1947. Both are buried at Bates Hill Cemetery next to the Bates Hill Church of Christ.

William Henry married Mary Alice Atkinson, December 20, 1889. They had 11 children, William Edward (born May 1888, before their marriage), Hattie Bell (born April 16, 1892), Charles

(born February 18, 1891), Sylvester (born September 14, 1894), Seldon (born January 1897), Emma Louise (born April 12, 1900), Opal (born April 9, 1903), Richard (born March 10, 1906), Mae Retta (born June 8, 1907), Mary Leota (born October 23, 1912), and Gay Henry (born July 13, 1914). William and Mary lived on Dutch Ridge and raised their family. Mary Alice died January 1940 and William Henry died April 1943. Both are buried in the Moore Family Cemetery, Jackson County, West Virginia. *Submitted by Mary Leota (Moore) Swain and Darlene (Milhoan) Bosworth*

JONATHAN MOORE

Jonathan and Elizabeth Matlack Moore came from Moore County, Ohio to Nesselroad Creek, Jackson County in 1875. Jonathan born April 24, 1831, Greene County, Pennsylvania to Josias and Nancy Sloan Moore, had two brothers, Thomas and Robert. They are in 1850 Monroe County census: Thomas age 8, Robert age 2, both born Pennsylvania. Thomas may have died in the Civil War, nothing is known about Robert. Death dates for Josias and Nancy are unknown. A fire in 1867 destroyed records at Monroe County Court House. Josias may have been son of Thomas and Eunice Moore; Nancy probably daughter of Robert and Nancy Sloan, all of Greene County, Pennsylvania.

Jonathan married 1850, Rebecca Mercer (1832-1854). They had one son, John (1852-1920). He married 1st Arminda Westbrook in 1871. They had two daughters, Mariah and Ella. John married 2nd 1890, Barbara Dougherty, had children: Shirley, Letha, Margaret, Vernon and Clyde, all deceased. John and Barbara lived in Washington County, Ohio, buried in Greenlawn Cemetery Lowell, Ohio.

Jonathan married 2nd 1854, Monroe County, Ohio, Elizabeth, born September 3, 1836, Ohio, daughter of Thomas and Lucretia Mobley Matlack. He bought 25 acres of land from Solomon Cross in 1876 for \$500. Deed book 21, page 401. In Deed book 22, page 334, 1879 — W.H. Aplin, et ux to Jonathan Moore, 262 acres Nesselroad Creek. They lived in a log cabin until the frame house on Moore Hill was built. This house is still standing and is occupied. When Jonathan died Elizabeth received 76 acres which included the 25 acres bought from Solomon and Nancy Flinn Cross. The remainder of the land was divided among the children.



Jonathan and Elizabeth (Matlack) Moore

Jonathan and Elizabeth had ten children born Monroe County, Ohio, two born Jackson County, West Virginia.

Lucetta (1855-?) married Samuel Wilson, Monroe County, Ohio, came to Jackson County, West Virginia, later went to Kansas. Harriett (1857-?) married Alex Hubbard, Monroe Co.; Laura (1860-1935) married Alex Boso, lived Bellville, West Virginia, buried Walker Cemetery, Washington, West Virginia. Thomas (1862-1917) married Frances Tumlin, lived Belleville, West Virginia where he had a store. Buried Mt. Olive Cemetery, Wood County. David (1866-1931)

married Harriett Smith, lived on Moore farm, buried Simpson Cemetery. Robert (1868-1950) married Etta Tumlin, lived Mt. Flower later Silverton, West Virginia, buried Ravenswood Cemetery, West Virginia. Arminda (1870-1885), Simpson Cemetery. Samuel (1873-1947) married Bircha Barnhart, lived Moore farm later Parkersburg, West Virginia. Mt. Olivet Cemetery Parkersburg. Sarah (1874-1920) married Charles Smith, lived on Moore farm then Flushing, Ohio, buried Rock Hill Cemetery, Flushing, Ohio. Wilbert, infant died Monroe County, 1864. George (1876-1878) Boso-Cross Cemetery, Wood County, West Virginia. Alexander (A.K.) (1880-1943) married Mary Boso, lived Belleville, West Virginia where he had a store. Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Jonathan and 15 year old Arminda died in October 1885; he the 24th, she the 28th, when a typhoid fever epidemic raged through-out the neighborhood. Their funerals were held the same day. Elizabeth died May 7, 1905. They are buried in Simpson Church Cemetery, Grant District, Jackson County, West Virginia. *Submitted by Gladys Moore Allman*

KERMAN L. MOORE

Kerman Lonzo Moore was born December 11, 1887, Jackson County, West Virginia, son of David Ellsworth and Harriett Smith Moore. He married December 21, 1910 Mabel Susan Keeser. She was born November 19, 1892 at Monroe County, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Sarah Ann Paith Keeser. Kerman died December 31, 1973; Mabel died June 25, 1975. They are buried at Sunset Memory Gardens, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Kerman attended the Mt. Flower School in Jackson County. When Kerman and Mabel were married they lived at Jerry's Run, Wood County, West Virginia near the old Mt. Olivet Church, where Mabel had moved with her parents and brother, Frank, when she was two years old. They moved to Millwood, Jackson County, West Virginia in 1911 and lived on the Fannie Douglass farm. They also lived at Sand Hill near Ravenswood and Kerman had a general store in Ravenswood. They later bought the farm where his grandfather, Jonathan Moore, had lived at the top of Moore Hill on Nesselroad Creek. Kerman and his cousin had a store at Beatysville, also called Simpson.

Kerman bought a large farm at Medina, on Nesselroad Creek, in 1922. They had a new house built by Henry and Ben Somerville. He was a livestock, tobacco and produce farmer. They lived there 45 years then I-77 was built which took the house and some of the farm land. They moved to Parkersburg, West Virginia and lived there the remainder of their lives.



standing: Virginia, Gladys, Mable,
Kerman; front: Chester, Clarence, Lloyd

Their children are: Clarence Emanuel born Millwood, West Virginia January 20, 1912, married June 20, 1931, Georgia Evelyn Bonnett. Children: Carol married Lois Hill; Lucille married Steven Eliopoulos; Clair married Dorothy Landfried; Larry married Sara Faye Smith.

Lloyd, Nina and Chester were born in Jackson County in the house built by their great-grandfather, Jonathan Moore. Lloyd Gilbert born November 3, 1914, married Helen Louise Kruger on October 12, 1945. Their children were Dan and Carolyn Sue. Nina Ocie, born October 9, 1917, died February 16, 1919. Chester Harold born January 7, 1920 married Marguerite Marie Beymer on August 30, 1941. Their children are Frank Joe, married Rosetta Hess, and Christine, who married Michael Rasel. Gladys Leona born Medina June 12, 1926 married Carl Edward Allman on October 24, 1947. Their children are Janet, married Ronald Wilson and Gary, married Wanda Villers. Harriett Virginia born Medina November 13, 1928 married Charles Richard Allman August 14, 1948. Their children are Linda, married John Peterson, and Kenneth, married Terry Augustine. *Submitted by Clarence E. Moore*

PEARL (P.L.) MOORE

Born September 4, 1890 in Grant District, the second son of the ten children of Robert Lonzo and Ettie Tumblin Moore. He married Velma Williams, daughter of James and Sarah Brown Williams October 15, 1912. They began their married life in a home owned by Harry Williams at what was then called Beatysville. Two children were born to them while living there, James Robert who died in infancy and Beulah. While living in Beatysville, he operated a general store, joint ownership with his cousin, Kerman Moore, for a couple of years. He was forced to close due to poor health and under doctor's orders to return to farming where he could be out in the fresh air and sunshine.

It was then that he bought a farm nearby in the community of Sherman, where he returned to farming the land and also worked as a mail carrier, riding horseback across the countryside. While living at Sherman, three more children were born, Myrtle, Bernice, and Calvin. According to his daughter, Beulah, her best memories of the old homeplace were of her dad taking the family for rides in a horse drawn sleigh, visiting grandparents, neighbors and going to the store and church, and of lighting candles on the tree at Christmas. She said he would light the candles for a few minutes on Christmas Eve and because of danger of fire would then blow them out. She remembers helping him build fences, hoe corn and tobacco. She said that one time when they went out to pick berries, she told him that she was afraid to go in among the berry vines for fear of snakes. He said; "If you don't look for snakes you won't see them." He was right, she said, "they never saw a snake."

After his health returned, he again went back into the store business at the same location for a few more years. He then returned to farming until he bought the general store at Medina from C.L. Boso in 1931 and moved his family into the home adjacent to the Medina store. They remained there for the next 28 years.

His store at Medina became a meeting place for many of the local people. In the wintertime on most any night you could find a group of men



Pearl Moore

gathered around the pot bellied stove in the middle of the floor, spinning many a "tall tale."

On February 25, 1942, his partner in life, his wife, Velma, passed away. On November 13, 1943, he married Norene Beymer Waggoner, a widow, with one son, Lowe Waggoner. Norene was the daughter of Logan and Louella Wilson Beymer from Lockhart. They then purchased the Willard Archer farm on Medina Road and built a new home. The old home place was sold to Carroll and Lois Moore. A daughter, Connie Sue, was stillborn.

Mr. Moore closed the store in 1959 and retired to farming. He died on October 19, 1980 after spending his entire 90 years within three to four miles of his birthplace.

As of this date, his daughter, Myrtle Naylor, lives in Lowell, Ohio; his daughter Beulah Beymer and son, Calvin, live in Parkersburg. His daughter, Bernice Rolston, died in November 1988 in California and shortly before Christmas that same year the old home place at Medina burned to the ground.



Pearl Moore home at Medina, built in 1904

He has 55 living grandchildren, great and great grandchildren, 35 of whom he lived to see. Unlike their grandfather, they are many miles from the old homestead in Jackson County. They are found in California, Georgia, Virginia, Louisiana, Florida, Ohio, West Virginia, Switzerland and Africa. His memory lives in the hearts of each of them. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather and held the respect of all who knew him, and there were many. *Submitted by granddaughters, Nina Bever Affolter and Donna Beymer Hewitt*

PEGGY (KING) MOORE

Peggy Marie King Moore, second child of Paul and Ocie King, was born December 6, 1938. She attended Ripley schools, graduating in 1956. She went on to Morris Harvey College. While there she was active in choir, Sigma Iota Chi Social Sorority, Blackfriars, president and state officer of the Student National Educational Association, elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and the MHC Key Award. Peggy graduated in the spring of 1960 with a degree in elementary education and a major in speech and drama.

At the age of 10 she enrolled in the 4-H Club. Her favorite project was bread baking in which she was awarded many honors in the county and at the Southern West Virginia Fair. She was tapped as an All Star in 1959. For several summers during her college years she was employed by the state extension service as a county camp instructor.

In the fall of 1960, Peggy began teaching in the Kanawha County Schools where she taught for the next three years. On June 14, 1963 she married Raymond Paxton Moore, born August 12, 1941, oldest son of Ralph and Lillian Moore of St. Albans. He graduated from Morris Harvey College in 1963 with a degree in business management.

They moved to Delaware, Ohio in the fall of 1963 where Ray attended the Methodist Theological School of Ohio. Peggy continued to teach the next three years in the Big Walnut Schools in Sunbury, Ohio.

In May 1964 they moved to Columbus, Ohio where Ray worked as accountant and treasurer of several companies including Presbytery of Scioto Valley. They have both been active in their church. Peggy taught church school, taught and directed vacation church school, directed children choirs, was president of the United Methodist Women, and served on many boards and committees. They have been active in Faith at Work in Ohio and on the national level.



seated: Benjamin Matthew, Micha Kae, Raymond Paxton Moore; standing: Amy Rae (Moore) Thompson, Peggy (King) Moore, John Thompson

Ray and Peggy adopted two infants, Amy Rae, born June 12, 1966 and Benjamin Matthew, born June 23, 1968. Amy received a masters in cosmetology October 1985. She is married to Air Force Staff Sergeant John Thompson. She has a daughter, Micha Kae, born November 8, 1985. Matthew served three years in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Mauna Kea and continues to serve in the Navy Reserve. The accompanying photo was made of Ray and Peggy's family while touring the ship, U.S.S. Mauna Kea in 1988. Standing are Amy, Peggy, John. Seated are Matthew, Micha and Ray. *Submitted by Raymond Paxton Moore*

SAMUEL MOORE

My father, Samuel Wilson Moore, was born December 3, 1873, the son of Jonathan Moore and Elizabeth Matlack Moore who settled in Jackson County, West Virginia in 1873. On November 3, 1893 my father and mother were married. My mother, Bircha Barnhart Moore, was born August 3, 1877, the daughter of Harrison Bearnheart and Mary A. Congrove Bearnheart of Meigs County, Ohio. My mother was raised by her stepmother Smith, since her mother died when she was very young.

I was born in a log house on my parents' farm in Jackson County April 23, 1910 and named Birdie Henryetta Moore. Our farm was near Medina and my father's brothers owned adjoining land. Our mail was addressed at one time to Browning, West Virginia. The farm was in Grant District.

My parents had seven children, all born in Jackson County. The others were: Johnnie Winnie Albert, born March 23, 1895; Elza Thomas, born November 8, 1897; Eunice Maude, born January 15, 1900; Mabel Janie, born June 25, 1903; Luther Clyde, born June 13, 1906; and Goldie Milinda,



Samuel Wilson Moore family

born March 28, 1912.

My father built a new house on the farm when I was a girl and we did all of our traveling by horse and buggy. We went to the Beech Grove Church. I remember going to visit the doctor when we were sick at Dr. Pickering's at Lone Cedar. Sometimes in the summer we went to Belleville to meet other families for an all-day picnic. I attended the Mountain Flower School which was not far from our home.

My oldest sister, Eunice, began teaching school when she was about 18 years old. One year I was in her class. She taught at Mountain Flower and Willow Dale. Later she taught at Tavenerville, Rayon and Roosevelt Schools before she retired in



Daughters, Birdie, Henryetta and Eunice Maude

Wood County in 1965.

When my parents left Jackson County to come to Parkersburg around 1925, my father went to work for the American Viscose Corp. where he was employed for 13 years. He died in 1947 and my mother died in 1948. They are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

I was married to Ray Florence and had a daughter, Betty Jane, born in Wood County, West Virginia, September 3, 1928. In 1943 I married Virgil Lewis Weaver and had another daughter, Shirley Ann, born in Detroit, Michigan, September 24, 1944. I have spent most of my life in the Parkersburg, West Virginia area and lived in Vienna, West Virginia for several years. I have five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Now I reside in Belpre, Ohio, and I am the only surviving member of the immediate family of Samuel Wilson Moore and Bircha Barnhart Moore of Jackson County, West Virginia. *Submitted by Birdie Moore Weaver*

SCOTT AND M. GLENNA MOORE

In 1904, at the death of Mary E. Stone Moore, Scott Moore became a widower with five young sons. He hired young, 18 year old Mary Glenna Thomas to cook and care for his family. On January 3, 1906 they were married.

Scott was the son of William A. Moore, 1843-January 31, 1922, and Mary Ann Postlewaite Moore, 1841-1916. They came to the area from Wetzel County staking off and homesteading acres along the Jackson and Mason County line. It is believed they moved South due to the turmoil of the Civil War. They had five children, Rhoda Jane Moore Hunt, 1864-1934; Scott, July 18, 1867-June 17, 1948; William Thomas, November 20, 1877-April 21, 1942; Iva A. Moore Jones, November 24, 1880-June 20, 1951; and Sarah Ester Moore Stephens, 1885-December 5, 1972. Iva and Sarah were born in Mason County. The other children were born before they left Wetzel County.

Glenna was born in Meigs County, Ohio. She was the daughter of George P. Thomas, September 11, 1841-August 20, 1924, and Sarah Jane Icenhour Thomas, October 25, 1848-March 20, 1925. George and Sarah were married in Meigs County on September 11, 1872. They were the parents of

nine children, Cassie B. Thomas Kay, July 12, 1873-September 28, 1912; Oliver V., August 12, 1875-May 22, 1888; Robert M., October 8, 1877-September 22, 1878; Verna Thomas Steele, July 19, 1879-January 25, 1950; Ora Frances Thomas Sayre, September 17, 1881-March 13, 1940; George H., January 11, 1883-July 19, 1946; Albert H., March 4, 1884-1968; Mary Glenna Thomas Moore, June 22, 1886-June 13, 1959; and Edna J. Thomas Miller, September 5, 1888-March 2, 1953. After leaving Ohio, they purchased a farm off Gunville Ridge, Mason County.

At the time of their marriage, Scott was 39 years old and Glenna was 19. They lived on a farm on Horse Cave located in both Jackson and Mason Counties. Glenna took over as mother to Scott's five sons, Selva, March 26, 1892-April 11, 1952; Ellsworth, April 16, 1894-May 18, 1945; Luther J., April 7, 1899-September 28, 1969; John William, June 7, 1900-June 5, 1973; and Melvin Earnest, April 16, 1904-March 3, 1967. They had seven children of their own, five of whom died in infancy and are buried at Spruce Cemetery. Dollie Ora was born May 10, 1915 and Rosa Jane, May 3, 1921.

After World War I, the sons migrated to the Akron, Ohio area where they worked and raised their families. They all married women from Jackson and Mason Counties. Selva married Almira Sayre and Ellsworth married her sister, Minerva. John married Rosa Cain and Melvin married Lura, Rosa's sister; Luther married Edith French.

Ellsworth is buried at Creston Cemetery and Luther at Pleasant Hill. Selva and Melvin are buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Akron. John is buried at Marlboro Cemetery in Marlboro, Ohio.

Dollie and Ralph C. Fisher, from Rockcastle, were married June 6, 1936. They reside in Evans. Rosa married Leo Ray Thornton, from Long Hollow, on January 25, 1941. They live in Dunbar and are the parents of Karen Rose Thornton Turley of Dunbar and L. Ray, Jr. of Scott Depot. Scott and Glenna have 13 grandchildren and as of this writing 38 great-grandchildren, 40 great-great grandchildren, and two great-great-great grandchildren.



Scott and Mary Glenna Moore

Scott worked as a farmer all his life and as his obituary states, "was quite successful and during his lifetime had a wide circle of personal and business friends." He and Glenna lived on their farm until 1946 when they moved into Evans, where they lived until their deaths. They are buried at Creston Cemetery. Submitted by Dollie Moore Fisher and Rosa Moore Thornton

MOREHEAD

We do not claim to give an authentic record of all the children of Nathaniel Morehead I. There may have been more than one family of Moreheads who settled in Jackson County. We do know, however, by court records, old time histories, and early settlers' versions of family relations that the following are children of Nathaniel Morehead I: 1. Armstead Morehead, 2. Thomas Morehead, 3. Nathaniel Morehead II, 4. Owen J. Morehead, Sr.,

5. Mary Morehead, 6. Prestey Morehead, 7. Matilda Morehead.

The early settlers, Moreheads and others, lived in true pioneer style making nearly all their family needs from the materials at hand. They spun their own yarn, weaving it into cloth, dyeing it from walnut bark. They obtained much of their living from the wild animals, etc., in the forests and gardens, as did men of the earlier days. Salt was one commodity which they often had to go a long way to obtain. Mills and stores were often a great distance away. The county seat at Parkersburg was 30 miles away until 1848.

Three sons of Nathaniel Morehead I wed Richard sisters. Thomas and Uree Humphrey Drake's daughter, Deborah, wed Isaac Richard and their children were: 1. Payton, born 1794, died 1886, wed Lydia Wright in 1819; 2. Tacy, born 1799, died 1872, wed Armstead Morehead in 1814; 3. Uree, born 1798, wed Thomas Morehead; 4. Mary, born 1800, wed Nathaniel Morehead II; 5. Hannah, born 1812, wed David Stanley; 6. William D., born 1814, died 1893, wed Nancy Roberts, born 1820, died 1888.

We do not know the date that Armstead Morehead settled at Sandyville, but it was probably shortly after his marriage to Tacy Richard in 1814. Their cabin home stood near the mouth of Copper Fork, just below the old cemetery. Armstead Morehead owned several 100 acres of land there.

Among the neighbors of Armstead Morehead, when he first settled at Sandyville, West Virginia, was Jesse Hughes, the great Indian fighter, who was the first settler of the Sandyville locality. Hughes came there in 1800 and erected a cabin about half mile (on what is now the Parkersburg Road) above where Mr. Morehead later settled. He lived there for more than 20 years, and old settlers of that locality claim he is buried in the old cemetery on the farm where he lived.

Armstead Morehead was a great hunter, and after others moved nearby and game became scarce near his home, he sold his land at Sandyville and purchased 640 acres of land up near the headwaters of Copper Fork in the forest primeval. It was said he would often go out in his front yard and shoot a deer. Mr. Morehead and his wife remained on their farm the remainder of their lives. Armstead and Tacy Richard Morehead are both buried at the McGee's Chapel Cemetery, Sandyville, West Virginia.

The following are the children of Armstead and Tacy Richard Morehead: 1. William Oliver, 2. Kansada, 3. Harrison, 4. Lucina, 5. Elizabeth, 6. Susan, 7. Sarah Margaret, 8. Charley, 9. Deborah.



William Oliver Morehead, Uree Reeder

Oliver first wed Uree Reader of Wood County and their children were: 1. Thomas wed Tredway, 2. Richard wed Letha Sawyer, 3. Emma V. wed Elmore Richard, 4. William wed Urea Marshall, 5. Mary wed Donahue, 6. Armstrong 1st wed Tillie Carpenter, 2nd wed Louisa Guinn, 3rd wed Ura Watson, 7. Ellen, 8. Viola wed Charley Marshall, 9. Charley wed Margaret Gorrell, 10. John wed 1st Josie Johnson, 2nd wed Russia Cumpton.

William Oliver Morehead, for a second wife,

wed Malessa Tredway. Their children were: 1. Martha wed Dave Kirkpatrick, 2. Lucina wed Collins, 3. George, 4. Oza.

The daughter of Oliver and Uree Reader Morehead, Emma Victoria Morehead born February 26, 1852, died May 3, 1940, wed November 9, 1872, the son of Payton and Lydia Wright Richard, Elmore Richard born ca 1835, died November 1898. Elmore and Emma V. Morehead Richard had the following children: 1. Okey, born 1873, died 1961; 2. Oda, born April 21, 1875, died January 25, 1922; 3. & 4. Anna, born October 22, 1877, died December 22, 1967 and Ezra, born October 22, 1877; 5. Abslom, born February 26, 1881, died 1961; 6. & 7. Francis and Frank, born December 30, 1884; 8. & 9. Florence and Floyd, born February 22, 1887; 10. Fred, born November 22, 1890; 11. Clarence, born October 12, 1893, died November 17, 1968.



Emma Victoria (Morehead) Richards

Anna Richard on May 5, 1899 wed Albert Elwood Griffith, born November 5, 1876, died December 21, 1954 and their children were and are: 1. Mabel Blanche, born August 25, 1901 and on September 20, 1916 wed Willie G. Angus, born August 9, 1893, died November 20, 1965; 2. Denzil, born July 12, 1903, wed Delma Williams; 3. Florence, born August 17, 1908 wed Richard Graham, 4. Freda, born October 7, 1910, wed Cecil Curry; 5. Ada, born March 3, 1913, died June 24, 1970, wed Clement Ludwig; 6. Faye, born September 27, 1915, wed Mack Hoselton; 7. Kenneth, born September 25, 1918, wed Merle Corns; 8. James, born January 1, 1922, wed Peggy Conger.



Mabel, Anna, Albert, Florence and Denzil Griffith

Mabel and Willie Angus had the following children: 1. Elmer, born February 15, 1919; 2. Dorothy, born July 18, 1922; 3. Marjorie, born November 11, 1924, died January 3, 1934; 4. Edward, born November 10, 1926; 5. Barbara, born July 7, 1930; 6. Helen, born July 22, 1933; 7. Seldon, born June 24, 1935.

On June 12, 1949 Barbara married Forrest Wallace, born July 20, 1926. They live at Milton, West Virginia and have one daughter, Rhonda, born June 24, 1950.

Rhonda is an experienced director, musician, scenic artist and actress, the multi-talented West Virginia native has performed in 37 states and



Rhonda Wallace

Canada. After designing the critically acclaimed "Dracula" set, Rhonda returned to Logan, West Virginia, as Artistic Director for the 1989 summer season and as Musical Director for the Aracoma Story. Among credits too numerous to list, Rhonda has directed locally for the Mountaineer Dinner Theatre, Charleston Light Opera Guild, Huntington Musical Arts Guild and performed with Theatre West Virginia. She has been a West Virginia Artist in Residence in Lewis and Mason Counties and for the past three years has been honored to have been selected as one of two Artistic Directors for the Tennessee Governor's School of the Arts. When not "on the road", the Marshall University graduate lives in Milton with her cat, Zachary.

Submitted by Barbara Wallace and Rhonda Wallace

OLIVER MOREHEAD

Thomas D. Morehead (November 8, 1815) married Sarah Eaton (August 23, 1816) in Jackson County, West Virginia. At some point after marriage, they moved to Iowa. Thomas D. and Sarah had six children: James William (December 15, 1842); Alexander Eaton (November 4, 1844); Winfield Scott (April 4, 1847); Oscar F. (June 1, 1850); Charley Henry (December 9, 1853); and Anna Maria (June 1, 1855). After Sarah died July 18, 1855, Thomas married Rachel Vandevort September 15, 1857. Their children were: twins, Nathaniel Atwood and Samuel Elwood (November 6, 1858); Emma Bell (September 7, 1860); Rosella E. (July 4, 1862); William Grant (June 15, 1864); Nettie Cansada (February 20, 1866); Addelpha (February 8, 1868); George Sherman (March 13, 1870); and Oliver Elmer (August 22, 1871).

This last child, Oliver, was my grandfather and he was born in Nebraska where the family moved to a homestead. Oliver lived with his sister, Rose, after both parents died in 1881. He held many jobs throughout his life even though he had little formal schooling. When he went to work for Gaylord Childs, he ended up marrying the boss's daughter. Clara Louise (October 13, 1873) and Oliver were married December 21, 1893 at her parents' home. Thus were united two of Republic County Kansas' pioneer families.

Oliver and Clara lived with her parents for



Oliver Elmer and Clara Louise (Childs) Morehead, 1926

several years and took care of her wheelchair bound mother and worked with her father. After several years they bought a homestead in Washington County, Kansas and moved there. This land is still owned by one of their sons today. Five children were born while they lived in Kansas: Gracie Edith (January 24, 1895); Carrie Margaret (December 1, 1896); Elmer Grant (December 23, 1898); Agnes Marie (May 30, 1901); and Ruth Louise (November 12, 1903) (my mother). After moving to Tabor, Iowa in order to provide religious education for their children, four more children were born: Ralph Lowell (April 18, 1907); Lois Esther (October 4, 1909); Eunice Evelyn (October 31, 1911); and Warren Oliver (July 23, 1913). Of these nine children, three were involved with farming or ranching, two were homemakers, one was a missionary, two married ministers, and one was a mathematician. There were 23 grandchildren and they have a variety of jobs from ministers to college professors. Education has always been important to Oliver and Clara's descendants.

My mother, Ruth Louise Morehead, was married to Howard Philip Buck on June 28, 1933. (Howard's parents came from the Athens and Meigs County areas in Ohio). They had two girls: Marlene (April 24, 1937) and Bonny (February 19, 1940). Both girls were college educated as teachers and both still teach today. They have five children between them and two grandchildren.

There is a question as to who were Thomas D. Morehead's parents. Bonny has been in contact with two other Morehead descendants whose ancestors lived in Jackson or Wood Counties in the early 1800s. Armstead and Tacy (Lucy) Richards Morehead (married July 21, 1814) owned land and lived on Copper Fork. They are both buried at McGee's Chapel, Independence Cemetery, Sandyville, West Virginia along with an unmarried daughter, Kansadi. Armstead's brother, Thomas, married Ura Richards and their brother, Nathaniel, married Mary Richards. Their parents were Nathaniel and Margaret Jett Morehead.

Thomas and Ura moved to Iowa and according to their grandson Orra Morehead, my Thomas D. came along with his first cousin, Isaac (Thomas and Ura's son). This story of Thomas and Ura moving to Iowa was also verified by a direct descendant of Armstead and Tacy's son, William Oliver Morehead, who is still living near Parkersburg, West Virginia today — Robert Morehead. My theory is that Thomas D. was Armstead and Tacy's oldest child, due to the same story being passed down through two separate branches of Moreheads. Thomas D.'s children's names are the same as others in the early branches of Armstead, Nathaniel, and Thomas's children. The names Nathaniel, Samuel, Thomas, Kansada, Oliver, and William all appear.

Morehead, Eaton, Richards, Drake, and Jett are all listed as early Virginia immigrants (1600s). Any one having information on these names is invited to contact Bonny L. Smith, 134 West Homestead St., Medina, Ohio 44256. Submitted by Bonny L. Smith

MOREHOUSE

William Morehouse was born in New York in 1808. His forefathers had left England and had gone in search of a new homeland in America. William married Elizabeth Ives from Vermont. Their first child, David, was born in 1830, when they were 22 years old.

I found at the time of the 1850 census, that William Morehouse, his wife Elizabeth and their ten children, all born in New York, had moved to their home in Jackson County, Virginia at Toppins Grove.

After they settled in Jackson County, Virginia, they had a new daughter and named her Caroline. She was born July 1850 and was two months old at the time of the 1850 census.

William Morehouse and Elizabeth Ives Morehouse were our great grandparents. They were the parents of William Henry Morehouse who was born May 1840. He was our grandfather. The children listed in the 1850 census were David 20, Harriet 19, Mary 17, Josiah 15, Eliza 13, William Henry 10, Warren 9, Sarah 7, Francis 5, John Cassius 2, and baby Caroline, two months old. At this time, all school age children were attending school.

This William Henry Morehouse married May 6, 1867 Elizabeth Roliff who was born February 1847. She was the daughter of Andrew Jackson Roliff and Lucretia Bogard Roliff. Andrew Jackson Roliff was the son of Fredrick Roliff and Mary Nesselroade Roliff. Mary Nesselroade's father was John Nesselroade, who was our great great grandfather, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. This John Nesselroade was the first settler at a place that is known today as Ravenswood. He owned a large tract of land extending from Turkey Run to the mouth of Little Sand Creek. Nesselroade Fork is named for the family. John's parents were Ellis and Elizabeth Nesselroade. Elizabeth was born in 1718 and lived to be 105 years old. The Nesselroades came to America from Russia. Our grandmother, Elizabeth Roliff's family was of German descent. The Morehouse family was of English descent.

We think of the courage of our ancestors. They moved to their new homeland on barges on the river. If there were no rivers where they were moving, they moved by covered wagons. Our family came to Jackson County on a barge on the Ohio River.

William Henry Morehouse and Elizabeth Roliff Morehouse had their first child in 1869. Their children were Jackson Dexter Morehouse 1869, Ellena "Ella" Morehouse 1872, George Morehouse 1875, James Arthur Morehouse 1881, William Henry Morehouse 1883, Robert R. Morehouse 1885, and Lillie E. Morehouse 1888.

Jackson Dexter Morehouse married Etta King, June 20, 1891. She was born 1870. Their children were Lucy, Charles, Hattie, Marshal, and Delma. Jackson Dexter Morehouse died in 1955.

Ellena "Ella" Morehouse was born June 2, 1872. She married William Washington Kimes December 24, 1899. He was born in 1871. Their children were Grace, Orpha and Garnet. Ella Kimes died in 1949. She is buried at Willowdale.

George Morehouse was born in 1875. He married Carol Alexander August 12, 1895. She was born in 1877. Their children were Golda, Glen, Inez, Kinnes and Howard. George Morehouse died in 1950 and is buried at Willowdale Cemetery.

James Arthur Morehouse was born September 29, 1881. He married Ethel King. Their children were Richard, Elicia, Denzil, Lonnie, Ilene and Arine. James Arthur Morehouse died in 1964. He is buried in Akron, Ohio.

Robert R. Morehouse was born April 27, 1885. He married Anna Swain. She was born in 1879. Their children were Dale, Oakland, Jackson Verle and Ina. Robert R. Morehouse died in 1948. He is buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Lillie E. Morehouse was born April 14, 1888. She married Harry Lester Boso May 10, 1905. He was born in 1884. Their children were Velma, Virgie, Opal, Jessie, Claristine, Rachel and Howard. Lillie Morehouse Boso died in 1925 and is buried at Willowdale.

William Henry Morehouse was born February 3, 1883. He married first Rosie Smith born July 1890. She died in 1911 at 21 years of age and is buried at Willowdale. There were no children born to this marriage. They lived on Little Pond Creek at the time of their marriage.

Our father, William Henry Morehouse born 1883, taught school at Toppins Grove before deciding on a new career. He then went to school

at Cincinnati, Ohio and learned to be a telegraph operator and station agent for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He was moved from Apple Grove, West Virginia to a village seven miles north of Huntington known as Lesage. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Depot was at Cox's Landing.

Here at Lesage, he met and married our mother, Lillie Callicoat Herrenkohl Morehouse in 1917. They became parents of seven children. Their children were Gretchen, Ruth, Mary Elizabeth, Joseph, Margaret, William Jackson, and Paul "Nukey."



William Morehouse

William Henry Morehouse died in 1960 and is buried at Herronkohl Cemetery at Lesage, West Virginia. His wife, Lillie Callicoat Herrenkohl Morehouse is buried beside him.

Gretchen Morehouse was born May 23, 1918. She married Randolph Shepherd. Their children were Larry Robert Shepherd born 1938, and Jane Shepherd born 1942. Jane Shepherd married Freddie Lee Cook. They are the parents of Randall Lee Cook and Freddie Joe Cook. Freddie Joe Cook married Karen Adkins. Their children are Jason Lee Cook and Jennifer Ann Cook.

Ruth Morehouse was born March 21, 1920. She first married Forrest McComas. They had a daughter Peggy Ann McComas. She married Charles McBrayer. Their children are Elizabeth McBrayer and Mary Johanna McBrayer. Elizabeth McBrayer married Ricky Martin. They have a son, Kevin McBrayer Martin and are expecting another child. Mary Johanna McBrayer married Jeff Jones. Ruth Morehouse married second Davis Smith. They are the parents of Emma Beth Smith.

Mary Elizabeth Morehouse was born May 26, 1921. She married Luther Dean. Their children were James Paul Dean and John Mark Dean. James Paul Dean married Judy Lynne Wolfe. Their children are Lori Ann Dean and Lisa Lynne Dean. Lisa Lynne Dean married Charles Mason Kyle. Mary Elizabeth Morehouse's son, James Paul Dean, served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was there during the Tet Offensive. John Mark Dean married first Mary Ellen Earl. A daughter, Heather Dean, was born to them in August, 1974. John Mark Dean married second Nancy Blank. Mary Elizabeth Morehouse Dean married second Raymond A. Carson.

Margaret Morehouse was born in 1922. She married Walter Payne. Their children are Martha Lee Payne and Phyllis Payne. Martha Lee Payne married first Larry McComas. They had a son Larry McComas. She married second Billy Joe Smith. Phyllis Payne married Richard Black. Their children are Mary Beth Black and Matthew Black. She married second Donald Johnson. They had a son Benjamin Johnson. She married third Daniel Walsh. They have a daughter Kate Walsh.

William Jackson Morehouse was born in 1925. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean Conflict.

Joseph Morehouse was born February 20, 1927. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He married Betty Jane Withers. They have a son, Daniel Joseph Morehouse, born October 13, 1954. Daniel Joseph Morehouse married Sandra Kay Newman.

Paul Aaron Morehouse was born 1929. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. *Submitted by Mary Elizabeth Morehouse Carson and Joseph Morehouse*

MOREHOUSE

William Morehouse was born some time between 1809 and 1814 in the state of New York. Before 1831 he married Elizabeth Ives, who was born in Vermont. William and Elizabeth parented a large family (see below) and many members of that family became prominent early residents of Jackson County.

Research into the Morehouse family history has not provided conclusive proof, but circumstantial evidence indicates that William was the son of David Morehouse and Jane Belding Morehouse. David and Jane were married on November 1, 1781 in New York. If they indeed were the parents of William, then the ancestry can be traced back to one Thomas Morehouse, who immigrated to America about 1640. He was probably the first Morehouse in America, and was one of the original 29 settlers of the town of Stanford, Connecticut in 1641. Those early settlers had purchased the land from the Indians for 100 bushels of corn.

William and Elizabeth Ives Morehouse immigrated to Jackson County with their family in about 1849. Their last child was born in the county. Their family included: David born 1831; Harriet born ca 1832; Mary Jane born 1833 (4); Josiah Parish born 1836 (7); Elizabeth Jane born 1838; William Henry born 1840 (1); Warren born ca 1841; Sarah M. born 1844 (7); Frances H. born 1846; Corsium (Cash) born 1848; Caroline C. born 1849; H.C. (son) born 1857.

Jackson County marriage records reveal considerable information on the Morehouse family and the descendants of William and Elizabeth. Their first son, David, who was born in Washington County, New York married Mary Staats on July 27(8), 1858 (see article: The Staats-Early Settlers in Jackson County).

The second son, Josiah Parish Morehouse, was born in Allegheny County, New York in 1836 (7). He married Sarah Ellen Saftred (see article: The Saftreds-Jackson County Pioneers), and they had five children. They were: Robert Floyd, William, Cassius M., Cora Alice, and Elizabeth. Josiah Parish was a Civil War veteran. He served in the 4th West Virginia Regiment, Company "F" of the Union Army (as did his brother William, see below). He died on March 8, 1926 in Wood County. His obituary indicated that: "The death of Mr. Morehouse removed the last member of one of the oldest families in Jackson County."

Mary Jane Morehouse, the second daughter, married Henry Baker on June 3, 1867, and Elizabeth (Eliza) Jane, the third daughter, married Ezra Bowen on July 29, 1870. William Henry, the third son married Elizabeth Roloff on May 6, 1867 and they had four sons and two daughters, namely: Robert, George, Dexter, Jackson D., Ella (or Eblena), and Lille E. Sarah M. Morehouse, William and Elizabeth's fourth daughter, married Henry C. Rowley on September 10 (15), 1864 in Jackson County. Corsium M. (Cash) Morehouse, their fifth son, married Elizabeth Saftred (see Saftred article) on December 3, 1869 or January 2, 1870 in the county. Caroline C. Morehouse their sixth daughter, married Ancelum Staats (see Staats article) on December 26, 1874. They had: Evert, Sarah, and Minnie M.

Frances H. (probably Helen), the fifth daughter, was born on July 10, 1846 in Allegheny County, New York. She married John Lewis Barnhart on February 25, 1864 at Skull Run, Jackson County (see article: The Barnhart Family). John Lewis and Frances became the ancestors of many Jackson County residents. Frances Morehouse Barnhart died on March 12, 1904 and is buried in the Saftred Cemetery near Sherman in Grant District. She was the great great grandmother of the spouse of the author of this article. *Submitted by Larayne Cunningham*

MOREHOUSE-KIMES

Ella Morehouse (1872-1949) daughter of William and Elizabeth Morehouse, married (1899) William Kimes (1871-1968). They spent their lives in Jackson County. Ella's dad gave the land to build a house, which he did for all of his children. In the area of Toppins Grove, Will was a farmer. He also worked at Independence Stone Quarry and the Locks at Belleville, West Virginia. Three daughters: Grace, Orpha, and Garnet.



William and Ella Kimes

Grace (1901-1975) married (1921) Fred Joy (1892-1958). Veteran of World War I, served under General Pershing in France. They bought Arthur Morehouse's farm on Little Pond Creek, which was at Toppins Grove, a little village of a store, post office, school, doctor's office and switch board, which took care of all the phone calls. We didn't have phone numbers, so they used shorts and longs. Ours was two shorts, long, and a short. They are all gone now. Fred farmed and worked at American Viscose Corp. for 20 years. He retired in 1946 due to his health. Seven children: Vivian, LaVerne, Dolores, Herndon, Leland, Idris, and Dorsel, all attended Liberty School which was a one room. Some of the teachers: Jimmy Bunner, Jess Flinn, Roland Haight, Della Fisher, Delbert Rardin, Jess, and Jim Jarrett. Vivian (1923-) married (1940) Hubert Ball (1915-1987). Children: Scharlett (1942-1942). Herald Lee (1948-1952) divorced, married (1964) Denver Congrove (1916-1980) married (1988) Lawrence Elliott (1922), lives in Parkersburg, West Virginia. LaVerne (1925), married Eston King (1959-1979). Sons Garry (1943-1943), Myron (1947-) married (1980) Debbie Lowe (1951), daughters Julie (1982) step-daughter Lisa King (1971) who lives in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Dolores (1926) married Shirley D. Rhodes (1921) Veteran of World War II, served under Gen. McArthur in Philippines. Also ordained Baptist Minister and have a farm in Jackson County. Farmed until (1952) moved to Ravenna, Ohio, where we reside now. Three children, Sharlene, Sharon, and Mike.

Sharlene (1945) married (1962) Ronald Morris (1944). He served in the Air Force during

Vietnam conflict. Three children: Kimberly, Tina, and Mark. Kimberly (1963) married (1989) Jeffrey Suchy (1965). Tina (1965) married (1986) Michael Whitmore (1965). Mark (1966) married (1987) Justine Suchy (1963). Daughter Megan (1988) step-son Buddy Morris (1983).

Sharon (1948) married (1970) Garry Redfern (1946). Served in Vietnam during conflict. Daughter Lisa (1975).

Michael (1949) married (1975) Lucille Howard. Step-children: Jeanie, James, and Robert Howard.

Herndon (1929) married (1952) Imogene Steele (1929). Veteran of Korean War. Ordained Baptist Minister. Children: Trudy, Lynn and Fred.

Trudy (1950) married (1969) Donald Miller (1943). Children: Becky (1970) Erick (1977).

Lynn (1953) married (1972) Daniel Clapp (1954). Children: Daniel (1974) Angela (1976). Divorced, married (1985) Carl Koza (1946).

Fred (1956) married (1974) Deborah Whitacre (1957). Children: Jason (1976) Jessica (1980). He resides in Brady Lake, Ohio.

Leland (1931-1989) married (1953) Marjorie Flinn (1934). Due to health served short time in Army. Also ordained Baptist Minister. Children: Belinda, and Brent. Belinda (1961) married (1987) Terry Decker (1959), son Jacob (1988).

Brent (1963) married (1983) Romona Mobley (1964).

Idris (1934-1934).

Dorsel (1937) married (1963) Phyllis Lay (1943). He served in Korean War in Korea. Children: Brian and Melissa.

Brian (1966) married (1987) Marie Linden (1963). Sons: Obrian (1988-1988), Denver (1989).

Melissa (1970). She resides Rootstown, Ohio. Orpha Kimes (1907-1942) single.

Garnet (1913) married (1942) Lloyd Hunt (1914). Son, Dean (1944) married Linda Johnson (1947). She resides in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Submitted by Mrs. Dolores Rhodes and Vivian Elliott

CHARLES MORGAN

Ezra "Jerome" Morgan (1852-1928), was the son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Dragoo) Morgan. Jesse and Elizabeth had lived in Marion County, West Virginia before moving to the Burning Springs area of Wirt County, West Virginia in the 1850s. They came to Jackson County in the 1860s and bought several tracts of land in the Sandyville area. Jerome had two brothers, Phares and Bazaris, who also lived in Jackson County. On January 6, 1876, Jerome married Louisa Dilsworth (1853-1930), daughter of Nelson and Mary (Peck) Dilsworth. Jerome and Louisa lived on Copperfork, near Sandyville. They had no children, but raised a son born to Ike Lynch and Mary Matlack. Charles Edward Morgan was born in 1877. Jerome and Louisa are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, West Virginia.

Charles Morgan married Sylvia "Grace" Morgan, on September 9, 1897, in Jackson County. She was born September 18, 1881, the daughter of Felix and Margaret (Owens) Morgan. This



Charles E. and Sylvia Grace Morgan

union produced four children: Lillian Ruth (Morgan) Morris (1898-1975), Bernice Morgan (1900-1910), Dollie (Morgan) Bowen (1904-1986) and Ada (Morgan) Bennet (1912-1978).

Lillian Ruth married Lawrence Morris on November 23, 1918. In 1926, the home place was divided between Charles and Grace Morgan, and Lawrence and Lillian Morris. Charles and Grace sold their land to Delbert Lawson and moved to Ravenswood in 1947. Charles died January 21, 1954 and Grace died January 27, 1970. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, West Virginia.

Lawrence and Lillian Morris were the parents of six children: Imogene (Morris) Smith (1919), Robert A. Morris (1924), Carroll R. Morris (1927), Corrine (Morris) Neeley (1927), Elizabeth Grace (Morris) Long Angle (1934) and Charles Clemon Morris (1937). The portion of land deeded to Lawrence and Lillian in 1926 remained in the Morris family until 1976 when it was sold. Lawrence and Lillian Morris are buried in the Independence Cemetery. (Refer to the Albert Morris family history for further descendants of Lawrence and Lillian Morris) Submitted by Charles Morris

PHARES W. AND MARY M. (LOWTHER) MORGAN

Phares W. Morgan was born February 21, 1845 in Marion County and died December 21, 1908 in Jackson County. He is buried in a small cemetery on top of a hill behind the old Gilmore High School at Sandyville. He was a farmer. Phares was the son of Jesse T. and Elizabeth (Dragoo) Morgan. Census records listed Jesse T. and Elizabeth in Marion County in 1850, Wirt County in 1860, and Jackson County in 1870. Phares married Mary Matilda Lowther on December 11, 1870. Mary was born September 17, 1846 in Harrison County and died January 28, 1941 in Jackson County. Phares and Mary to the best of my knowledge probably had nine or ten children. They are listed as follows: Salina Elizabeth (Betty), Oscar O., Elias Herald, Jesse Thomas, William E., Phares Granville, Nora Virginia, Mable Maude, Claude, and possibly one or two more that died young. Of the above children, attention will be focused on Jesse Thomas Morgan since it is his line of descent this article will be following.



Jesse Thomas and Florence Morgan, children: Phares (standing) and Lawrence

Jesse Thomas Morgan was born December 21, 1874 in Jackson County and died April 29, 1957. Jesse married Florence Ellen Richards on July 26, 1905. Florence was born February 22, 1887 and died October 28, 1977. Jesse and Florence are both buried at Blaine Memorial Cemetery near Cottageville. Jesse and Florence had seven children. They are listed as follows: Phares William, Lawrence Richard, Gladys Boothia, Sylvia Evelyn, Roy Clifford, Enoch Clair, and Floyd Dale. Of the above children, Lawrence and Gladys (Boots) are the only two surviving. Lawrence is living at Industry, Pennsylvania and Gladys is living at Irving, Texas.

Of historic value is the fact that Jesse Thomas Morgan and his son, Lawrence Richard Morgan, who was 15 at the time, hauled the Sarvis Fork covered bridge from the Carnahan site to Sarvis Fork with two teams of mules. Lawrence's mules were named Jim and Jerry. Each round trip took 15 hours and it took 20 loads to move the bridge. They received \$200 for their part of the job. They did not tear the bridge down or put it back together, they only transported it.

Phares William Morgan was born July 14, 1906 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania and died May 7, 1980 in Jackson County. Phares married Mary Elizabeth Grimm on June 15, 1940. Mary was born July 16, 1920 at New Haven, West Virginia and died December 9, 1987 in Jackson County. Phares and Mary had six children. They are listed as follows: Ronald Keith, Charles Eugene, Harriett Marie, Nathan Ray, Jeffery Paul, and Randy Joe. Lawrence Richard Morgan married Ruth Safreed. They had no children. Gladys Boothia Morgan married George Foster on March 13, 1936. George is now deceased. They had two children, Beverly Jayne and George Edward, Jr. (Eddy). Beverly has four children and Eddy has two. Unfortunately Eddy suffered a massive heart attack at an early age and is now deceased. Sylvia Evelyn Morgan married Edward C. Yoho first and had three children, Donald Edward, Ann Lavon, and William Joseph. Sylvia married Coy Beckett second and they had two children, Danny Eugene and Dane. Sylvia died October 1, 1975. Roy Clifford married Elsie Rowe. They had no children. Roy was killed in 1943 in an accident in Texas while serving in the U.S. Army. Enoch Clair Morgan married Betty Hill in February 1946. They had no children. Enoch and Betty are both deceased and are buried at Blaine Memorial Cemetery near Cottageville. Floyd Dale Morgan married Maxine Beckett and had six children as follows: Sharon and Karen (twins), Steven, Delmar, Shelia, and Roy. Floyd died August 29, 1982, and his daughter Karen was killed in an auto accident. Both are buried at Blaine Memorial Cemetery. Of the above children, attention will be focused on the children of Phares William Morgan since it is his line of descent this article will be following next.

Ronald Keith Morgan was born November 14, 1940 in Cottageville, West Virginia. He married Mildred Louise Duff November 14, 1964. Mildred was born September 8, 1942 near Mt. Alto, West Virginia. They have two children, Kendall Wayne and Terri Lynn. Charles Eugene Morgan was born December 2, 1941 in Cottageville, West Virginia. He married Alice Juanita Carpenter. Juanita was born November 2, 1947 in Letart, West Virginia. They have two children, Diane Renea and Rhonda Gail. Diane married Gregory Alan Pettit on June 24, 1989. Harriett Marie Morgan was born January 16, 1943 in New Haven, West Virginia. Harriett married Clinton E. Durst first and had three children, Johnny (stillborn), Timothy William, and Tandi Elizabeth. Tandi married Wilbert Levi Mullen, Jr. on October 18, 1986. Harriett married Denver Baker second. They had no children. Nathan Ray Morgan was born December 11, 1954 in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was never married. Nathan died in a motorcycle accident at Evans, West Virginia on June 9, 1979. Jeffery Paul Morgan was born June 30, 1956 in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He married Linda Gay Durst on March 22, 1980. Linda was born on September 8, 1960. They have two children, Tasha Marie and Amanda Shannelle. Randy Joe Morgan was born September 2, 1957 at Mason, West Virginia. Randy married Tammy Lynn Barker on February 26, 1979. They have three children, Jermiah Jason, Misty Dawn, and Candice Leigh.

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Every effort has been made to assure correct dates, names, spelling and other information. However, it is possible errors

have been made. Should any discrepancies be found, please contact the writer and his material will be corrected for future reference. Submitted by Ronald K. Morgan

ALBERT MORRIS

Albert Morris (1860-1934), son of Levi and Rachel (Leasure) Morris, married Elizabeth Hartley (1861-1928), daughter of John S. and Ellen (Thompson) Hartley. Albert's family was living in Franklin Township of Monroe County, Ohio in the 1870s. Albert and Elizabeth moved to Grant District of Jackson County in the 1880s. They later moved to New Era. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, West Virginia. After the death of Elizabeth, Albert married Martha Hupp.

Their children:

1. Estella (1882-1960) married, first, William Roy Anderson and second, Earl Somerville. She moved to Akron, Ohio.

2. Homer (1885-1915) married Arizona Archer and lived at Rockport, West Virginia.

3. John (1887-1965) married Jean Flannigan and lived at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

4. Effie Rosenna (1893-?) married first Charles Archer, second Earl Eddy and third Bill Blakney. She had lived at Akron, Ohio but later moved to St. Petersburg, Florida and died there.

5. Lawrence (1898-1984) married Lillian Ruth Morgan, daughter of Charles E. and Sylvia Grace Morgan. They lived at Sandyville, West Virginia. (See information below).

6. Raymond (1901-1907) is buried in the Simpson Cemetery in Grant District.

7. Sylvia (1903-1941) married Albert Snyder and lived at Sandyville, West Virginia.

Lawrence Clement Morris married Lillian Morgan (1898-1975), on November 23, 1918, in Jackson County, West Virginia. Lawrence was a minister and a school bus driver. They lived at Sandyville and late in life moved to Ravenswood. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery.



Lawrence and Lillian (Morgan) Morris

Their children:

1. Imogene (1919) married Oren William Smith and lives at Eleanor, West Virginia. Their children: Larry Oren Smith, Reva Jean Meadows, Anis Eloise Smith (died in infancy), Avis Ann Kemper, Dallas Edward Smith, Marvin Wayne Smith and James Morris Smith.

2. Robert (1924) married Edythe Neeley and lived at Sandyville, West Virginia several years before moving to Ft. Lauderdale Florida. Their children: Sharon Sparks and Judy Morris (deceased).

3. Corrine (1927) married Noble Neeley and lives at Ravenswood, West Virginia. Their children: Morris Daniel Neeley (died in infancy), and Noble Ray Neeley.

4. Carroll (1927) married Murlene Hamrick and lived at Akron, Ohio. After retiring, he now lives in Lakeland, Florida. Their child: Gregory Morris.

5. Elizabeth Grace (1934) married, first,

Thomas Earl Long. Their children: Karen Denise Brockman and Allison Leone. Elizabeth Grace married, second, Keith Angle and they live at St. Albans, West Virginia.

6. Charles (1937) married Rosita Jane Alvis and lives at Ravenswood, West Virginia. They have no children. Charles was a math teacher at Gilmore High School for many years and later taught at Ravenswood Middle School before retiring in 1988. Submitted by Grace (Morris) Angle

BERNARD AND ELLEN MORRIS

My parents, Bernard and Ellen Morris, were married on June 20, 1955, at the home of the groom's parents, Foster and Delpha Morris, at Statts Mills. Ellen was the daughter of William Dorsa Rogers and Edith Thomas Rogers of Statts Mills. After a few months in Washington, D.C., the couple returned to the Morris family farm. They worked in the F.F. Morris & Sons General Store, in which they owned a half interest. The store was an old-fashioned general merchandise store, and it kept long hours, from seven in the morning until nine or later at night, six days a week. It was a gathering place for the local community, and it also housed the Statts Mills post office. Bernard raised Hereford cattle, and in 1963 was one of the first county farmers to introduce Charolais stock. Besides the store and farm, he also worked as a school bus driver in 1956-58, and from 1961 until his retirement in 1988. Ellen became Postmaster in 1965, succeeding her mother-in-law, who retired. By this time Bernard and Ellen were sole owners and operators of the family store.

On December 19, 1971, a fire completely destroyed the store and post office building. Friends and neighbors joined with the family in rebuilding, and within two months a new store was open for business on the same site. Of all the things I remember about growing up in Statts Mills, that's what I remember most — the generosity and love of our neighbors.

In 1974, Bernard and Ellen sold the store to a niece, Lynn Skeen Merical, and her husband, Bill. In August 1976, Ellen transferred to the Charleston Post Office, where she worked until 1979. After serving as officer-in-charge at the Kenna Post Office, she was appointed Postmaster at Buffalo in Putnam County in November 1979. The couple bought a house in Buffalo, but also kept a residence on the farm at Statts Mills.



Bernard and Ellen Morris

Besides their numerous business interests, they have been active members and officers of the Siniaville United Methodist Church. They sang in a gospel quartet for more than a dozen years. Bernard has served on the Republican Executive Committee for Jackson County, has been a member of the Bus Drivers' Association (past president) and the Farmers Home Administration Loan Board, and is the local fire warden. He is currently president of Wildwood of Statts Mills, Inc., a Morris family corporation developing recreational and sporting opportunities in the Statts Mills area.

Ellen is a member and past president of Jackson County Postmasters Association.

Their children are: Teresa Lynn Morris Deane, born November 17, 1956; Robin Gail Morris Casto, born March 31, 1959; and Bernard Wallace Morris, Jr., born January 10, 1968. They have two grandsons and five granddaughters. Submitted by Teresa Morris Deane

EDSEL L. MORRIS

Edsel Leo Morris, son of Virgil Talmadge and Orlie Belle Rhodes was born in Jackson County on September 8, 1923. Edsel married Lois Bernadene Waybright on December 20, 1947 in St. Albans, West Virginia. They were married at the home of Rev. Eldon Waltz. Bernadene was the daughter of Charley Edgar Waybright and Cornia Ethel Vandergriff. She was born in Kanawha County on July 26, 1929.

Before their marriage, Edsel served in the Army from April 1943 to March 1947. He was stationed in North and South Camp Hood, Texas, and at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

While living in Jackson County during the first years of their marriage, their first child was born. Sandra Kay was born on November 8, 1949. Edsel and Bernadene lived in Jackson County until 1951 when Edsel went to work for Greyhound Bus Company in Charleston. At this time they moved to Kanawha County. Shortly after this move their second child, David Edsel, was born on December 12, 1951.

In 1955 they bought their first home on Hunt Avenue on Charleston's West Side. While on Hunt Avenue their third child, Diana Lynn, was born on December 5, 1960. In 1963 the Morris family moved to Beech Avenue and they resided here until 1977.

During the time the Morris family lived in Kanawha County they attended Bible Center Church.

In 1977, Bernadene, Edsel and Diana moved back to Jackson County on Ravenswood Pike Road in Ripley.

Sandra married Stanley Harold Miller, Jr. on October 4, 1969.

They have three children: Amy Elizabeth (June 18, 1972-May 30, 1987); Kristen Nicole (December 11, 1978); and Lyndsey Michelle (July 1, 1980).

David married Susan Lynn Zook on December 20, 1975. They have three children: David Matthew (January 27, 1979); Andrew Scott (August 10, 1981); and Jonathan Thomas (March 19, 1985).

Diana married James Randolph Carroll on May 30, 1981. They have two children: Lynette Danae (August 8, 1987); and Randall Scott (October 6, 1989).



Edsel L. Morris family

Edsel retired from Greyhound in 1984. Edsel and Bernadene still live in Ripley on Ravenswood Pike. Edsel enjoys working on small motors and wood crafts and Bernadene enjoys sewing. At the present time they attend church at the Baptist Temple. Submitted by Edsel Morris

FOSTER F. MORRIS

Foster's great-grandfather, Benjamin Morris, was born January 30, 1799 in New Jersey. His father, Samuel, moved the family to Harrison County, (West) Virginia in 1814, where Benjamin grew up. On September 28, 1828, Benjamin married Mary McWhorter, the daughter of Walter and Margaret (Hurst) McWhorter. They raised a family of seven boys and five girls on a farm near Lost Creek.

Three of the boys, Thomas, William, and Walter, served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Robert Wendell, husband to their daughter Rebecca, was a Confederate soldier. Rebecca, no doubt, had a deeper fear about the war than most.

Five of Benjamin and Mary's children settled in Jackson County. Eli, born December 12, 1833, was probably the first, soon after his marriage to Hannah Powers in 1851. Hannah was the daughter of Thomas and Pamela (Hart) Powers. Eli's brother, Fields, who was born November 20, 1837, married Catherine Powers, the daughter of Elihu and Charlotte (Davis) Powers, and also moved to Jackson County. So did Thomas, who was born April 23, 1832, and who married Clarinda Lawson in 1856. Rebecca and her husband, Robert Wendell (var. Windle) also lived here. Foster's grandfather Granville Morris (born February 7, 1839) was probably visiting one of his brothers or his sister when he met his future wife, Sarah Staats. Sarah, born March 16, 1845, was the daughter of Isaac and Anna Eliza (Tolley) Staats. The community of Statts Mills was named after Isaac, who operated a mill at this location, served as postmaster, and was a pillar of the community.

Granville and Sarah were married February 12, 1863. Five of their children survived to adulthood: William H., born March 19, 1864, married Louisa Jane Casto; Philena, born June 12, 1866, married Jacob Casto; Benjamin Franklin, born December 2, 1870, married Cora Crooks; Elbert, born December 31, 1874, married Clara Parsons; Clara Alice, born June 8, 1882, married James McCrady. Several other children died during childhood.

Benjamin Franklin Morris married Cora E. Crooks on December 4, 1890. Of their children, those living to adulthood were: Edna, born April 11, 1892, married Mont Hendricks; Reuben Carl, born March 19, 1898, married Margie Skeen; Lelia, born July 2, 1900, married Dewey Thomas; Velma, born 1907, married Ezra Randolph; Eurada, born August 14, 1914, married Orville Monday; and Foster Frederick, born October 9, 1903.

Foster married Delpha G. Rhodes, daughter of William Monroe and Lougena (Casto) Rhodes, on October 16, 1924. Delpha was a young school teacher at the time, and owned shares in the F.A. Casto & Co. Store at Statts Mills. Shortly after their marriage, Foster and Delpha became the operators and managers of the store, and gradually bought out the other stockholders. Except for a time in the 1940's, the store has been and still is

run by family members.

Foster and Delpha's children are Lougean, born May 25, 1926, married J.C. Chancey; Lorene, born February 16, 1928, married Roderick Skeen; Bernard Wallace, born January 6, 1930, married Janet Payne (1951), married Ellen Rogers (1955); Frederick Keith, born June 7, 1932, married Elsa Cobb; Patricia Ann, born January 31, 1936, married Charles Manery; and Thomas Kent, born January 24, 1948, married JoAnn Rogers.

Foster was elected sheriff of Jackson County in 1940 and again in 1948. He served as chairman of the Republican Executive Committee in the 1950s and was the county road supervisor. He was employed by the Federal Land Bank of Ripley. He was elected to the Jackson County Commission in 1972, where he was serving as President at the time of his death on May 18, 1975.

Delpha had served 20 years as Postmaster at Statts Mills when she retired in 1965. Along with helping run the family store, raising a large family, and participating in church and community activities, she has been a very active woman. Eventually, Foster and Delpha's home became "Granny and Grampa's." All 16 grandchildren loved to go there, and it's still a meeting place for the whole family. Once when the large front lawn seemed full of grandchildren running every which way, a car stopped at the drive to ask the lone adult in the yard, "Is this a children's home?" Delpha, at age 86, still keeps the home fires burning, is a wonderful cook, and always puts out the welcome mat for her large family. Things have changed, Dad is gone and great-grandchildren now play on the lawn, but the central values remain the same, and home is a warm, wonderful place for all of us.

Submitted by Bernard Morris and Frederick Morris

FREDERICK KEITH MORRIS

Frederick Keith Morris was born on June 7, 1932 at Statts Mills, West Virginia, the son of Foster F. Morris and Delpha G. (Rhodes) Morris. Being raised in Statts Mills, he attended Jackson County schools and graduated from Ripley High School with the class of 1950.

After graduation, Fred worked in the Jackson County Sheriff's Department as an office deputy under the supervision of his father, Foster F. Morris, who was sheriff at that time. On December 9, 1952, Fred joined the Armed Forces out of Ashland, Kentucky and served most of his military time on duty in the Far East. He was honorably discharged from the Army at Fort Benning, Georgia on May 10, 1957.

One month later, Fred began his career with Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation Ravenswood Works. On December 24, 1957, he was married to Elsa Lougean Cobb, who was also born and raised in Statts Mills. As newlyweds, they moved to Charleston, West Virginia, but shortly after returned to the Ripley area where they have remained ever since. On November 12, 1958, their only child, Debra Jean Morris, was born at Kessel Clinic in Ripley.

At the age of 53, having worked 28 years in management for Kaiser Aluminum, Fred became eligible for and took an early retirement in July 1985. His wife, Elsa, who served as City Treasurer of Ripley for 27 years, also took early retirement in May 1989. Shortly after, she was elected as a city council member.

Since his retirement, Fred has been active in county politics. He was appointed Chairman of Jackson County Republican Executive Committee and has served in that capacity since 1985.

In January 1989, Fred, along with his sisters and brothers, formed Wildwood of Statts Mills, Inc. This development consists of a jointly owned and operated general store and campground facility at Statts Mills, West Virginia. Since its establishment, Fred has devoted much of his time and



Fred K. Morris

energy to the corporation and currently serves as its vice-president.

Fred and Elsa's daughter, Debra, was married to Charles Stephen Wedge of Leon, West Virginia in September 1978. They reside in Evans, West Virginia and are the parents of three children: Joshua Stephen, born September 28, 1980; Jessica Rae, born October 7, 1983; and Jillian Brooke, born September 17 1987. They attend Evans Elementary School.

Fred is a long-time member of Number 16 Masonic Lodge in Ripley and is also a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner. He and his wife attend the Siniaville United Methodist Church at Statts Mills and remain active in community affairs. *Submitted by Debra Wedge*

VIRGIL AND ORLIE MORRIS

Virgil Talmage Morris (1889-1953) teacher and merchant, was the son of merchant William Henry Morris (1864-1945) and Louisa Jane Casto (1863-1944). Virgil's grandparents were S. Granville Morris (1839-1909) and Martha Nancy Raines (1828-1904). Virgil's great-grandparents were Benjamin Morris (1799-1886) and Mary "Polly" McWhorter (1809-1899), Isaac Staats (1816-1890) and Anna E. (Liza) Tolley (1817-1876), D. George Casto, Sr. (1786-1845) and Sarah Ours (1792-1862), and Robert R. Raines and Elizabeth Hinzman. Virgil's great-great-grandparents were Samuel Morris and Rebecca Smith, Walter Fields McWhorter (1787-1860) and Margaret Hurst (1791-1853), Cornelius Staats (1790-1816) and Anna Carney (1794-1845), William Tolley (-1858) and Elizabeth Hill (-1893), David Casto, Jr. (1758-1802) and Margaret Providence, and John Godfrey Oure (1755-1792) and Anna Maria (Mary) Wetherholtz (1760-1838).

Virgil's great-great-great grandparents were: another Benjamin Morris (-1810) and Hannah Morris; Thomas Smith (1734-1799, Born in England, died in Monmouth County, New Jersey) and Sarah Green (1744-1801. Sarah was the daughter of Joseph Green, and the granddaughter of William Green and Jeanna Reader Green. William Green came to America from England about 1700); Henry McWhorter (1760-1848. Son of Hugh McWhorter) and Mary Fields (-1834). Daughter of M. Walter Fields (1733-1823); William Hurst of Cheat River; Abraham Staats (1750-1826) and Anna King (1755-1811. Both buried at Evans in Jackson County); and Thomas Carney (1768-1846) and Mary (Polly) Parsons (1773-1863. Daughter of Charles Parsons (1745-1823) and Elizabeth Chestnut, and granddaughter of William Parsons who came from England to Maryland about 1725); David Casto, Sr. and Phoebe Gandy (married 1752).

Virgil married (1914) Orlie Belle Rhodes (1895-1965), daughter of James Asbury "Bubby" Rhodes (1871-1916) and Cora Ellen McKemy (1873-1928). Orlie's grandparents were merchant Charles Lewis Rhodes (1836-1928) and Elizabeth L. Reynolds (1843-1910), and William Leslie Davidson McKemy (1851-) and Louisa Riley. Orlie's great-grandparents were Abram and Mar-



Foster and Delpha Morris



Virgil and Orlie Morris

garet Rhodes, Thomas Reynolds, William Davidson McCama (1829-1851. Son of James McCama, who came to America from Scotland sometime in the early 1800s and located in Barbour County and married an English lady) and Elvira Hise (daughter of George W. and Eliza Hise who married John N. Conley and moved to Roane County in 1856), and William and Elcy Riley.



Ruth, Glenva, Ruby, Edgar, Edsel, Kenneth, Ayward, Keith, Eleanor, Janet, and Dorothy

Virgil and Orlie Morris had 11 children in Jackson County, as follows:

Glenva Marie Morris (1915) married Rudie Rufus Randolph (1911) in 1932. They have two children. Lenora Jean (1937) married Stephen Lewis Davis (1940) in 1962 and had Lenora Ruth Davis (1964), who married James Matthew Gray (1965) in 1987 and had Taryn Brittany Gray (1989). Charles Orville (1941) married Carolyn Sue Elswick (1942) in 1962 and had Niki Dina (1967) and Rodd Richard Randolph (1970).

Dorothy Ellen Morris (1917) married Walter Ray Johns (1915-1979) in 1936. Their daughter Patsy Lee Johns (1938) married Bobby Staats Anderson (1936) in 1956. Pat has two sons, Rickey Ray (1957) and Randall (Randy) Keith (1961). Rick Anderson married Tara Lynn Winter in 1977 and have daughters Brandi Renae (1981) and Amanda Rae (1984).

Ruth Maxine Morris (1918) married Raymond Skinner (1916) in 1940. They have three children. Margaret Lee (1940) married Elmer D. Rhodes (1940) in 1963 and had son Elmer Dee (1968). Raymond Ray, Jr. (1941) married Barbara Waybright in 1960 and had three children: Loreli Carmela (1961) married Steven Pike in 1988, Loutricia Lynn (1963) married Johnny Johnson in 1987 and had twin sons Adam Lee and Andrew Scott (1989), and Vernon Dean (1965). Howard Gene (1943) married Dorma Kerns in 1963 and had two children: Sonia Ann (1964) married Chuck Raines (1961) in 1982 and had daughter Kayla Lee (1987), and Richard Lee (1968-1986).

Ruby Mae Morris (1921) married Ralph Harpold Ferguson (1920) in 1940. They have six children: Beverly Ann (1941) married Rod Fowler (1939) and had Rod II (1963, father of Rod III (1986). Tim (1965) and Kristin (1968, mother of Sydney Ann (1988). Brenda Joyce (1942) married Joseph (Sonny) Anderson (1940) in 1960 and had two children: Joey (1962) married

Rebecca Mohr (1962) in 1985, and Angela Dee (1963) married Thomas Sakach (1963) in 1986. Michael Roy (1948-1990) married Gale Stiles Bailey (1954) in 1979 and had Matthew Seth (1980) and Michael Sean (1986). Morris Ralph (1950) married Peggy Jean Smith (1952) and had Tad Patrick (1975) and Adam Nicholas (1979). Ronald Keith (1952) single. Rodney Alan (1954) married Jeannie Gindlesberger and had Heidi Jean (1974). Rod married Patricia Matson McIntyre (1951) in 1987 and they also have Kymberlee Dyann (1971) and Rebekka Dawn McIntyre (1976).

Edsel Leo Morris (1923) married Lois Bernadene Waybright (1929) in 1947. They have three children. Sandra Kay (1948) married Stanley Harold Miller (1948) in 1969 and had Amy Elizabeth (1972-1987), Kristin Nicole (1978) and Lindsay Michelle (1980). David Edsel (1951) married Susan Lynn Zook in 1975 and had David Matthew (1979), Andrew Scott (1981) and Jonathan Thomas (1985). Diana Lynn (1960) married James Randolph Carroll in 1981 and had Lynette Danae (1987) and Randall Scott (1989).

Edgar Virgil Morris (1926) married Betty Jane Bailes (1923-1983) in 1948 and had two daughters. Patricia Lynn (1952) married Herbert Whittard in 1972 and had Mark Andrew (1973). Teresa Jane (1955) married David Hannah in 1981 and had Justin Elliot (1983).

Ayward Eugene Morris (1928) married Betty Pursley (1940) in 1958 and had three children. Vicki Ann (1959) married Rod Shuman in 1980 and had William (Spike) Matthew (1980) and Katherine Michelle (1982). Ayward Eugene, Jr. (1960) married Brenda Patton in 1982 and had Bradley Ayward (1983) and Bobby Michael (1987). Robert Craig (1964) married Melinda Sizemore in 1987.

Grace Eleanor Morris (1930) married Ralph Eugene Myers (1925) in 1949 and had three children. Sharon Lynn (1949) married Tom Juzwik and had Stacey Lynn (1975) and Jamie Ryan (1981). Jeffrey Eugene (1956) married Cristine Harrison in 1988. Angela Kay married Denzel Byrl Smith in 1986 and had Ryan Christopher (1987).

Janet Imogene Morris (1932) married Rev. Clifford Ray Lones (1929) in 1954 and had six children. Deborah Lavonne (1955) married Kenneth Roger Gowell (1955) in 1984 and had Cameron and Steven Joseph (1989). Stephen Alan (1956) married Peggy Moore (divorced). Mark Edward (1957) married Pamela Hammond and had Malachi Clifford (1984), Moriah James (1985), and Meredith Myra (1987). Timothy Paul (1959) married Brenda Rose (1960) in 1979 and had Candace Rose (1980), Amber Rose, Heidi Rose, Zachary Paul (1986), and Issac Joseph (1987). Daniel Ray (1964) married Abby Wright in 1985 and had Devon Ray (1986). Rachel Lynn (1967) single.

Kenneth Charles Morris (1935) married Lulabelle Kelly (1935) in 1955 and had Douglas Kenneth (1958) and Christopher Kelly (1965).

Larry Keith Morris (1939) married Arlene Beuhre in 1965 and has step children James Beuhre, Barbara (married Ray Rahkola), Diane (married Frank Takavitz), Rebecca (married James Stenhope), and Sandra Beuhre Russo. Submitted by Charles O. Randolph and Dorothy Johns

ELISHA MORRISON

Joseph A. Morrison (1832-1890) married Margaret Bates (1831-1912), May 2, 1852, in Noble County, Ohio. They moved to Jackson County in the 1870s settling at Red Brush, in Grant District. Joseph had served with the Union side in the Civil War (Co. G, 176th Unit). They were buried in the Red Brush Cemetery, in Grant District.

Their son, Elisha F. Morrison (1869-1959),

married Malisa "Jane" Thomas (1873-1950), in 1900 at Jackson County, West Virginia. She was the daughter of John and Mary (Moore) Thomas. They lived between Medina and Lockhart, in Grant District, not far from Red Brush. They were buried in the Independence Cemetery, at Sandyville, West Virginia. Their children: John "Henry" (1900-1966) married Carrie Moore and William "Mancel" (1906-1987) never married.



Jane and Elisha Morrison with sons, Henry and Mancel

John "Henry" Morrison married Carrie Moore (1901-1975), in 1923. She was the daughter of Lone and Minnie (Dowler) Moore. They lived between Medina and Lockhart, near Red Brush. They were buried in the Independence Cemetery, at Sandyville, West Virginia. Their child: Lewis Alvin (1926-1986) married Veneta Kinder.

Lewis Alvin Morrison married Veneta Kinder, in 1948. She was the daughter of Sherman Lee and Freda (Maddox) Kinder. Lewis was employed by Kaiser Aluminum, at Ravenswood. They lived near his parents. Lewis was buried in the Independence Cemetery, at Sandyville, West Virginia. Their children: Rebecca (1950) married Carroll Burdette; John (1952-1986) married, first, Brenda Watkins and second, Angela Mummert; Alvin "Jake" (1954) married Patricia Parsons; Rowena (1957) married John LeMunyan; and Roberta (1964) married Greg Yoho.

Alvin "Jake" Morrison married Patricia Parsons, in 1973. She was born in 1956, the daughter of Clyde and Kathleen (Gardner) Parsons. Jake is employed by Kanawha Manufacturing at Charleston, West Virginia. Patricia is attending WVU, at Parkersburg, working on a degree in elementary education. They built a house on some of the land which was owned by his parents and grandparents. They also operate a farm raising Limousin cattle. They are members of the Medina Church of God. Patricia is the assistant leader of the Little Sandy 4-H Club and Jake works with the members who have market animal projects. Their children: Victoria "Vicki" (1975), Kathleen "Katie" (1978), and Christina "Christy" (1981). Submitted by Alvin Jake Morrison

FRANK A. MORRISON

FRANK A. MORRISON was born November 2, 1881 near Leon, West Virginia, the son of Perry and Florence Barnett Morrison. He married Lucy Belle Warner, and became the parents of the following children: Mrs. Floyd Blaine, Mrs. Thomas Blaine, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Fred Roush, Mrs. Stephen Miller, Mrs. Harry White, Mrs. Roy Messick, Ercell Morrison, James P. Morrison, and Warren Morrison.

Frank Morrison was a member of the Eckard Chapel E.U.B. Church, Sheriff of Mason County 1949 to 1952, County Assessor 1941 to 1944, and 1945 to 1948, County Court Commissioner 1955 to 1960, and was a former member of the House of Delegates. He was also a member of the

Mason County Board of Health, and a former teacher. Frank A. Morrison died in 1962 and Lucy Belle Warner Morrison died March 5, 1961. *Submitted by Warren Morrison*

JOSEPH MORRISON

Andrew Morrison, born 1733, at Belfast, Ireland, was killed at the battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1777. His rank was unknown. He was in Capt. John Chilton's Company, 3rd Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall. On October 20, 1752, he married Mary Organ, born January 20, 1734 at Orange Court House, Orange County, Virginia, daughter of John Jr. and Ester Elizabeth Organ. They were also the parents of Samuel, born 1736, and Comfort, born 1730. John Sr. and Elizabeth Organ were the parents of: John Jr., born 1712; Martha, born 1714; Sarah, born 1716; Margaret, born 1719; William, born 1722; and Samuel, 1726. John Organ Sr. was the son of William Organ, of Wiltshire, England. The Organ family crest used by them dates back to the Roman days of England when the family won victory over the Roman enemy of the towns of Berkshire and Wiltshire, England. The crest is the three organ pipes bound with a crown of laurel.

To Andrew and Mary were born John Organ Morrison, in 1757 and Andrew, on October 15, 1754 at Winchester, Virginia. Andrew died October 15, 1845 at Lewisburg, West Virginia. In 1775, Andrew married Elizabeth Taylor at Winchester. She was born November 17, 1754, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Howland) Taylor. Her grandparents were Thomas and Rebecca Taylor and George and Margaret Howland of Winchester. Great-grandparents included George Sr. and Hester Howland of Bedford, England and Edward and Catherine Taylor of Devonshire, England. Andrew and Elizabeth Morrison had four sons and six daughters, one of whom was Andrew, born February 29, 1798 and died January 24, 1883 at Evergreen, Ohio. He married Sallie Littlepage (1797-1833), on July 15, 1818, at Summersville, West Virginia. She was the granddaughter of John Littlepage of Winchester and the great-granddaughter of Adman Littlepage of Alsace-Lorraine, France, who was born in 1729. To Andrew and Sallie were born: Charles, born 1819, Isaac, Mary E., Sallie, Alferd, born 1826. Elizabeth, Robert, William, born 1830, and my great-grandfather, Joseph Morrison, born December 7, 1832. He married Margaret Ann Bates, May 2, 1852, at the M.E. Church of Batesville, Ohio, and died July 18, 1890, at Redbrush, near Medina, West Virginia. Joseph was ordained and bonded to perform marriages. He was a circuit preacher in Ohio and West Virginia preaching many times in Wood and Jackson County Methodist Episcopal Churches. He served in the Union Army from 1861 to 1865. In 1880, he and his wife and unmarried children settled at Redbrush, in Jackson County, on 400 acres of land. His son, Isaac, kept a general store there. His son, Charles H., was a school teacher at Parkersburg High School. His daughter, Mary Ellen, born July 20, 1875, at Lower Salem, Ohio,



Mary Ellen (Morrison) Currey

was my grandmother. She married John B. Currey, September 26, 1896, and died June 7, 1907, at Lockhart, West Virginia. They were the parents of Naomi, Ernie, Raleigh, J., Williams, Audry, Delmar and Louisa.

(This history is from information researched by the late Elizabeth Williams). *Submitted by Mary Gaynell Winland*

MARGARET (BATES) MORRISON

Margaret Ann (Bates) Morrison was born near Batesville, Noble County, Ohio, November 22, 1831. She died at her home at Redbrush, Jackson County, West Virginia, May 2, 1912. She married May 2, 1852. Rev. Joseph Morrison (his records are elsewhere in this book). They came to Jackson County about 1880 and settled at Redbrush, near Medina, on 400 acres. Joseph and Margaret were the parents of 16 children. Daniel, born February 24, 1853, was married. Phebe, 1856-1937, married Dannul W. Wickham, 1842-1915. Williams, was born in 1854. Martha, born 1857, married a Batton and lived in Jackson County. James, born November 26, 1860, died November 28, 1935, was a school teacher, and married Rebecca Elizabeth Ott, born February 19, 1860, daughter of Sarah (Maddox) Ott. She died September 10, 1923, at Lockhart, and is buried in the Maddox Cemetery. Isaac, 1866-May 29, 1901, was a storekeeper at Redbrush. He married Rebecca Archer, born 1867. He is buried in the Redbrush Cemetery. Elisha, born December 20, 1867, died May 7, 1959, was a teacher, and married Melissa Jane Thomas, 1873-1950. Josephine, born 1869, married a Pryor and lived at Parkersburg. Charles H., December 14, 1872-1931, was a teacher at Parkersburg High School, and married Fanny Pepper, November 12, 1876-July 14, 1958. Eva, married Danuel A. Wickham of Pennsylvania. Robert married in Jackson County, a twin, Hannah Susan, March 24, 1865-July 21, 1884, and is buried in the Redbrush Cemetery. Another daughter was named Mollie. Alfred had a wife, Evaline. Elizabeth, May 4, 1874, married James Wickham and lived at Wheeling, West Virginia. My grandmother, Mary Ellen, married John B. Currey. She had a twin, Carrie B. Morrison.



Margaret Ann (Bates) Morrison

Margaret was the daughter of Daniel and Jane (Heddleston) Bates of Noble County, Ohio. She was the granddaughter of Isaac and Katherine (Moore) Bates and the great-granddaughter of Ephriam and Susannah Bates, all of Noble County. She was also descended from William and Rebecca (Tomlinson) Bates of Waterford, New Jersey, later of Noble County; William and Easter (Albertson) Bates of Haddonville, New Jersey; and William Bates (born 1640 in London, England) and wife Mary. In 1670, William lived in Wickloe, Ireland. He was a carpenter and devout Quaker. On September 19, 1681, William Bates, with his family, arrived on the ship "The Owners Adventure." The ship anchored at the mouth of the Delaware River near South Camden, New Jersey. William settled on 250 acres of land and, in 1683, was in the New

Jersey legislature. Margaret's brothers, Isaac, Joseph, Robert, Henry and Nathan were in the Union Army. Her sisters, Jane, Ann and Phebe, were all buried at Archer's Ridge Cemetery in Noble County, Ohio. (This history is from information researched by the late Elizabeth Williams). *Submitted by Margaret Isabelle Thompson*

O.J. MORRISON

Okey Johnson Morrison was born January 10, 1869 at Kenna, West Virginia, on the farm of his parents, Granville P. and Virginia (Wolfe) Morrison.

He was educated in the common schools and then Hockingport (Ohio) Academy. For two years he engaged in teaching and then settled on a farm, where he remained until 1890, when with only \$200 to invest, he established his first store at Kenna, in partnership with his brother-in-law Mr. L. Maddox. While Mr. Maddox tended the store, young O.J. peddled from home to home through the hills and valleys of Jackson County. In less than a year he bought out Mr. Maddox and thus realized the dream of a country boy in his teens — a store of his own.

O.J. Morrison on October 1, 1891 married Cora A. Harpold, daughter of Solomon W. and Samantha (Sayre) Harpold. She proved to be an inspiration and a real partner to him. He stated, "I not only got a wife when I married, but a partner and helpmate. All these years she has helped, and whatever success we have obtained is as much due to her as to myself." They had four children, Freda Morrison, Fae Morrison, Okey Johnson Morrison, Jr., and Carroll H. Morrison.



O. J. Morrison

In 1892, with a capital of \$700, he opened a small store in Ripley, the venture was an immediate success. From the beginning, he was determined to give better value than other merchants. With larger and well established stores in Ripley as competitors, he realized that to undersell he would have to underbuy. So well did he buy on his initial trips to wholesale centers, and such were the savings offered by his stores, that his competitors were certain that he was selling under cost. He made regular trips to wholesale centers and became well known as a bargain hunter.

Although a business man, Mr. Morrison had literary talent. He wrote a book titled *The Slaughter of the Pfoff-Greene Family*. It was of such a nature as to excite more than local interest, with vivid description and pictures.

Over the years the Ripley store grew to 4,500 square feet and was the leading general mercantile business in town, requiring the assistance of eight clerks.

About seven years after opening the Ripley

store, he opened a second store in Spencer, West Virginia, and from there he opened nine more stores, one in Clendenin, Charleston, Huntington, Clarksburg, Morgantown, West Union, Point Pleasant, Fairmont and Logan, West Virginia. The O.J. Morrison Dept. Store at Ripley, is the only store of these eleven stores left (1990).

Jackson Herald, January 11, 1950.

JOE AND CHRISTINE MULLINS

Christine Ruth Sprouse and Joseph Wesley Mullins were married January 3, 1957 in Oak Hill, West Virginia at the Church of God Parsonage by Rev. C.E. Lambert.

Christine was born October 24, 1931 in Fayette County at Westerly, West Virginia. She is the second child of John Samuel Sprouse and Julia Maude Judson. Christine's father, John, was born April 28, 1903 at La Follette, Tennessee. He was the son of J.L. Sprouse and Eliza Jones. Mr. Sprouse was born August 17, 1858 and Eliza was born January 1, 1874. Christine's mother was born March 20, 1907 at Wriston, in Fayette County, West Virginia and was the daughter of Walter Judson and Martha Light.

Christine's brothers are John Sprouse Jr., born January 29, 1928 at Westerly, West Virginia, and Clarence born December 1, 1923 at Ada, West Virginia. Her sisters are Wanda Mae Sprouse born July 25, 1934 at Westerly, West Virginia, and Shirley Mae Sprouse born December 11, 1937 at Westerly, West Virginia.

Christine graduated from Kingston High School in 1949 and lived in Kingston until 1953. She worked in Oak Hill at Kelly Drug an old landmark there; she also worked for several businesses in Oak Hill as a bookkeeper where she lived until 1957. Christine has been active in volunteer work, PTA, the GFWC Woman's Club of Ripley and member of EUMW and Loyalty Circle.

Her dad, John Samuel Sprouse, was a pioneer in the coal mining industry. He began working in the mines at the age of 14 for less than a dollar a day. When Mr. Sprouse retired in 1962, he received the Holmes Safety award for 44 years of service without a disabling injury. He died September 11, 1988 from Silicosis related illness. He was preceded in death by his wife, a homemaker and loving mother on July 20, 1979.

Joseph Wesley Mullins was born December 12, 1926 at Twin Branch in McDowell County, West Virginia. He is the eighth child of Jake Mullins and Nellie Thomas. Joe's father, Jake, was born March 8, 1885 at Carter County, Kentucky. Jake was the son of John Wesley Mullins and Mary Stevens. His mother was born April 20, 1889 at Carter County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Joseph Thomas, born May 27, 1854 and Anna Bayes born October 30, 1854.

Joe's brothers are James Russel born Twin Branch, West Virginia April 3, 1911; Malcolm born Twin Branch, West Virginia January 31, 1915; Harry born Twin Branch, West Virginia May 14, 1916, and Jack born Carter County, Kentucky June 19, 1918. His sisters are Mildred Jordan born Twin Branch, West Virginia October 14, 1909; Pauline Altizer born Twin Branch, West Virginia September 6, 1920; and Betty Ann Jordan born Twin Branch, West Virginia August 31, 1923.

Joe lived at Twin Branch and Davy in McDowell in his early years. He moved to Oak Hill, West Virginia and later entered the Navy and worked on the boats on the Great Lakes. He also worked at Marietta Manufacturing Company in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. He moved to Jackson County (Ripley) in the spring of 1958. Joe retired from Kaiser (now Ravenswood Aluminum) in December 1988 after working at Kaiser for 31 years. He is a member of Ripley Lodge #16 A.F. & A.M. and an avid sports fan.

Joe's dad, the Rev. Jake Mullins was a pioneer in two fields and lived and labored in the mines and in the ministry. He was a Church of God minister and traveled to small towns throughout the coal fields to preach. Rev. Mullins was a gracious messenger of the Good News of the Gospel. He died June 21, 1960. Joe's mom was a good minister's wife and homemaker. She died November 14, 1984 at the age of 95.



David, Joe Sr., Steve, Christine, and Joe Jr. Mullins

When Joe and Christine married they lived in Oak Hill a few months. When they left Fayette County they moved to Point Pleasant, West Virginia where they lived for about a year. They moved to Ripley where they have lived at the same address for 31 years. They came to Ripley in the spring of 1958 when Kaiser was young. They are the proud parents of three sons: Joseph Wesley Jr., born December 7, 1958 at Ripley, West Virginia; Stephen Mark, born January 7, 1962 at Ripley, West Virginia; and David Wayne, born May 30, 1965 at Ripley, West Virginia.

Joe Jr. is in business management and is District Manager for Nationwide Auto Parts. He is a graduate of Ripley High School class of 1977, where he played football for the Vikings. He is also a graduate of West Virginia State College. He's the widower of Deborah Wilkinson, daughter of Russel and Betty Wilkinson of Eastwood. Debbie died July 28, 1989. Joe resides in Sissonsville, West Virginia.

Stephen graduated from Ripley High School and Fairmont State College. Steve played baseball and basketball for the Vikings. He is freshmen basketball coach and assistant baseball coach at Ripley High School where he is a teacher. He is married to Ginger Scott, daughter of Dorsey Scott and Pat Raines of Charleston and Letart, West Virginia. Ginger is a teacher at Henry J. Kaiser; they live at Evans, West Virginia.

David is an accountant and an auditor for City Holding Company, Charleston, West Virginia. He graduated from Ripley High School and Marshall University. David is an avid baseball card collector and a sports enthusiast. He is married to Mary Ann Stidham daughter of Jerry and Irene Stidham of Logan, West Virginia. Mary Ann is a Special Education teacher at Ripley Elementary. They live at Evans, West Virginia.

When Joe and Christine Mullins moved to Ripley they thought it was the end of the world. Today they think it is the ideal environment in which to raise a family. *Submitted by Christine Mullins and David Mullins*

MUMAW

At least six children of David and Betsey MUMAW immigrated from Shenandoah County, Virginia: twins, Samuel and Levi, born October 4, 1816 near Winchester, Virginia; Jacob, born 1823; Philip, born February 13, 1827, Shenandoah County, Virginia; Susan, born June 2, 1833 and died October 13, 1866; Rosanna, born March 24, 1829 and died 1898.

First child, Samuel, walked the entire distance to Jackson County, West Virginia. Samuel and

Philip moved to Great Bend, Meigs County, Ohio. Samuel and Jacob later went to Mason City, West Virginia; Philip went to Morning Star, Meigs County, and Levi went from Murraysville to Syracuse.

Samuel MUMAW married 1839 Elizabeth FRY (born 1822, died August 10, 1904). He cleared the land to settle Mason City. They were the first couple in West Virginia history to be married 65 years.

Levi MUMAW married Nancy TALBERT (born 1826, died 1913), and they are buried at Carleton Cemetery, Syracuse, Ohio. Two infant children are buried on the farm near Murraysville.

Jacob MUMAW (born 1823) married March 8, 1867 to Mary Ann PERRY.

Philip MUMAW married June 1, 1852, Shenandoah County, Virginia, to Elizabeth J. VEECH, daughter of Solomon and Polly (LICHliter) VEECH. She was born August 27 or 28, 1830, Virginia, died May 2, 1866, Jackson County, West Virginia. She is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery in an unmarked grave — the exact location unknown. When her daughter, Mollie, was quite elderly, she had her family take her to the cemetery to put flowers on the grave and could not remember the grave's location.

Philip then married Susan KNIGHT on September 15, 1867, Jackson County, West Virginia; both buried Carleton Cemetery, Syracuse, Ohio, unmarked. Children by 1st wife: John W. married Mary Ann BRODERICK; David married Sophia STROHMEYER; Sarah C. died young; Thomas (born Woodstock, IN) married Mary H. SELLERS; George married Lydia McGLAUGHLIN; Levi, unknown; Rose Ann married Wilbert DUSKEY; and Mary "Molly" Elizabeth married Stanley Sherman HOLTER, son of Washington and Emeline (ROUSH) HOLTER. Child by second wife: Ella Mae, who married Edward KENNEDY.

Stanley and Mollie lived in Morning Star, Meigs County, except their last years. They are buried in Tallmadge, Ohio. Their youngest child, Clifford Leo HOLTER, (born December 11, 1903, Morning Star, died December 10, 1980, Coolville, Ohio), married October 23, 1923, Gallipolis, Ohio to Lena Mae OSBORN (born November 19, 1905, Long Bottom, Ohio, died June 11, 1986, Pomeroy, Ohio).

Clifford and Lena's third child is Audrey June HOLTER (born August 8, 1929, Racine, Ohio) married August 23, 1947, Gallipolis, Ohio, to Robert Drew ASHLEY (born March 29, 1929, Parkersburg, West Virginia), son of Ralph Dennis and Naomi Belle (SAYRE) ASHLEY. They had three children: Clifford Dennis (born September 30, 1949, Mason, West Virginia) unmarried; Keith Drew ASHLEY (born June 25, 1953, Gallipolis, Ohio); Heidi Jill (born August 18, 1959, Gallipolis, Ohio) married Randolph SMITH. Keith married September 3, 1977, Racine, Ohio, to Emma Jean ENGLISH, daughter of Ellis Rual and Freda Florence (BLAKE) ENGLISH. Keith's children are Rachel Audrey, Whitney Brooke, and Emily Denise ASHLEY. Heidi's are Ashley Jill and Cody Randolph SMITH. *Submitted by June Ashley*

JESSE O. MURRAY

Jesse O. Murray, a farmer, was born May 19, 1884, a son of Rev. Joseph and Margaret Jane Ullom of Joe's Run, Jackson County. Jesse married Julia Cooper in 1905; to them were born three children: Irene, born 1907; Beulah, born 1909, died 1943; Russell, born 1910, died 1911. After the death of Julia in 1911, Jesse married Anna Mae Hudson, born 1891, in 1919, daughter of David and Ellen Jane Abels Hudson. They moved to the Sycamore Community in 1932. They had five children, who attended Pine Grove Baptist Church. Lauretta, born 1920, married Jacob Tucker, they had three children, Gloria Ann, who lives in



Jesse and Anna Murray with Irene and Beulah

Whitefish, Wisconsin with her husband, Jim Cook and two daughters, Christina and Katherine. Juanita Sue of Wilkes Barr, Pennsylvania is married to James O'Donnell and has one daughter, Rachel. Randy married Vickie Obenchain; they have one son Jacob and live in Richmond, Virginia. Lauretta died in an automobile accident in Toronto, Ohio in 1953.



Jesse and Anna Murray and children: Lauretta, Lorraine, Roberta and Lenora

David Lorraine, born 1922, died 1951, was married to Vera Mae Spears also of Jackson County. They had no children. Vera died 1950.

Roberta Elaine, born 1927, married Forney Cunningham in 1949, divorced in 1975. They had two children, Teresa Lee, born 1950, and Lea Ann, born 1964. Teresa married Gregory Eugene Steele of Ripley who died in 1980. She then married Forest Glen (Buck) Anthony of Indiana in 1981. They have one daughter Megan Elaine, born 1982. Buck has two children by a former marriage, Cecilia Faye Manley, born 1963, of Ripley and John Jay, born 1967. John now serves in the U.S. Marines and is stationed in Okinawa. Lea Ann is married to John Rhodes from Ripley, has a daughter Jolea Brooke, born 1989, and now lives in Weston, West Virginia.

Ethel Lenora, born 1930, married Robert Van Fossen of Chester, West Virginia. He is the son of Joseph and Edna Wilson Van Fossen, formerly of Jackson County. They have four children. Rebecca Lee married Keith Burke and lives in East Liverpool, Ohio with two sons, Keith and Kevin. Robin Maurine has one son, Nicholas and lives in Surfside, South Carolina with her husband, Dick Oyster. Robert Ray has two children, Jason and Tia and

also lives in Surfside. Rita Jo married Bill Murphy, has three children, Sarah, Rachel and Adam and now lives in Pennsylvania.

Charles Haydon, born 1931, married Anna Louise King of Cottageville, daughter of Cecil and Eunice Mahon King. They have three children: Patricia Lynn, born 1954, married to Gregg Kuhl and lives in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Pamela Ann, born 1956, married Julian T. Hatcher, a teacher in Jackson County Schools and lives in Cottageville with two children, Juli Ann and Jeremy Daniel. Richard Keith, born 1957, is married to Cathy Lyons and lives in Ravenswood, West Virginia with two children, Richelle Lynn and Todd Richard.

After Anna Mae died in 1944, Jesse married Elah Landfried of Sycamore Road in 1950. They lived on Sycamore Road until his death in 1963.

Submitted by Pamela Murray Hatcher and Roberta Murray Beckett

JOSEPH AND MARGARET MURRAY

My grandfather and grandmother, Joseph and Margaret Jane Ulam Murray, moved from Green County, Pennsylvania to Jackson County, West Virginia in 1883 by boat on Ohio River to Ravenswood, West Virginia and from Ravenswood by horse and wagon to their farm on Joe's Run where Joseph had bought 400 acres of wilderness virgin timber. Here he began to clear the land by ox team to farm. Their first home was a log cabin. I have heard it said Grandma planted her cabbage seed as it was the 17th day of March 1883, the day they arrived. What brave people they were. Grandma was a great gardener and homemaker. I remember her herb garden, also the medication she provided from those herbs for family and neighbors. Grandfather was a country preacher. He traveled over the country on horseback to preach and to help his fellow man. They had no school or church near enough to attend. Joseph donated the land for the Victory School on Joe's Run where we all went to school. He also helped to build Mount Hope Church in 1913 and it was dedicated 1914. The school was torn down some time ago. The church has been well maintained also well attended.



Joseph and Margaret Jane Murray, 1925

Joseph and Margaret Jane had eight children — five boys and three girls — all deceased. Many of the grandchildren live in Jackson County. I am the oldest grandchild, 91 years old. Grandfather died in the house he built in 1932, 82 years old. Grandmother in 1940, 90 years old.

I lived most of my life in Ohio. Three years ago I came back to Jackson County to spend my remaining years near where I was born.

When my father and mother married in 1893 my mother was Elizabeth Burch. My father bought 200 acres from Grandfather Murray's farm. They built their home and raised their family — nine children. We all grew up on the farm. Four of the nine children are living. Two of us live not far from the old home place and two are living in Ohio.

Submitted by Marv V. Murray Cook

MURREY

Isaac Murrey (July 18, 1808-August 3, 1871) was born in Maryland. He married Elizabeth Cash (April 6, 1809-December 6, 1882) on February 2, 1832. They lived on a farm near Mt. Tabor Church, Monroe County, Ohio and were the parents of ten children.

George Washington Murrey (March 28, 1838-November 13, 1910), was their fourth child and our ancestor. He married Frances Jane Steward (September 8, 1837-September 4, 1926) on March 7, 1861. George Washington was a road surveyor and farmer and Frances was a teacher. They came to Sandyville, Jackson County, West Virginia in 1881 from Stafford, Ohio when he had to sell his farm to pay a debt for his deceased brother. George Washington and Frances Jane were the parents of eight children as follows:

Ida Belle (1862-1890) married Edward Mallett; Harmon E. (1863-1907) married Hattie Scott; Charles Grant (1865-1953), our ancestor, married Amanda Catherine Atkins (1869-1926); Nancy Jane (1867-?) married Perry H. Hawk (1869-1923); Isaac Orville (1870-1924) married Edith Ellen Neil; Mary Mariah (1872-1959) married Louis N. Pickens (1877-1947); John McGuire (1872-1883); and Juno Etta (1878-1951) single.



Charles Grant Murrey

Our ancestor, Charles Grant Murrey (March 1, 1865-May 19, 1953), married Amanda Catherine Atkins (September 15, 1869-May 31, 1926) on April 16, 1889 at the home of her parents, William James Atkins and Mary Amanda (Peterson) Atkins, on Beattys Run. They established their home on Trace Fork where he farmed until moving to Preston Street, Ravenswood, West Virginia, where he worked for the porcelain plant and later at the Ravenswood Feed Mill before returning to his farm in the early 1930s. They were the parents of four children as follows:

Jesse Juno (1891-1972) married Charles W. Owens and were the parents of four children: Howard Murrey (1909-) married Lola Mary Gunn (1905-1978); Luther Edwin (1911-) married Helen Boyle (deceased), remarried Mabel Owens; Maurice Manton (1918-) married Ann Underwood; Mildred Lucille (1927-) married Joseph Orahoske.

Amanda Frances (1893-1985) married Arthur Absolum Coe (1882-1980) and were the parents of two children: Helen Ruth (1918-) married Ralph Allen Fisher, Sr. (1917-) and Bobby Jean (1926-) married James Vernon Fisher (1922-) brother of Ralph.

Infant Dorinda Dorcus (1896-1897).

Frank Atkins (1900-1937), our father, married Martha Bernice Currey (1906-1941) on October 3, 1922. Bernice was the daughter of Dr. William Londas Yancey Currey and Lucy Lora (Lockhart) Currey. They lived with his parents in Ravenswood, West Virginia where Frank worked at the porcelain plant. They moved to Athens, Ohio in 1926 where he worked in his Uncle Edgar Atkins' chicken



Frank Atkins Murrey Sr.

hatchery. Frank was a good carpenter and craftsman and did many jobs for people while living in Athens, Ohio. The depression hit and Frank moved his family to their farm near Lockhart, Jackson County, West Virginia, in 1931. Their children are:

Betty Marie (1923-), married Lyle Dean Wilson (1916-1952) in 1938. They were the parents of two children: Larry Dean (1942-) married Theresa Radford (1947-) in 1967. They have one daughter, Angela Marie (1971-) and reside in Louisville, Kentucky; and Sandra Kay (1946-) married Hobart Pence (1944-) in 1965 and live in Ripley, West Virginia. Betty married her second husband, Edward Franklin Parrish (1929-) in 1963. They live at Sandyville, West Virginia. Betty belongs to the Eastern Star Chapter 15, Ravenswood, the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W. Post 3488, Sandyville, and the Mary Elizabeth Circle, Lockhart Church. She enjoys quilting, knitting and crafts. Edward served in the United States Navy in the Korean Conflict (1948-1952). He is a 32nd Degree Mason and worked for the Kaiser Aluminum Plant in Ravenswood for 26 years, is now employed by Ravenswood Aluminum Corporation. He likes horses and hunting.

Robert Currey (1925-) married Ruth Stilgenbauer (1923-1970) in 1956. They had one daughter, Debra Marie. Robert currently resides in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He served in the United States Navy (1943-1945) and re-enlisted in 1949. He retired from the Navy in 1967 with 21 years service. He made seven trips around the world during his naval career. He is a member of the Eagles Lodge and is a Mason. He presently works for Acme Tool Company in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Anita Jean (1927-) married Fred Headley (1927-) in 1947. They have one daughter, Diane Lynn, (1948-) married Philip Earl Grimes (1955-) in 1982. They have two children Philip Adam (1984-) and Rebecca Lynn (1985-). Anita graduated from Gilmore High School in 1945. Fred served in the United States Navy (1945-1947). He works for Van Leunens Department Stores in Cincinnati, Ohio. They both like golfing and traveling.

Bruce Edgar, Sr. (1928-) married Emma Mae Walters (1931-) in 1949. Their children are: Bruce Edgar, Jr. (1950-) married Sheri (Donaway) Pelfrey in 1985. They have two daughters, Shauna Beth (1976-) and Megan Dawn (1988-) and live in Beattyville, Kentucky; Susan Jean (1958-) and Barry Hees (1960-), 1982, have one daughter Julie Angela (1983-) and live in Michigan; and Bernice Lynn (1966-) married Ronald Patrick Greer, Jr. (1967-) in 1988 and currently reside in Sandyville, West Virginia. Bruce, Sr. graduated from Gilmore High School in 1946. He served in the United States Navy (1946-1948), worked two years for DuPont at Belle, West Virginia, two years at the Amoco Service Station, and five years at West Vaco at South Charleston, West Virginia. He worked for Kaiser Construction and was employed by Kaiser Aluminum on November 8, 1957, retired December, 1988, and is presently working for Ravens-

wood Aluminum Corporation. He is a 32nd Degree Mason, enjoys playing the fiddle and raising Hereford cattle on his farm at Lockhart, West Virginia. Emma graduated from Ripley High School in 1949. She is a member of the Lockhart United Methodist Church and Mary Elizabeth Circle. Emma is interested in genealogy and enjoys quilting, crocheting and knitting.

Frances Joan (1930-) married Quentin Theodore Balser (1931-) in 1950. They reside in Ripley, West Virginia. They have two children: Randal Quentin (1955-) married Kathy Jean (Cummings) Rhodes (1954-) in 1985, and have one child, Rachel Ruth Rhodes (1978-); and Joyce Ellen (1959-) married George Lanier Easley, Jr. (1952-) in 1982. They reside in Hurricane, West Virginia with their two children, Meredith Nichole (1984-) and Brinton Jess (1988-). Frances graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1949 and is presently working at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Clerk's office. Quentin graduated from Ripley High School in 1951. He worked for Kaiser Aluminum and is now working for Ravenswood Aluminum Corporation. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict (August 1952-January 1954) in France. Frances joined him in France in July 1953. They returned to the States in July 1954. Quentin went right into Active Reserves 267th Ordinance Company in Ripley, West Virginia and received his discharge December 5, 1960.

Frank Atkins, Jr. (1932-) married Ann Lavon Yoho (1936-) in 1955 and resides in Sandyville, West Virginia. They have two children: Rhonda Gail (1956-) married Joe Wendell Casto (1954-) in 1982. They have one daughter, Ann Marie (1985-) and reside in Ripley, West Virginia; and Brian Kent (1958-) resides in Sandyville, West Virginia. Frank, Jr. graduated from Gilmore High School in 1951. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict (1953-1955). He worked for the West Virginia Department of Highways, retiring in January 1989 after 30 years of service to work on his farm. Frank owns and lives on the farm where he was born at Lockhart, West Virginia. He is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Parkersburg, West Virginia. His wife, Ann, graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1954. She is manager of the RKE Federal Credit Union, Ravenswood, West Virginia. She began her career in 1965 holding various positions until becoming manager in 1987. Frank and Ann like motor cycle riding and snow skiing.

Martha Bernice Murrey married her second husband, Frank Preston Surface (1893-1973) in 1938. Their child, Carl Preston Surface (1939-) married Carolyn Marie Phillips (1940-) in 1960. They reside in Marietta, Ohio. Their children are: Katrina Jo (1961-); Susan Kay (1963-); infant twins Darla Jean and Carla Ann (1964-1964); Heather Dawn (1967-) and Aaron Randall (1978-). Submitted by Betty Murrey Parrish and Emma Murrey

MYER

I am a descendant of the Myer family that came to Grant District of Jackson County in 1871. I was born 1918 near Mineral Wells, West Virginia. One of five children of Carel Cox Sr. (1890-1972), and Ethel DeVaughn (1893-1974). They were married 1913 in Wood County. Carel and Ethel's children: Georgia, born 1914-1988; Amy born 1916; Carel Jr., born 1918; Lurana, born 1920; Earl, born 1922.

While in the service I married Eulah Fay Eaton in Augusta, Georgia 1942. We have six children: Janet, born 1943, married William Packard; Larry, born 1946, married Caroline Parrish; Judith, born 1947, married Earl Hayes; Roger, born 1949, married Jackie Modesitt; Linda, born 1952, married Michael Bennett; Randy, born 1955, married

Alma Toncray.

We have ten grandchildren: Marc Packard born 1969, Matthew Packard born 1983, Stephanie Cox born 1971, Rodney Cox born 1976, Cathy Hayes born 1974, John Hayes born 1980, Andrew Cox born 1980, Ryan Cox born 1985, Teri Bennett born 1978, Nicholas Bennett born 1982.

Carel Sr. was born near Providence Chapel one of six children of John Cox (1867-1950) and Amy Jane Myer (1866-1951). They were married in Jackson County, 1884.

John and Amy's children: Gertrude (1886-1965), Pearl (1888-1919), Carel Sr. (1890-1974), Ruby (1891-1938), Foster (1912-1912), Infant (1911-1911).

Amy Myer was one of 14 children of Jerome Myer (1831-1909), and Rachel Woodside (1832-1888). They were married in Ritchie County, West Virginia, 1855.

Jerome and Rachel's children: John (1856-1923), Peter (1857-1916), Nancy (1858), Mary (1859), Scott (1861-1940), Rebecca (1862), Cora (1863), Stephen (1864), Amy (1866-1951), Abigail (1867), Grant (1868), Flora (1870), Laura (1870), Minnie (1873).

Jerome was one of eight children of Peter Myer (1802) and Nancy Price (1803).

Peter and Nancy's children: John (1825), William (1826), Juliann (1825), Jerome (1831-1909), Argalon (1832-1908), Barbara (1835), George (1837), Oscar (1841), Mary (1844), Thomas (1845).

Peter was one of seven children of Henry Myer and Juliann Snook. In the 1880 Jackson County census it has Henry born on the ocean.

Henry and Juliann's children: Peter (1802), Barbara, Enoch, Rosanna, Upton, John, Jacob.

Peter Myer and Anna Peters were Henry's parents. The rest of Peter and Anna's children: Mary, Sarah, Margaret, Charity, Peter, Phillip, Rebecca, John, Jacob. Submitted by Carel Cox Jr.

CLARENCE FRANKLIN MYERS

CLARENCE FRANKLIN MYERS, (1894-1978), born in Jackson County and lived in the county his lifetime, with the exception of spending a short time in Steubenville, Ohio when he was first married. The son of Sam and Ada Myers. He married Golda Dorothy Coe of Cottageville on November 30, 1916, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. To this union were born two sons: Jack Wendell Myers and Clarence Donald Myers.



Clarence Myers

He spent his early adulthood teaching school in Jackson County and served as the last elected Superintendent of Jackson County Schools. As Principal, he signed many diplomas for students graduating from the eighth grade. Many of the same students had their High School diplomas

signed by him when he was Superintendent of Jackson County Schools. He further signed his own Union High School Diploma while serving as Superintendent of Jackson County Schools in 1934.

He later served as Sheriff of Jackson County, after which he spent the remaining years of his life in the sales of Insurance and Real Estate. He encouraged his sons to enter the business with him. He was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church and was an active Methodist for more than 60 years. He served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and on the Board of Trustees. He was a County 4-H leader, a member of the Masonic Order, the Eastern Star, and many other organizations.

The children of Clarence Franklin and Golda Coe Myers are: **JACK WENDELL MYERS**, (1918-1982), born in Steubenville, Ohio and lived a short time in Cleveland, Ohio, and Alexandria, Virginia; spending the remainder of his life in Jackson County. He married Betty Lou Taylor of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Their children are: 1. John Franklin Myers, born 1958, married to Melinda Godwin of Charlotte, North Carolina. They have one child, Trent Taylor Myers, born 1989. 2. Janine Taylor Myers, born 1959, married to Tracy Sayre of Evans, West Virginia. They have two children: Tyler John Sayre, born 1984, and Ali Nicole Sayre, born 1987.

CLARENCE DONALD MYERS, born 1920 in Cottageville, West Virginia. Married Wilma E. Miller of Spencer, West Virginia. They reside in Ripley, West Virginia and have one child, Dawn Miller Myers, born 1953, married to Thomas H. Layne III of Gauley Bridge, West Virginia. They are both doctors of dentistry. Their children are: Ryan Thomas Layne, born 1981; Evan Alexander Layne, born 1984; and Vaughn Mackenzie Layne, born 1986. *Submitted by Don Myers*

McBRIDE

The McBride family has resided in the Medina area of Jackson County since 1873. The family of Samuel and Jane Archer McBride came there from Noble County, Ohio. This family had eight children.

Charley married a Patterson girl, raised eight children.

Logan married Minnie Derenberger, had two boys, Hal and Gilford. Logan's family lived in Ravenswood and operated a store there for many years.

Chalmer married Mary Lambert, had three children, moved to Michigan.

Michael and wife had a daughter, Ruth Rowley of Ravenswood.

Celia married Elmer Flinn, long-time principal of Ravenswood High School. Raised three children. Son Virgil was Superintendent of Schools in Kanawha County for many years.

Mollie married John Beach, had no children, moved to Michigan.

Alcena (Chub) married a Fuller in Michigan. They had one son, Durwood.

Nathan (1872-1964) married Effie Logston (1878-1952) in 1895. Nathan was a farmer, school teacher, auctioneer, and served 12 years on the Jackson County Court. They had five children. Martin (1896-1980) married Lona Alexander, had one child, Glada, who died in infancy. Lona died not long after that. Martin remarried in 1923 to Mary Williams (1904-1989). They had two children. Jo (1936-) married Robert Raines. They have two children, Robin Raines Hall, who had three children, Daron, Adam and Danielle; Jeff, single, who is following in his great-grandfather's footsteps as an auctioneer. The Raines live in Sandyville.

Jean (1937-) married Carl Wilkinson. They have four children. Stephen, a Baptist minister in

Indiana, Scott, Sandra and Sherrie all at home. The Wilkinson's live in Parkersburg. Nathan McBride, Mary McBride and Jo Raines have all been columnists for the Jackson Herald.

The McBride family lived in the same house at Medina for 78 years and were very active in the Warden Chapel Church there.

With the passing of Martin McBride, the family name ceased because he had no sons to carry on the name. *Submitted by Jo McBride Raines*

McBRIDE-WILLIAMS

Samuel McBride (May 1, 1841-November 11, 1921) was the son of William McBride. He married Jane Archer (December 13, 1846-October 25, 1925), daughter of Nathan and Lydia (Harris) Archer. They lived in Enoch Township, Noble County, Ohio, before moving to Jackson County in the 1870s. They lived at Medina, in Grant District, and sometime after 1900, moved to Michigan. They had ten children. Charles E. (1867-?) married Sarah E. Patterson, in 1884, in Jackson County. William Henry (1869-1911). Celia E. (1870-1945) married Elmer H. Flinn (1869-1948) in 1894. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Nathan (1872-1964) married Effie Logston (1876-1952). John Logue (1874-1939) married Minnie Minerva Dernberger (1875-1939), in 1902. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Chalmer (1876-1958) married Mary Nancy Lambert and moved to Williamson, Michigan. Michael (1879-1913) married Cora Alice Flinn, in 1901, and lived in Arizona. Abigail (1881-1885) is buried in the McPherson Cemetery, in Grant District. Mollie (1883-?) married John Beech and moved to Williamson, Michigan. Alcena (1886-1964) married Fuller and lived in Michigan. An infant child died in 1890.



N. F. and Effie (Logston) McBride with children, Murt, Myrtle, and Bird

Nathan McBride married Effie Logston, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Ferguson) Logston. They lived at Medina, in Grant District. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Martin McBride (1895-1980) married, first, Lona Alexander (1896-1919). He married, second, Mary Williams (1904-1989), daughter of James and Sarah (Brown) Williams. Bird McBride (1896-1916) married Ira Lincicome. She is buried in the Red Brush Cemetery. Myrtle McBride (1899-1962) married Holly McPherson (1899-1964) and lived near Medina. An infant son died in 1901. Muhrl (1903-1968) married Harrison Moore (1902-1961) and lived at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

James Williams (1868-1954), son of Daniel and Malinda (Knotts) Williams, married Sarah Brown (1867-1922), daughter of John and Mary (Miller) Brown. They lived north of Medina, near the Cavin Fork Hill. James is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery and Sarah is buried in the Simpson Cemetery. They had five children. Velma (1891-1942) married Pearl Moore and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Edna (1893-1974) married John Moore and lived in Parkersburg, West

Virginia. They are buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Dick (1896-1982) married first, Laura Moore; second, Laura (Archer) Gorrell; and third, Kathleen (Roberts) Hill Scarbrough. He is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery. Mary (1904-1989) married Martin McBride, in 1924, and lived at Medina. Bill (1909) married first, Kathryn Harvey (1910-1947) in 1941; second, Myrtle Lyons (1909-1974) in 1951; and third, Edith Purdue (1914). Bill and Edith live at Parkersburg, West Virginia. *Submitted by Scott Wilkinson*

MART AND MARY McBRIDE

Mary McBride was born May 28, 1904, in Jackson County, daughter of James and Sarah (Brown) Williams. She had two brothers, Sanford "Dick" and William, and two sisters, Velma and Edna. One Christmas when Mary was small, she hung her stocking up for Santa. Her mother told her there was no need to hang it up for there wouldn't be anything that year. She found out it was true the next morning. At the age of 16, her mother died and she had to drop out of school to take care of the home. She never got past the sixth grade. She had to wash for her father and two brothers on the washboard and hang the clothes on the fence to dry.



Mary (Williams) McBride

On February 28, 1924, she married Martin McBride, son of Nathan and Effie (Logston) McBride. They were married in Marietta, Ohio by Rev. Tiffany. They had two daughters, Jo and Jean, after 12 and one half years of marriage. When they were growing up, the girls hated washing dishes. They decided to go on a sit-down strike thinking as soon as Mom finished them they could get up. It didn't work that way and the chairs were getting hard after two hours of sitting.

Mart and Mary celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 28, 1974. This poem was written by V.G. Kyger and sent to them:

GOLDEN WEDDING WISH

On your yearly calendar February twenty eight
Has now become quite a memorable date
And has grown more special year by year
Until your golden wedding date is now here

The announcement recently in the Parkersburg News

Will no doubt many peoples mind confuse
Only a few older people will really understand
Why horses and buggies were so much in demand

If greater distances you wished to go
The horse and buggy travel was just too slow
So you would then ride on a passenger train
Where it was much more comfortable in snow or rain

A trolley ride to Marietta it's plain to see
Located for you a Preacher named Tiffany
He really could tie a long lasting knot
That for fifty years hasn't been forgot

So here is a wish from an old time friend

That writes this poem especially to send
Best wishes for a most happy fifty years
celebration
To be held on the beloved family plantation

On March 22, 1974, Mary started writing a weekly column for the Jackson Herald. During her 15 years of writing, she made lots of friends. She also had a reporter from Pittsburgh come to her home and do an interview for the Wall Street Journal. Her husband passed away on March 1, 1980. She lived her entire life in Jackson County and passed away on March 11, 1989. *Submitted by Jean (McBride) Wilkinson*

THOMAS McCAULEY

Thomas McCauley (believed to have been born in 1815) in Tyrone, Ireland, and his wife Charlotte Foster McCauley, born 1818, traveled by sail ship from Ireland to the United States in 1857 or 1858. They settled in Jackson County, Virginia, via the state of Pennsylvania and Washington County, Ohio.

Thomas and Charlotte McCauley were parents of eight children: William (1847-1914), Alexander, Archie (1841-1917), Robert (1852-1933), John, Susan, Mary Jane and Eliza.

Thomas died at his son Alexander's home at Wilding. Charlotte died at her daughter's, Susan Boden. They were buried near McGees Chapel, now known as the Independence Church and Cemetery at Sandyville. *Submitted by Jack Carrell*

WILLIAM McCAULEY

William McCauley, born in Tyrone, Ireland, January 18, 1847, the son of Thomas and Charlotte Foster McCauley, came to Jackson County at the age of 11 years.

William and Dienia Hendershot McCauley were parents of six children: Harvey M. (1877-1941), Album Wire "Bar" (1879-1928), Matilda (1881-1901), Thomas (1883-1893), Peter (1885-1955), and Clara (1888-1964), Dienia died in childbirth, January 22, 1888.

William married Arminda Girt and had the following children: Charles Henry (1888-1954), Armanda Ellen (1889-1891), William Alexander (1892-1982), Charlotte (1894-1976), Frank Brown (1895-1966), John Bryan (1897-1972), Herman Ellsworth (1901-1902), Laura Edith (1903-1907), and Fred Wesley (1907-1963).

William McCauley died, February 17, 1914, Arminda died, July 12, 1948. They are buried at Drift Run Cemetery. *Submitted by Vivian McCauley*

ESLEY AND AUDRA JANE (PARSONS) McCLOUD

Audra Jane Parsons was at Kentuck in Jackson County, July 7, 1886-August 18, 1966. She was the daughter of George Wilson Parsons (March 26, 1845-May 25, 1902) and Elizabeth Susan Reed Parsons (November 23, 1853-November 6, 1935). George was the son of Joshua Parsons, born 1814, and Joanna Stewart Parsons, born 1813. George was a Civil War Veteran of the Union Army.

Audra Jane married Esley McCloud March 29, 1903. Esley was the son of Radford and Nancy Jane Barnett McCloud. Radford was born at Wells-ville, Ohio (October 9, 1843-October 10, 1909). He was the son of Daniel (born 1815) and Margaret Marshall McCloud (born 1823). Radford served four years in the Civil War in the Union Army. Nancy Jane Barnett McCloud (February 26, 1845-December 5, 1919) was the daughter of John and Mahalia See Barnett. Mahalia was born 1815-1882.

Radford and Nancy Jane McCloud had three children. They were: Orville (November 22, 1869-October 9, 1949); Esley (June 30, 1871-January



Esley and Jane McCloud

8, 1954); Cordelia (December 11, 1872-February 20, 1906).

Audra Jane, or Jane as she was always called, and Esley were the parents of 11 children. Jane was truly a pioneer woman of great strength. Besides rearing 11 children, she worked in the home, cooking and sewing. She once owned a hand loom and wove many rag rugs for neighbors and family. As Esley was a farmer and worked on the railroad as a cook part time, she worked in the fields and garden. If the need arose, she could split stove wood, and she also could handle the cross-cut saw. They operated a small country store for a few years. They were married at Kentuck and lived in Jackson County for three years and the remainder of their lives on a farm in Mason County. Their children are as follows:

1. Edrie O'Dessie (January 19, 1905-January 25, 1957) married Leo Hughes. Their children: Leola, Arnold, Betty Lou, Darrell and Richard.

2. Norma Caroline (June 11, 1907) married Frank Schwarz. Their daughter, Erma.

3. Hoyt Wilson (January 14, 1909-February 3, 1979) married Alma Miller. Their children: Alice, Ralph and Virginia.

4. Carl Dexter (March 21, 1911-July 19, 1986) married Margaret McClure. Their children, Naomi and Harold.

5. Lexie Pearl (April 11, 1913-October 7, 1971) married Eugene Baier. Their children: Vivian and Paul. Second marriage: John Dunn. Their children: Shirley, Ronald and James.

6. Lawrence Perry (August 10, 1915) married Dolly Moore. Their children: Lawrence Edsel, Richard, Darlene, Norma and Esley.

7. Anna Mae (November 30, 1918) married J.C. Eldridge. Their children: Larry and Gary.

8. Twin — Wayne Milford (May 10, 1922) married Charlotte Rockhold. Their children: Bonnie Ann and Wayne, Jr.

9. Twin — Merle Millicent (May 10, 1922) married Roy Nicholl. Their children: Phyllis, Judy, Catherine, and Lillie Ann.

10. Alta Ercyl (March 19, 1925-November 22, 1988) married Lorraine Sayre. Their daughter, Lois.

11. Guy Darrell (May 15, 1928) married Betty Gibson. Their children: Linda, Sandra, Guy Jr.

Submitted by Norma McCloud Schwarz

McCLOUD

Sometime before the year 1860, a family by the name of McCloud moved into this part of (West) Virginia. These people were known as squatters and would move into houses built by earlier squatters on land owned by someone else. They would stay for a short while before moving on.

The first account of the McCloud family was when they moved to land in an area known as Belgrove, on the White Pine Road. Three children died while they were living here and they are buried on the hillside below what was later to become the David L. Casto Family Cemetery, on land owned by David L. and Louisa Casto.

The McClouds moved to a house on land owned

by the Buren family on the Kenna-Kentuck Road. This property is now owned by Kemp and Eurada Landis.

The McClouds had a small boy that was crippled. When the family moved from this last house nobody saw them leave. A mound of freshly turned earth was found nearby shortly after they had gone. This mound lay along a road now known as the Center View Ridge Road, County Route 19/5. It is believed to be the grave of the crippled boy.

In later years someone carved J.H. Cloud, 1860, on a rock and placed it on the grave. The grave always had flowers on it, placed there by neighbors.

In around 1950, some members of the family came from another state and asked Alice Skeen about the location of the grave, but there has been no inquiries in recent years. *Submitted by Robert R. Casto*

EDRA VIRGINIA (WAYBRIGHT) McCOLOUGH

Edra was the daughter of W.H. and Millie Stanley Waybright. She was the mother of two children, William Robert Waybright and Otis Eugene Waybright. She married Floyd Walls and later divorced. Then married Richard McCough and divorced.

She retired from Robinson Myers, Inc. after 40 years, to live at her country home on 380 acres on Zion Ridge that she had purchased in 1949 from George Waybright, Mildred Casto and E. John and Marie Waybright. Her granddaughter, Lisa Waybright, daughter of Robert and Joanna Schwierking Waybright of Springfield, Ohio, came to Jackson County to live with her. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.



Edra Virginia (Waybright) McCough

She was in poor health with emphysema and died in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Marie and E. John Waybright on Horseshoe Bend of Elk Fork on Gay Road, where she was born 63 years before. She is buried at the family cemetery, Mt. Olive, on Gay Road near her parents.

She had much affection for her children and grandchildren and left them collections of coins, quilts, furniture and dishes. She left her large farm to her sons, Robert and Eugene, and her granddaughter, Lisa Waybright Zanish. *Submitted by Neil Waybright*

McCOY

The McCoy heirs in this article trace their roots to William McCoy of the McCoy Clan of Argyleshire, Scotland. This William was born in 1711 and married Jane Auld. After coming to America, William settled in Virginia, near what is now Franklin in Pendleton County, West Virginia.

William and Jane had several daughters and a son named John who married Sarah Oliver. John

was active in politics, being a trusted friend of President Jackson and he also commanded a company of volunteers in the French and Indian Wars. John and Sarah married in 1759 and had 11 children. One of these was a son named Joseph.

Joseph was born in 1776 and married in 1801 to Willa Harvey. Their son, John, was born in December 1814 and he married Nancy Crislip on July 14 1836.

John and Nancy are buried in Jackson County in the Boyce Cemetery. They had ten children whose names were Ezra, Lemuel, Almima, Sevena, J. Asby, Sarah Elizabeth, Margaret Lucinda, Barbara Ellen, Abram, and John Ira.

J. Asby married Annie Hamilton on July 28, 1870 and their children were Huey, Forris, Sella, Alpheus, and Alvartie. Huey's daughter Mary married Wayne Hughes and their children are Leslie, Lyle, and Lowell. Sella married Eusta Dunlap and their children were Doresta, Frank, Alverta, and Howard. Sella next married Gay Bogges Hinzman and had a son named Marion. Alpheus married Inez Hatcher and had a daughter named June. Alvartie married Riley Pitts.

Through Forris we continue. He married Della Morgan and lived on Crooked Fork of Sand Creek. The children of Forris and Della were as follows: Constance, Conrad, John, Vernon and Kathleen who were twins, and Daniel.



Forris and Della McCoy and children.
Conrad, John, Constance, 1906

Constance married W. Matson King and after farming in Jackson County moved to Lewisburg in West Virginia. Matson is deceased, and Constance lives near her son, Don, who is married to Susanna Roush.

Conrad married Edra Suek and they raised their family on a farm along the Ohio River. At one time they operated the largest dairy business in the state. Their children are John Paul, James, Joseph, Edmond, Larry, Dottie, Connie and Roseanna.

John married Ursie Ankrum and owned the Southern States Store in Ravenswood, later selling to Bill Caldwell. They were parents of Eldon, Adrian, and Joyce. Ursie is deceased and John lives with son, Adrian.

Vernon married Mary K. Brown and their children are Ann, and twins, David and Richard. Vernon was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Senator Brad Sayre in 1957. He also served as Sheriff of Jackson County. Vernon later married Sherry Peck. He died in 1988.

Kathleen married Kelly Sommerville and had one daughter named Suann. The Sommervilles owned a store in Ravenswood for awhile. Kathleen later married Wilkie Hoy and lived in Durham, North Carolina at the time of her death in August 1989.

Dan married Virginia Wolverton and after farming in Jackson County, moved to Waynesburg,

Pennsylvania. Dan owned a large dairy and was a successful businessman in the Morgantown area. Dan and Virginia's children are Jim, Sharon, and Phyllis. Submitted by Linda E. McCoy

McCRADY

The first McCrady ancestor in Jackson County was William and Susannah (Davis) McCrady, who came around 1880 from Harrison County, West Virginia. They were married February 9, 1850, in Harrison County by Rev. James Little. Susannah (Davis) McCrady was the daughter of Israel and Edith (Bice) Davis. Their children were 1. Cecilia Ann McCrady, born November 29, 1850, died May 2, 1923, married her first husband, Benjamin Bise in 1865, and her second husband, George Palmer in 1870; 2. Martha McCrady, born December 27, 1853, and died within seven years of her birth; 3. Stewart McCrady, born January 12, 1855, died January 22, 1913; 4. Edward Israel McCrady, born February 27, 1857, died April 22, 1926, and moved to Ohio; 5. Mary McCrady, born in 1859, married Perry Staats and moved to Missouri; 6. William Robert McCrady, born in 1862 in Barbour County, West Virginia, died August 7, 1894; 7. George McCrady, born in 1864, died in the 1920s unmarried; 8. James McCrady, born February 26, 1866, died September 18, 1926.

William and Susannah McCrady settled in Frozen Camp in the Washington District where they were recorded in the 1880 federal census. The children living with them at that time were William Robert, George, and James. Cecilia (McCrady) Palmer stayed in Harrison County. While Stewart, Edward Israel, and Mary came to Jackson County with them and married.

In 1887, William purchased 25 acres of land on the waters of Frozen Camp from Mr. and Mrs. Hyre and Mr. and Mrs. Flesher for \$100.00.

William McCrady was a blacksmith by trade from around 1850 to about 1870. When he moved to Jackson County, he became a farmer and raised herbs. Many called him a herbal doctor. There are many stories handed down telling of William curing sick people with his herbs.

Stewart McCrady, the third child of William and Susannah, married Mary Ellen White, daughter of James and Catherine White. They were married on January 31, 1875, in Harrison County, West Virginia. Stuart's occupation was a farmer. Their children were: 1. James William McCrady, 1875-1952, married Clara "Alice" Morris; 2. Wesley Nevel McCrady, 1878-1934, married Ella Whited; 3. Flora May McCrady, 1880-1935, married Vincent Parsons; 4. Rosa Lee McCrady, 1883-1908, married Call Walter; 5. Lora Maude McCrady, 1886-1960, married William Stuart; 6. Icy Losca McCrady, 1889-1972, married William Knight; 7. Stewart Milford McCrady, 1892-1951, married Mamie Curry; 8. Walter Charm McCrady, 1895-1982, married Wavy Whited; and 9. Bessie Green McCrady, 1898-1972, married Condie Whited.

Edward Israel McCrady, fourth child of William and Susannah, married Sarah Ella Baker, daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Powers) Baker, on March 5, 1878, in Sandyville, Jackson County, West Virginia, by Rev. William Warren. Edward made his living working on the railroad, and later working in coal mines and carving tool handles. His children from his first marriage were: 1. Minnie L. McCrady, 1879-1879; 2. Ota McCrady, 1880-1880; 3. Oka Wilmer McCrady, 1881-1881; 4. Winifred McCrady, 1883-1883; 5. Charles Clayton McCrady, 1886-1974, married Rose Shonebarger; 6. James William McCrady, 1889-1893. After Edward's first wife Sarah died, he married Anna Vannoy on August 19, 1893. Their children were: 1. Mable McCrady, 1895-1969, married Raymond Keek; 2. May McCrady, 1897-1900; 3. Minnie McCrady, 1898-1900; 4. Rosa McCrady, 1901-?; 5. Myrtle McCrady, 1903-

1938, married Herbert Miller; and 6. Fred McCrady, 1905- , married Goldie Allen. Edward moved to Ohio after 1900 and settled in Perry County, Ohio.

William Robert McCrady, sixth child of William and Susannah, married Martha Jane Staats, daughter of William and Cinderella (Straley) Staats, on June 25, 1882, in Reedy, Roane County, West Virginia. William was a farmer and died at the age of 32. Their children were: 1. Okey Franklin McCrady; 2. Charles Stewart McCrady, 1885-1969, married Emma Pickens; 3. Rhoda Gay McCrady, 1887- , married William Atchinson; 4. Samuel Theodore McCrady, 1889-1970, married Myrtle Board; 5. Holly Dexter McCrady, 1891-1973, married Prudie Burdett and then Nettie Pursley; 6. William Robert McCrady Jr., 1892- , married Beulah Lattimer.

James McCrady, the youngest child of William and Susannah married Narcissus Hart (Harrett?) on July 1, 1888, in Jackson County. They had two children: 1. Pruda Pearl McCrady, 1889-1964, married Rhomie Rhodes; and 2. Alma McCrady, 1891-?. His second marriage was to Icie Gay Wendell, daughter of Robert and Rebecca Wendell, on March 24, 1893, in Jackson County. Their children were: 1. Odes Clarence McCrady, 1893-1970, married Pearl Fouty; 2. Ories Votimer McCrady, 1896-1957, married Vesta Tolley; 3. Orda Flossie McCrady, 1899-1969, married Rolley Parsons. 4. Otta Glenvil McCrady, 1900-1967, married Mildred Walker; 5. Opal Ellen McCrady, 1902- , married Thomas Rhodes. After his second wife died, he married Clara Elizabeth Casto, daughter of Jacob and Martha Casto, on July 4, 1907 in Ripley, Jackson County. Their children were: 1. Leo Glenvil McCrady, 1918-1973; and 2. Laurena Audel McCrady, 1921- . James was a farmer, worked in the oil fields, and also operated a grocery store in Gay and Staats Mill.

Susannah (Davis) McCrady died the last week of the year in 1900, according to the Jackson Herald. William then married a Margaret Williams on August 30, 1901, in Jackson County. William died in 1906, and he and Susannah are both told to be buried in the Louthier Cemetery in Roane County, West Virginia. William was a charter member of the Louthier Church. Submitted by Penny Ginnery and Gerry Matsko

McCUTCHEON-LEMASTER

My father, Charles Oscar Neil, was a direct descendant of Robert McCutcheon, who came from Scotland to the Shenandoah Valley in the early 1700s. A son, Jones McCutcheon, married Rosanna Rogers in Fayette County in 1809. Their son, John R., active in the formation of the constitution of West Virginia, married Sally Kessler, a daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Hutsenpiller Kessler for whom Kessler's Cross Lanes was named. Their daughter, Sabina, married Samuel Neil II. They were the parents of my father on the Neil side. He was a direct descendant of Samuel Neil who served as Sheriff of Nicholas County in early years.

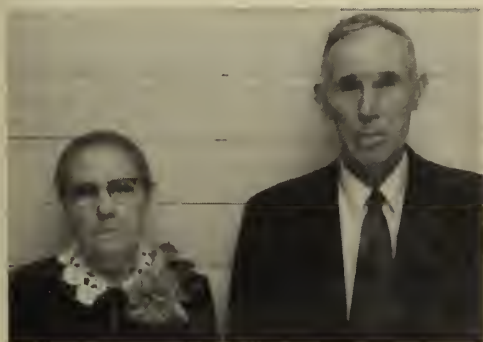
My mother, Lola M. Groves, was a direct descendant of Benjamin Lemasters. Sometime in the 1780s, the exact date is unknown, there came to Bucks Garden a Revolutionary War Patriot by the name of Benjamin Lemasters. He was a Personal Dispatcher to General Washington, spent the winter at Valley Forge, crossed the Delaware on Christmas night and later was wounded in the heel. He was taken to a hospital in Philadelphia where he met Rebecca Martin who became his wife. Tradition tells us he was of French descent and was the son of William Lemasters, a Presbyterian Minister, and Lady Catherine Graham.

Lemasters patented land on Bucks Garden and reared a family of ten daughters. He gave the name Bucks Garden to this valley because of the large deer found there. His youngest daughter, Elvira

Lemasters, married John Rader and inherited part of the Lemasters land.

John Rader was a direct descendant of Adam Rader I and Catherine Deibert. They came from Germany to Hanover County, Pennsylvania. Their son, Adam II, married Anna Barbara Bender and lived in Timberville, Virginia. Their fourth child, Anthony, married Dorothy Alexander and moved to Greenbrier County. Their son, Michael, married Margaret McClung. Their eldest son, John, married Elvira Lemasters. John and Elvira were my great, great grandparents.

My father, Charles Oscar Neil, and my mother, Lola M. Groves, were married December 24, 1908. My father was born March 21, 1886. Mother was born June 13, 1882. Three children were born to this union. Thelma, January 18, 1910, and married Jennings Bryant. They are the parents of two sons, first Charles J. born March 1, 1929. He married first Lorena Querry and they had one son, Charles E. born January 23, 1951. Charles Bryant's second marriage was to Lois McFee. They had three children, Pamela Jean, Elizabeth and John M. James W. Bryant is the second son of Jennings and Thelma. He was born December 14, 1932. He married Janet Hardman on January 12, 1952. They are the parents of two children, William G. and Susan Beth.



Oscar and Lola Neil

Jennings Bryant died April 6, 1936. After his death Thelma married Don Hall of Ripley, West Virginia, on October 11, 1941.

One child was born to this union, Jo Ruth, May 22, 1948. Jo married Robert Lux of Grand Ledge, Michigan, October 11, 1985.

Harold D. Neil, son of Oscar and Lola Neil, born May 16, 1911. He married Lulu Quesenberry June 30, 1946. After her death, Harold married Beulah Mollohan Brown of Birch River, West Virginia.

Mabel G. Neil, born November 4, 1912, married Leonard Grose July 1, 1939. They had three children, Edward, Rebecca and Anna Lynn. Submitted by Thelma Neil Hall

HOMER DAVID McFARLAND

Most area residents past the age of 50 have met the man and seen his work. He was a controversial figure, unconsciously presenting a different personality to different people.

His life style was before his time. He was born in an era and an area of America that was perhaps not yet ready for the itinerant artist; a class of people too busy to stop and look.

He was born (1864) in Lucas, Ohio later moving to Indiana. When he graduated from school, he took a bicycle trip through the south and mid-west, painting and selling his work for living expenses. Perhaps his pictures are hanging in many homes from West Virginia to the Dakotas. He met and married Ida Virginia Laughlin. They moved to West Virginia where eight children were born to this family: D. Willard, James, Bonnie, Eva Marie, Earl, Virginia, Edna and Robert. Most of the children died young.

Homer David McFarland died in 1947 and is

buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery at Ripley, West Virginia. His epitaph, in the immortal words of Walter Savage Landor, reads:

"I strove with none, for none was worth my strife
Nature I loved and next to nature, art,
I warmed my hands before the fire of life,
It sinks, and I am ready to depart."

The above was written for two art showings, in Ravenswood, of Mr. McFarland's Paintings several years ago.

His daughter Edna (October 4, 1910-March 27, 1989) lived in Ravenswood most of her life. She was a poet and artist, volunteering much of her time at the Ravenswood Village and Ripley Elder Care. She was a devoted Sunday School teacher, painted scenery for Bible School and was very faithful to her church. Edna was a person who enjoyed giving and helping others. Submitted by Betty Jean Fournay

McGINLEY

On December 24, 1949, my father Charles E. McGinley, became a member of the Jackson County community of Ripley. That was the day he married my mother, Willa May Coast, a Jackson County native and teacher at Ripley High School. They had met while both were attending West Virginia Institute of Technology in Montgomery. My mother's family were farmers and teachers in Jackson County and the Ohio Valley for generations. (See Coast-Floyd entry.) Better known as "Skip," after the popular comics character Skippy, he grew up in Summerlee, in Fayette County, near Oak Hill. His father, Howard G. McGinley, was bookkeeper for the New River Coal Company. His mother was Nancy Thompson. The McGinley family was from Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, a small Monongahela River town, 16 miles south of Pittsburgh. The Thompsons were farmers in the area. The McGinley family settled in Elizabeth around 1800. One of my father's ancestors was instrumental in founding the volunteer fire department in Elizabeth in 1832. Frank McGinley co-founded the *Elizabeth Herald* newspaper in 1876 and remained active in its publication until its sale in 1934.

Skip was a charter member of the Fayette County Historical Society. He was graduated with a B.A. in history from West Virginia Tech and a Masters degree from Marshall College in 1952. After moving to Ripley, my parents were employed as teachers at Ripley High School. My mother, Willa, continued to teach at Ripley High until her retirement in 1986. My father went to work for the West Virginia Rating Bureau in the town class department and later worked as an engineer/auditor for State Auto Mutual Insurance for 20 years.

Skip joined the Ripley Volunteer Fire Department in 1950. This began a long association with the fire services. He taught fire fighting classes at Parkersburg Community College, the West Virginia University Fire Training School and seminars at Purdue University. He was president of the West Virginia Fire Chief's Association and director of the Fire Fighters School at Cedar Lakes for 19 years. He was twice a featured speaker at the International Fire Instructors Conference held formerly in Memphis, Tennessee. He served on the Governors Committee of the Volunteer Fire Departments Funding for the State of West Virginia. To this day none of his children can pass a fire extinguisher without checking the inspection tags. Active in local politics, my father served on the Ripley City Council and was City Recorder from 1975 until his death in 1984, at the age of 55.

Following the death of her husband, Howard, my grandmother, Nancy, moved to Ripley in 1957 and resided on Bridge Street near my mother's mother, Georgia Coast. "Grandma" McGinley, as she came to be called by many in Ripley, joined



Nancy (Thompson) McGinley

the Epworth Methodist Church where she served as Sunday School president. She was a Rebekah, a member of the American Legion Auxillary and Homemakers Club. She volunteered to help with the elderly. She did not consider herself a senior citizen herself until well into her 80s. She was active in the establishment of the Ripley Senior Center and remained involved in its daily activities until her death at 93 in 1987.

Willa Coast McGinley was a member of the Ripley Junior Woman's Club during the 1950s, serving as president the year before they saw the project to bring a hospital to Jackson County become a reality. She has won a number of awards for painting and poetry on state level. In addition to her regular classes she was play director at Ripley High School from 1974 to 1984. She is Art Department Chairman for Ripley Woman's Club, charter member for the Valley Art Group centered in the Kanawha Valley where her paintings are currently handled at the Spring Hill Showcase Gallery. She is currently Mayor of Ripley, the first woman to hold that position.



Charles E. "Skip" and Willa (Coast) McGinley

Skip and Willa had four children. Catherine Sue (Suzy) was employed as a buyer at the Diamond in Charleston. She is now working at Jackson County Library in Ripley and is working on a Masters Degree from Marshall. Charles Gerald "Pat" is director of Emergency Services for the city of High Point, Florida. He and his wife, Judine, live in Pinellas Park, Florida. He has one step-daughter, Stacey Natus. William Boyd lives in Ripley with his wife, Dale, and son Emmett Wright. Bill is legal council for the West Virginia Education Association. John Kevin recently married Amy McCafferty of Ravenswood. They are both employed by the Jackson County Commission. John is radio dispatcher and part-time EMT, and Amy is a paramedic. They live in Ripley with Patrick 7, and Jennifer 5. Submitted by Catherine Sue McGinley and William McGinley

NICHOLSON-McGRAW

Philip Nicholson, possibly a son of John, served in the Maryland Militia August 29 to October 1814, in Lt. Col. Jacob Cremer's Detachment; married second in Montgomery County, Maryland, Elizabeth Rhine (1793-1875), daughter of John. Her parents were of Irish Nobility, having descended from Mary, Queen of Scots, through her descendant, James Francis Tudor, the Old Pretender.

They removed to Guernsey County, Ohio and settled in Londonderry Township, remaining there until his death, 1837. She spend her last days in a log cabin near her son, Philip, in Rutland Township, Meigs County, Ohio, and is buried in the White Oak Cemetery nearby. Children: Thomas; Rachel Jane; Philip Wilkinson; JOHN, Elisha L., a Methodist Minister, married Julia Ann Newcomb; lived Jackson and Wood Counties; James L.

JOHN THOMAS NICHOLSON (1827-1896); born Guernsey County; married in Jackson County, July 19, 1847, Diantha Barnhart (1828-1889), born Ohio, 1/2 Indian. They lived near Lockhart (Niggletwist). Children: Rowena, born 1848; Elisha A. born 1850, married Mary Jane Cline; "Doc" George T. (1854-1939), married Emily Jane Buchannon and lived in Ravenswood; Sarah Elizabeth Ann (1856-1924), married Elisha A. Archer, son of Nathan and Lydia (Harris); A. HITE; James A. born 1859; Virginia J. (1862-1922); Charles Philip, born 1864, married Eunice I. Chessire; William Francis, born 1866, married Clara Anderson.

ADDISON HITE NICHOLSON (October 11, 1858-1943), born Jackson County; married Viola Steele and had, James, who married Daisy Dillow. After Viola died, Hite married second on April 4, 1890, "Kate" Margaret Catherine (1871-1966), daughter of Jacob and Ann (Smith) Bates. Children: Lenna Dell (1891-1988), married in Jackson County, Cleveland Chichester/Chidester; Marshall Forest (1892-1975); Tressie Viola (1894-1959), married Addison Gourley; EDNA; Diantha Lucille (1908-1980); Charles Henry (1913 -), married Doris Woodyard; Ross Edward (1914-1986).

EDNA MAE NICHOLSON (March 29, 1900-April 16, 1984); born Fayal/Fell, Meigs County; married in Marietta, Washington County, Ohio, December 24, 1920, "Joe" Joseph William Anderson (1900-1969); lived Rockport. Children: Clifford Eugene, born 1921, married in Wichita, Kansas, Cindy (Smith) Bricker; Minnie Catherine (1923); Juanita Lucille, born 1925, married in Charleston, Edward Burke; EVELYN; Ronald Coleman (1929 -).

EVELYN JUNE ANDERSON, born Rockport, Wood County, West Virginia, March 24, 1927; married in Delaware, January 1948, Robert Syrl McGraw, son of Ottie (McGraw) Lott, of Parkersburg. Children: Barbara and Dorothy.

"Bobbie" Barbara Jean McGraw; born Parkersburg, October 18, 1948; married John Morrison, Jr. (1910-1981). Children: John Vernon, III, born Columbus, Ohio, 1968, married Linda Bauer; Deborah Margaret, born 1971. After her husband died, Barbara married Danny Ray, son of William and Wilma (Bloomfield) Vansickle. Her biography appears in 16th Edition of Marquis Who's Who in American Women, published November 1988 and 26th Edition Marquis Who's Who in Finance and Industry, published September 1989, and 22nd Edition Marquis Who's Who in the Midwest, published December 1989. They live in Wilmington, Ohio where Barbara is Coordinator of Computer Services at Wilmington College.

"Dottie" Dorothy Prentice McGraw, born Parkersburg, April 3, 1950; married in Columbus, Stephen Lee Foster, son of Clarke Jr. and Elizabeth (Bishop). One daughter, Kimberly LuAnn Steve was seriously injured by a gunshot wound. Submitted by Evelyn McGraw and Barbara Vansickle

FRANK A. McGREW SR.

Frank Augustus McGrew, Sr. was born in 1873, the son of Augustus W. McGrew, and grandson of John McGrew. He married Sadie Safreed, born 1877 and died April 1, 1915. F.A. McGrew, Sr. was a school teacher and attorney, died 1944.

The following named children of Frank and Sadie Safreed McGrew were reared in Ripley by James A. and Mollie Seaman, (1854-1946) James A. Seaman (1844-1917) was a member of the House of Delegates, a prominent attorney, and Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County when John Morgan was convicted and hanged.



James A. Seaman

Mary Louise McGrew, the oldest child, was born April 2, 1900 and died December 20, 1964. She married Harry Paul Parsons, the son of Alexis Chapman and Minnie Myrtle Flowers Parsons, June 2, 1918. Three boys were born of this marriage: Marion Paul (1920-1980), Augustine Chapman (1922) and Gene Wroten (1923-1964). Mary married second Orland Hughes (1900-1956) and one daughter Nancy Catherine (1943) was born of this marriage. Nancy married Wallace Lee Parish (1941).

Jean C. McGrew was born May 11, 1902. She married Frank M. Frye and their daughter married Paul Matheny.

Seaman A. McGrew was born March 29, 1904 and died in 1950. He married Reva Ferrell and two children were born: Seaman F. and Betty Jo. Reva married second Progler O'Dell McGrew.

Emmett Northcott McGrew was born June 19, 1906 and died December 9, 1956. He married Bernice French, born December 19, 1903 and died October 22, 1956. She was the daughter of Laura Phoebe Kessel and Maurice Hosmer French. Emmett and Bernice were parents of Robert Kessel (1928), Berenice and Laura Louise.

Frank Augustus McGrew, Jr. was born August 6, 1908 and died December 21, 1965. He married Charlene Meadows and Frank Augustus III was born of this marriage. He married Sharrel Brown July 9, 1966.

John Gilbert McGrew was born September 7, 1910 and died June 7, 1968. He married in 1935 Jessie Given, who died April 30, 1963. John Gilbert McGrew II was born of this marriage. He married Barbara Ivy and they have one son John Gilbert III. John Gilbert McGrew married a second time.

Lorene M. McGrew was born January 11, 1912 and is deceased. She married Richard B. Smiley and they had three children: Terence, Jeane, and Susan.

Elizabeth Frances McGrew, the youngest child, was born July 10, 1914 and died August 8, 1988 in Perry, Florida. She married Clyde Moody and Steve was born of this marriage. He married Donna Sherburn and they have a son, Clyde. Submitted by Frank A. McGrew III

JOHN AND AUGUSTUS McGREW

John McGrew (1813-1893) was born in Jef-

erson County, Ohio and married Susan Deyarman who was born in 1812. They are listed in the 1850 Jackson County census as having the following named children: Mary L. (1836) married Carter Sherman October 11, 1857, Arminta (1839), Rebecca (1842) married September 17, 1857 D.K. Hood, Isabella (1844), Eliza (1846) married Jim Casto, John Plummer (1848) who married Eugenia Shanklin in 1869, Lemuel and Augustus W.

John McGrew erected a mill in Angerona about 1845 and moved to Ripley after purchasing a mill from Jacob Sayre in 1853. He increased the capacity of the mill by adding two new sets of burrs, one for wheat and the other for corn, also a steam boiler and engine for furnishing steam power. In 1857 D.K. Hood married Rebecca McGrew and became owner of the mill in 1864.

John McGrew moved to Kentucky and built mills on Otter Creek in Hardin County for Issac and Mary Overton. He married Mary Overton near Vine Grove. In the *Kentucky State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1879*, John McGrew is listed as a millright in Garrettsville. The Overton Mill located at Garrettsville on Otter Creek, consisted of a saw mill and grist mill. John McGrew died June 1893. His will was dated September 23, 1890 and produced July 17, 1893. His will was recorded July 31, 1893 in Will Book 1893-1915, p. 12 in the Court House at Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He was buried at Steithton, Kentucky. His grave was moved to Pine Grove when the federal government in 1917 bought 33,000 acres of land including the town of Steithton, to establish a military reservation which later became Fort Knox.



F. A. McGrew

Augustus W. McGrew was born 1853 and died in 1939. He married Jane Kathryn (Jackson) Hall, (1853-1910). They were parents of Frank A. McGrew, Sr. (1873-1944), Hobart Dennie (1895-1954), John Victor, Hal Ferdinand (1878-1918), Elizabeth Susan (1874-1923), Bessie (1888-1973) and Edith Ellen (1891-1971) Edith Ellen married Charles Finley Ong (1887-1962). Submitted by John Gilbert McGrew II

WILLIAM M. McGREW

William Michael "Mike" McGrew, whose family name is Celtic in origin, has an American ancestry which dates to the early 1700s. Originally from Scotland, the family left that country in the 1600s to avoid religious persecution against their Quaker faith. Then, according to the "History of the McGrew Family," written by James C. McGrew in 1912, the McGrew family immigrated from Ireland to Adams County, Pennsylvania about 1726. From Adams County, various members of the family migrated and settled in counties in the western part of Pennsylvania and in northeastern Ohio.



John McGrew (came to Jackson Co. in 1845)

There have been members of the McGrew family in Jackson County, West Virginia since 1845. John, and his wife, Susan (Deyarnan) McGrew, moved to the county in that year from Jefferson County, Ohio. John McGrew's occupation was a miller and, in 1853, he bought the Ripley Grist Mill from Jacob Sayre. The water-powered mill was a large 2 1/2 story building and stood on the south side of U.S. Route 33 (Main Street) near the West end of the bridge over Mill Creek. After purchasing the mill, John McGrew increased its capacity by adding two new sets of burrs, one for wheat and the other for corn. He also installed a steam boiler and engine for furnishing steam power to run the mill's water wheel when the water level of Mill Creek was low.

The mill furnished flour, feed, meal and buckwheat to most of the people in the community. Extra flour generated by the mill was shipped in wooden barrels to Pittsburgh via the Ohio River. John McGrew owned three yoke of oxen which were used to pull loaded wagons of flour to Ripley Landing, the chief river port for Ripley on the Ohio River.

John and Susan McGrew were the parents of eight children: Mary L., 1836; Arminta, 1839; Rebecca M., 1840; Isabella, 1842; Eliza J., 1844; Lemuel, 1846; John P., 1848; and Augustus W., 1853. Two of the sons, John P. and Lemuel, served in the Union Army during the Civil War along with their father John McGrew. Also, during the war, John sold the grist mill to his son-in-law, Davis K. Hood, husband of Rebecca M. McGrew.

William Michael's lineage continued through Augustus W. "Gus" McGrew, his great-grandfather. "Gus" and his wife, Jane K., had seven children: Frank, 1873; Elizabeth, 1875; Hal F., May 1878; John V., May 1885; Bessie M., November 1888; Dennis Hobert, October 1896; Edith E., March 1891. Their son, Hal F., was to become Mike's grandfather.

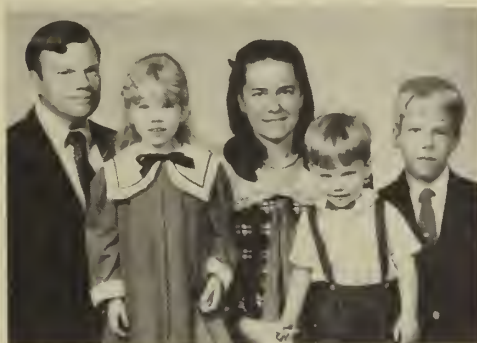
Hal F. McGrew married Cora L. O'Dell on January 23, 1899, in Jackson County. Killed at the age of 40 in a work-related accident, Hal F. had four surviving children: Progler O'Dell, 1905; Jerald E., 1907; William C., 1913; and Eugene, 1903. One daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, was born shortly after Hal's death in 1918. Two children died in infancy preceding his death.

William C. "Bill" McGrew is the father of William Michael. Born March 2, 1913, Bill married Geneva Aulene Casto on September 19, 1936. Born January 14, 1915, Geneva is the daughter of late B. Cleo and Verna Casto of Kenna. Bill and Geneva are residents of Kenna and hold membership in the Grass Lick Baptist Church in that community. Bill has served as a deacon and trustee of the church, and Geneva as a Sunday School teacher and church clerk. Both Bill and Geneva are retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Bill served the Kenna Post Office as a rural letter carrier for 34 years and Geneva was a postal employee for 12 of those years. She also served as Deputy County Clerk for Jackson County from 1932 to 1938. Bill is also a Navy veteran of World War II, having served aboard the battleship, USS Fall

River. They are the parents of two sons, William Michael and an infant boy who died at birth.

William Michael McGrew was born on November 24, 1949, and was educated in the Jackson County school system, having attended Kenna Elementary for grades 1-8, and graduating from Ripley High School in 1968. He attended Alderson-Broadbudd College, Philippi, West Virginia, as a political science major, and graduated from that institution in 1972. He married Deborah Jean Dolan on August 6, 1972. Deborah Jean was born January 19, 1951, her parents being Robert Wendell and Betty Lee (Miller) Dolan of Ripley, formerly of Roane County. Deborah is also a graduate of Ripley High School (1968) and Alderson-Broadbudd College (1972).

William Michael and Deborah live at Kenna, West Virginia, on their farm, Whitehawk. The principal crop produced on Whitehawk is several varieties of Christmas trees which are wholesaled to local retailers in Jackson County and surrounding areas. William Michael is also a State Farm Insurance Agent, his office being located at Fairplain, Jackson County. Before opening his insurance office in 1982, Mike was a licensed real estate broker and appraiser, primarily in Kanawha County. Deborah Jean is a registered nurse. Both William Michael and Deborah are active members of the Grass Lick Baptist Church, where he serves as a trustee, Sunday School teacher, deacon and organist, and she is active in the music department and is working with children's programs.



William Michael, Sarah, Deborah J.
Matthew and Douglas McGrew

William Michael and Deborah are the parents of three children: William Douglas, born October 13, 1978; Sarah Elizabeth, born October 4, 1984; and Matthew Robert, born August 3, 1987. Douglas is also a member of the Grass Lick Baptist Church. Submitted by William Michael McGrew

McKAY

My great-great-grandfather, William McKay (1759-1836), was born in Scotland and came with his parents to the United States in 1772. They settled in Bladen County, North Carolina.

William served in the Revolutionary War from 1776 until the war ended. He was taken prisoner and held in captivity until the capture of Cornwallis, at which time he was released.

William married Nancy McKay in 1787. She was born in Scotland and came to the United States with her parents and settled in Richmond County, North Carolina (1770-1840).

William was a farmer and in 1795, he, along with his family, left Chesterfield County, South Carolina and traveled to Ohio County, Virginia. He purchased a farm located in what is now Tyler County, West Virginia.

William and Nancy raised eight children: Neil, Reuben, Christina, Isabelle, John, Nancy, William Jr. and Flora.

My great grandfather Reuben McKay (1790-1873) was born in Chesterfield County, South Carolina. He married in 1812, Jane Williamson (1791-1878), daughter of John and Elizabeth

(Shepherd) Williamson. John also served in the Revolutionary War, mostly as a spy from 1777 until the war ended.

Reuben left Tyler County in 1837, moving his family to Meigs County, Ohio, in the Great Bend area. He was a farmer and owned 700 acres of land.

Children of this union were: Elizabeth, William, John, Nancy, Flora, Charles, Abram, James, Reuben Jr. and Malcolm.

My grandfather, William McKay (1817-1882), was born in Tyler County and moved to Meigs County, Ohio with his parents. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Hayman in 1842 (1821-1859). Children of this union were: Adaline (1843) married John Sayre; Reuben (1846) married Ellen Douglas; Zachariah (1848) married Amanda Thorn; Martha (1849-1849); Jerusha (1851-1852); Henry (1853) married Clara Hastings; Sinah (1855) married Ephraim Blake; Flora (1857) married Charles Hogsett; and infant son (1859) age 18 days, buried with his mother.

Late in the year of 1859, William, who was a farmer, moved his family to Jackson County, West Virginia. He purchased a farm in the area known as Warths Bottom.

William, in 1860, married his second wife, Catharine Moffit (1827-1914). She was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John and Sarah (Weseler) Moffit. The Moffit family had moved to Warths Bottom a few years earlier. Four children were born of this union: John (1861-1928) never married; Infant Son (1863) stillborn; infant son (1865) stillborn and Charles McKay.

My father, Charles McKay, (1867-1949) was born at Warths Bottom, Jackson County. He was a farmer for most of his life. He was twice married, first Genora Hague in 1893 (1871-1920); one child Henry Dale (1895-1905).

My father and mother were married in 1927. My mother was Flora Slaughter (1905-1976), daughter of Charles and Jessie (Robey) Slaughter. Three children were born of this union: Charles W. (1928), Virginia L. (1930) and Regena M. (1936). Submitted by Virginia Martin

HENRY McKEE

Jabish McKee was born June 29, 1782 at Hartford, Connecticut. He married Alcena Jane — who was born May 13, 1784, at Hartford, Connecticut. Their son, Henry Martin McKee, was born June 21, 1817 at Jefferson County, New York. The family left New York and moved to the area that is now Noble County, Ohio, before 1841. Jabish McKee died June 16, 1857 and Alcena McKee died February 23, 1866.

Henry McKee married first, Nancy Morris, November 4, 1841. She was born August 19, 1824, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Enochs) Morris. Isaac Morris was born August 24, 1779, and died September 4, 1849. Elizabeth was born May 6, 1782. Nancy died July 27, 1852, and is buried at Carlisle, Ohio. They had four children. Jeraldine Amelia (1843-1912) married Levi Lincome and lived at Medina, in Grant District. Louisa Jane (1846-1921) married Vincent Archer and lived in Grant District. James William (1848-?) married Amanda Weekley. John Draton (1850-?) married Eliza Jane Hootman.

Henry McKee married second, Mary Ann Redin Furnice, December 28, 1852. She was born April 11, 1824, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Redin. Joseph Redin was born ca 1796, in New Jersey and died December 6, 1864. Sarah was born August 4, 1798, in Pennsylvania and died April 18, 1877. Joseph and Sarah are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery, at Woodsfield, Ohio. Henry and Mary Ann moved to Jackson County, West Virginia, in the 1870s, and bought 300 acres of land at Medina, in Grant District. The land had belonged to a Mr. Davenport who was ruined by the Civil

War. Mary died March 8, 1882, and is buried at the Red Brush Cemetery, in Grant District. They had eight children. George Franklin (1853-1875) never married. Sarah Alcena (1855-?) married — Courtney. Cynthia Anne (1857-1934) married William Alexander and lived at Cavin Fork, in Grant District. Martha Elizabeth (1859-1875) never married. Laura Belle (1861-?) married Cyrus Elmer Ruble and lived in Ohio or Pennsylvania. Ada "Addie" Armintha (1863-1947) married George B. Lemix and lived at Rockport, in Wood County, West Virginia. Joseph Nelson (1866-1878), Jabish Hollister (1868-1946) married Mary Conner and lived at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.



Henry McKee home (1901) Lester, Phoebe (Lange), Erma, Dempsey, Della and Rose McKee

Henry McKee married third, Phoebe Lange, January 4, 1883. She was born June 9, 1856, the daughter of Joseph "Henry" and Nancy (Rardin) Lange. Henry Lange was born about 1810, in Augusta County, Virginia. He served in the Civil War, but was too old to fight. The Confederates took him to Libby Prison where he was fed on fat meat, boiled beans and other half-spoiled food. When the war was over, he walked until his feet bled. He contracted pneumonia and died shortly after returning home. Henry Lange's brother, a wealthy plantation owner in Virginia, was also ruined by the Civil War. He had sent coffee, tea and other items to Nancy while her husband was in prison. Nancy spun yarn, wove carpets, blankets and dress goods to support her family. Nancy was born July 13, 1819, daughter of John Woodruff and Martha (Dewitt) Rardin, and had married first, James Hubbard, October 25, 1846 in Jackson County. Nancy married Joseph Henry Lange, April 27, 1855, in Jackson County, and they had three children: Will, Martha and Phoebe. Joseph Henry Lange, according to a listing of War Veterans, is buried in the Rardin Cemetery located on Clay Lick, in Grant District. Henry McKee died April 19, 1901, in Jackson County and is buried at the Red Brush Cemetery, in Grant District. Phoebe died, September 18, 1934, and is also buried there. They had four children. Nancy Edella "Della" (1883-1969) married Andrew McCormick and lived at Canton, Ohio. William "Dempsey" (1885-1962) married first, Gertrude Hicks and second, Letha Rebecca Hague. They lived at Medina, in Grant District. Rosella (1887-1952) married George Leonard Hicks and lived at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Henry Lester (1889-1962) married Clara Ozella Rogers and lived at Lubeck, in Wood County, West Virginia.

William "Dempsey" McKee (October 1, 1885-January 17, 1969) married first, Gertrude Hicks (February 27, 1891-March 1, 1920), daughter of William and Laura (Reed) Hicks. She is buried in the Red Brush Cemetery. They had two children. Hershel Richard McKee (January 29, 1916-December 18, 1983) married Opal Alexander and lived at Punta Gorda, Florida. Their children: William Dale, Connie Lou, Gaynel Sue, Ruth Ann, Karen Sue and Leo. Arlene Guthrie McKee (August 15, 1917) married Virgil Singleton (divorced)



Dempsey McKee

and lives at Jonesboro, Arkansas. Their child: Leona Ruth.

William "Dempsey" McKee married second, Letha Rebecca Hague (November 28, 1894-August 2, 1972), daughter of John Wesley and Nancy Elizabeth (Matheny) Hague. Dempsey and Letha are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. They had four children. Della "Marie" McKee (February 8, 1923) married Denzil Gilfred Taylor and lives on Wilding Road, near Silverton. Their children: Della "Carolyn", Donna Marie, Larry Gilford, Roger Daniel (stillborn) and Gregory Andrew. Virgil Wesley McKee (January 15, 1924-July 25, 1977) never married. He lived in California many years and later moved to Dayton Ohio. Glen Edward McKee (May 23, 1925) married Bessie Rosalee Rector and lives at Galion, Ohio. Their children: Jerry Lee, Rebecca Ann and Steven Edward. Argyle Dempsey McKee (December 13, 1926) married Beatrice Annette Barton and lives at Dickerson, Texas. Their children: Allen Barton and Molly Ann. Submitted by Marie (McKee) Taylor and Donna (Taylor) Snyder

McKELVEY

On August 24, 1904, William G. McKelvey (1881-1962) and Ida Fankhauser 1877-1958 were married at her home in Clarington, Ohio. The family operated a general store in Monroe County until 1916 when they bought a farm and moved to Meigs County. William and Ida were the parents of four children: Robert (1906-1976); Ella Mae (1907-1981); Charles (1912-1989); and William (born 1915).

After moving to Portland, Mr. McKelvey found that the schools weren't what he wanted for his children, so he bought a house in Ravenswood, West Virginia and enrolled the children in school in Ravenswood. Here the family lived in winter, crossing the river each day by boat to feed livestock and moving to Ohio in the summer. John, older brother of William, made his home with William and helped with the farming. In 1925 the children were sent to school at Portland and the house in Ravenswood was sold. By this time their son Robert had graduated from Ravenswood High School.



McKelvey family

Robert and Charles both worked for the U.S. Corps of Engineers; daughter Ella Mae married

and moved to Parkersburg and William stayed and worked on the farm with his father.

Over the years the family traveled many times to Ravenswood to shop, visit friends, and meet daughter Ella Mae who came down on the train from Parkersburg to visit. The trip across the river was made by ferry boat. Mr. McKelvey dreamed of a bridge one day crossing the Ohio River at Ravenswood, but sadly he did not live to see this.

In 1984, son, William, retired from farming and he and his wife, Hazel, bought a home in Ravenswood so once again William moved across the Ohio River. William and Hazel are the parents of four children: Shirley, William G. (Bill), Bruce, and Marvin. Shirley married Donald Johnson and they are the parents of two sons, Brian and Bruce. They live near Portland, Ohio. Bill lives in Massachusetts, is married to the former Karin Kelley and they have six children. Bruce is married to Teresa Wilson and they live in Portland with their daughter, Miranda. Marvin is married to Eleanor Schneider and they live in Syracuse, Ohio, with their sons, Michael and Jay.

Today Shirley McKelvey Johnson and her son, Bruce, both work in Jackson County. Shirley is office manager for Medical Service, an insurance company owned by her brother, Bill. The firm presently employs 15 people in Ravenswood as a branch of the Quincy, Maryland office. Bruce Johnson, great grandson of William G. and Ida, is an electrical engineer with Ravenswood Aluminum. Submitted by Shirley McKelvey Johnson

McKEMY

The McKemy family lineage is descended from the Scotch-Irish, originally Scotch, of the clan of McKenzie.

One of our early ancestors was James McKemy of Augusta County, Virginia. It was recorded in Augusta County records of March 22, 1753 that he qualified as Ensign of Foot (military foot soldier).

In the early 1800s, another James McKemy married an English woman and settled in Virginia. To this union five children were born: James, John, Harvey Alexander, William Davidson and Betsey Anne.

By 1850, one of the sons, William Davidson McKemy (1829-1851) had moved to Barbour County, Virginia (now West Virginia). He married Elvira Wise, daughter of George W. and Eliza Wise, in Marion County, Virginia. They had been married less than a year when tragedy struck. William was killed setting off a blast in a mill race. . . Elvira was expecting her first child. William Leslie Davidson McKemy (July 12, 1851-December 20, 1928) was born two months after his father was killed. Elvira married John Conley two years later and they moved to Jackson County, Virginia, now Roane County, West Virginia. In 1865, Elvira McKemy Conley taught the first free school in Harper District in her own home.

William Leslie Davidson McKemy married Louisa Riley, daughter of William and Elcy Riley. They had six children; Cora, John William Kenna, Jacob, Laura, Howard and Elsie.

John William "Kenna" McKemy (September 6, 1875-April 26, 1926) married Luvina Myrtle Rhodes, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Rhodes in February 1899. They settled in Jackson County and raised their family. Kenna built their home with the help of his dad, William L.D. McKemy. They cut timber on their land to build the home and Luvina sold the eggs from her chickens to buy the nails and windows.

Kenna and Luvina had seven children: Clair Curtis, Charles Ray (March 15, 1902-August 7, 1902), Nellie Pearl, James Earl, Nola May, William Clinton and Norma Fay (May 28, 1915-June 12, 1918).

Clair Curtis McKemy was born March 3, 1900 in Jackson County. He married Dicie Ruth



John William "Kenna" McKemy
and his bride, Luvina Myrtle Rhodes, Feb. 1899

Higginbotham (April 13, 1904) in Mason County, West Virginia on July 31, 1920. Clair retired as Assistant Postmaster in Charleston, West Virginia in May 1963. He and Dicie live at Kenna. They have 11 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. They were parents of eight children, two having died in infancy; one un-named, and Gerald, born and died December 4, 1927. The other children are:

Mildred Marie (June 26, 1921) married Marshall Gibson January 28, 1938. They have one daughter, Linda Lou (Gibson) McKeny (March 12, 1939). Mildred and Marshall have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Harold Clinton McKemy (September 15, 1923) is currently unmarried and has no children.

Myrtle Ruth (January 31, 1926) married Fred W. Payne, Jr. August 10, 1946. They have two daughters: Sandra Kay (Payne) Jefferson (September 26, 1947) and Peggy Lee (Payne) Martin (November 1, 1948). Ruth and Fred have four grandchildren.

Shirley Ann Louise (February 8, 1938) married Conrad "Pat" Collins June 20, 1958. They have two children: Sheri Lynn (Collins) Preece (August 24, 1962) and Gregory Alan Collins (July 17, 1964). Shirley and Pat have two grandchildren.



An ice cream social at the W. L.
McKemy home, Belgrove, 1904

Clair Curtis McKemy, Jr. (December 12, 1942) married Brenda Kay Jones September 1963. They had three children: Richard Curtis (September 28, 1964), Shawn Scott (April 8, 1967) and Paula Ann (July 31, 1970). Clair and Brenda divorced in 1971 and he married "Dee Dee" Rebecca Dianne Erskin in 1988.

Judy Carol (December 14, 1944) married John Patrick "Pat" O'Conner September 28, 1963. They have three children: Timothy Patrick (September 8, 1964), Kathy Renee (August 10, 1967) and Dale Lee (May 27, 1974).

Nellie Pearl McKemy (May 16, 1904) married William Orion Casto, son of William and Julia (Heck) Casto. They had three children: William Dillon, Dana Kenna and Dorothy May (Casto) Long.

James Earl McKemy was born October 25, 1908. He married HESSIE FRANCES CASTO, February 9, 1929. He and HESSIE are living in Kenna. They

have nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. They were the parents of four children, one having died in infancy: Kenneth Clair (September 25, 1936-November 1936). The other children are:

Barbara Mae (McKemy) Lewis (January 28, 1930). Barbara married Dennis Parsons and has two children: Denise Dianne (Parsons) Newberry (March 4, 1955) and Randy Lee. Dennis was killed in an auto accident and she is now married to Tom Lewis. Barbara is Postmaster of Letart, West Virginia. She has six grandchildren.

Robert L. McKemy (January 22, 1932) married Norenda McCarty March 29, 1957. Robert was a Melbourne, Florida City Councilman for nine years. He and Norenda have four sons: twins died in infancy, Gregory Allen and James Lawrence, January 1961. Robert, Jr. (August 20, 1958) and David Scott (May 11, 1962). They have four grandchildren.

Ervil E. (November 4, 1934) married Carol Sue Raines. They have five children: Cindy Sue (McKemy) Lilly (March 21, 1956), Debra Lynn (McKemy) Lehman (March 29, 1958), Rebecca Ann (McKemy) Gravely (December 17, 1959), Timothy Lee (December 21, 1965) and James Dallas (May 1, 1972). Ervil and Carol have ten grandchildren.

Nola May McKemy was born November 19, 1912. She married Clarence Smith and they had two sons: Carl Edward and Marvin Clair. Nola and Clarence Smith were divorced. Nola had two more sons: Jerald Lee (Roseberry) McKemy and David Wayne (Casto) Smith.

William Clinton McKemy (September 24, 1917-April 20, 1976) married Kathaline Ellen Carte and they had a son, David Clinton. They divorced and Clinton married Bernice Susie Roseberry and they had three children: William Michael, Loretta Gale and Carmelita Dale. Bernice was killed in an accident at Goldtown. He then married Lena Carpenter Hix. Submitted by Norenda McKemy

McKOWN

The first of the McKown family in America was Gilbert McKown (1726-1803), who with his wife, Lady Jane Crawford, and son, James, emigrated from Ireland, arrived via Delaware Bay, traveled east and settled in York County, Pennsylvania in about 1755.

Later, Gilbert and family moved to Middletown, Frederick County, Virginia, later known as Gerrardstown, Berkeley County, Virginia, and West Virginia in 1863.

He fought in the Revolutionary War and was present at Yorktown, Virginia when Cornwallis, a British General, surrendered October 19, 1791, to General George Washington.

Gilbert returned to Ireland in 1782, for his father, Andrew (1685-1799), and they constructed homes in Gerrardstown that still stand and remain as Historical Homes.

Gilbert and Lady Jane had three children: James (1758-1850), Samuel (1764-1837) and Elizabeth.

After the death of Lady Jane, Gilbert married Martha Snodgrass from Pennsylvania. He and Martha had six children. Andrew, Gilbert, Lady Jane and Martha are buried at Gerrardstown, West Virginia.

James McKown (1758-1850), son of Gilbert, returned to Pennsylvania and in 1782 married Phoebe Casto of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He and Phoebe returned to Virginia until about 1787, then returned to Green County, Pennsylvania, and in 1814, James and family began a trip west across Pennsylvania to the Ohio River. Upon reaching the river, he and his family boarded a flatboat with the Stone and Crow families and began their venture down the Ohio River to Mason County (now Jackson, 1831), Virginia. They settled on Lower

Mill Creek about three miles west of what is now Ripley. The McKown Family Bible was lost on the trip.

James, like his father, was a Revolutionary War Veteran, being wounded at the Battle of Brandywine, Pennsylvania. He is also mentioned in the history of Knox County, Ohio for his role as master of ceremonies at an ox roast celebrating the election of William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States.

James and Phoebe had ten children: Isaac married Miriam Luce; Mary married Elijah Blatchley; Sarah married E.P. Stone; Gilbert (moved to Roane County) married Lydia Flesher; John married Sarah Stone; Samuel married Margaret Rush; Edith married David Wright; Celia Phoebe married Job Teagarden; James married Polly Wells; and Francis married Aaron Teagarden. James and Phoebe are buried at Angerona, Jackson County.

John McKown (1790-1878) son of James, married Sarah Stone, also of Pennsylvania prior to moving to Mason County, Virginia (now Jackson County) on Lower Mill Creek.

John served as Jackson County assessor in 1834 and served 16 years on the County Court, and was county sheriff in 1842. He owned a grist mill and a carding machine and a family of seven slaves.

He and Sarah had six children: Elias never married; James married Samantha Smith; Lydia first married Thomas Love, then Nathan Ong; Margaret first married George Griffin, then John Hogg; Gilbert married Bersheba Brown, whose son, John, fought in the Civil War (Jackson County, Ninth Infantry, Company K), and Samuel married Rhoda Rollins.

John and Sarah lived and are buried on the farm where a portion is now owned by Junior Crank.

James McKown (1828-1905) son of John, married Samantha Smith on August 12, 1849.

James and Samantha had 11 children: William died at two years of age; John S. married first Mary Poling and had a son Fred (Mary is buried in the Old Cemetery at Ripley), then Kathren Keever and they had one daughter, also named Kathren. John, like his father, was also quite active in county government and was appointed clerk of the circuit court of Jackson County, then he was appointed deputy sheriff of the county and then court officer. Later he relocated in the Parkersburg area and became involved in the business activities of that area while serving as Vice President of the Second National Bank, in addition to owning and operating a steamboat on the Ohio River and owning and operating the Blennerhassett Hotel. John and his second wife, Kathren, are buried in the McKown Mausoleum located in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Charles H. married Maggie Carter and by this marriage a son, Grover, was born. Grover is the father of Lucille Rollins who lives near Ripley and is well known throughout the area. Lucille and her husband, Victor Rollins, built and operated Rollins Lake, located on Rt. #87 near Evans. After her husband's death, Lucille continued to operate the business for years until the recent purchase of the lake by the State of West Virginia; Perry E. married Emma King; Clara married Edgar Ruble; Lewis married Elizabeth Dudgeon; James never married; Lucy married Samuel King; Ella married Frank Perry; Sarah married Vaught Board; and Fanny F. married Charles Briant.

Perry McKown (1857-1933) son of James married Emma King on October 25, 1881. He and Emma lived on the farm given to him by his father, on Lower Mill Creek near Ripley.

He was active in the Ripley community and was on the board of directors of the First National Bank of Ripley, as well as a successful farmer.

He and Emma had ten children: Grace who married Benjamin King, and is the mother-in-law



Perry McKown family, ca. 1900

of Mrs. Ocie King who married their son, Paul King; Nellie married Sterling Campbell; Francis died at 11 years of age; Mary married Harold Engstrom; Ralph was killed in WWI; Ruth married Carl Huggins; Edward married Hazel Hutchinson, who still lives in the town of Ripley; Bryan first married Dessie —, then married Lena Gardener; Smith married Dorothy Higginbotham, who currently resides in Tampa, Florida; and Helen who married Clyde Beabout.

Smith McKown (1899-1979) son of Perry, married Dorothy Higginbotham on September 13, 1920. Smith was born on his father's farm on Lower Mill Creek, near Ripley. After his graduation from Ravenswood High School in 1917, he moved to Canton, Ohio to gain employment, only later to return to Kanawha County for employment with Standard Oil Company. He later returned to Jackson County and farmed a portion of the original McKown farm for a short period and returned to the Charleston area of Kanawha County.

He and Dorothy had three children: Ruth married Gene Boley first, and Abe Gurley second; Allen married Margaret Knapp; Dorothy married Robert Bushea.

Smith died in Tampa, Florida, but was returned to Jackson County for burial at the Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley.

The McKown farm on Lower Mill Creek remained in the family for four generations before being sold out of the family in about 1945. Also, other family members are buried in the various cemeteries surrounding Ripley. Submitted by Allen S. McKown and Darrell A. McKown (son)

McKOWN

James McKown (1758-1850), son of Gilbert (1726-1803) (see other McKown sketch in this book), married Phebe Casto on January 3, 1782. The wedding is variously reported to have taken place in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, or in Pennsylvania.

Phebe Casto was the daughter of David Casto and Phebe Gandy, who married August 17, 1752, at Cape May Baptist Church, New Jersey. Reportedly, her paternal grandparents were David and Maria Casto, her maternal grandfather was Thomas Gandy, and her paternal great-grandfather was Azariah Casto.

Military service file W7430 for James McKown (1758-1850) at the National Archives includes his sworn statement of his military service. It says he was born September 2, 1758, entered the service in September 1776 and marched from Berkeley County, Virginia, where he resided, to Pittsburgh. His company then passed down the Ohio River. They were ambushed by Indians, and James was wounded in the left thigh, causing him to be confined for about 14 months. Contrary to what is said in Norton's 1862 *History of Knox County, Ohio*, the file contains no reference whatsoever to his having been at the Battle of Brandywine (which was fought while he was still recuperating from the thigh wound). *History of West Virginia*, vol. III, pp. 298-299, repeats the

Brandywine error.

Among the children of James (1758-1850) and Phebe was James McKown, born July 5, 1794, who married (probably 1818-1821, place unknown) Mary "Polly" Wells, born ca 1801. Their son David's death certificate indicates he was born in May, 1830, in Richmond County, Virginia, but that place seems doubtful. They were definitely in Knox County, Ohio in the 1830s; in Boone County, Indiana in the 1840 census; and in Clinton County, Indiana in the 1850 census. James died May 22, 1853, and is buried in Sims Cemetery, near Middlefork, Clinton County, Indiana (Norton's *History of Knox County, Ohio* erroneously reports he died in Illinois.) Mary apparently married second, Hugh G. Larimore in 1857 in Clinton County.

The children of James and Mary "Polly" Wells McKown included Isaiah (1822-1897) married Sarah Davis; John (ca 1828 -); David C. (1830-1902) married Charlotte Gard; Frances (1832-1922) married first, Larkin Sims and second, Henry Smith; James (ca 1834 -); William (ca 1835 -); Mary Elizabeth (1839 -) married Harrison Walter; and Eliza Jane (1843-1920) married Jonathan DeBruler.

For descendants of Larkin Sims and Frances McKown, see *Ancestors and Descendants of Thomas Sims of Culpepper County, Virginia*, . . . by Lela W. Prewitt, 1972. See also *James McKown and Mary "Polly" Wells McKown* by Jay B. Wright, 1990. Submitted by Jay B. Wright

JAMES W. McKOWN

JAMES W. McKOWN, blacksmith and long time resident of Jackson County, was born in 1840 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the son of SAMUEL McKOWN and RODA ROLLINGS (Rollins), daughter of Elijah and Lucretia (Casto) Rollings. Samuel McKown and wife traveled west to seek their fortune, but finding times not so good they with their young family, returned east to the home of Samuel's parents, ISAAC McKOWN and Miriam (Luce) McKown. By this time the country was on the threshold of the Civil War and despite being only 15 years of age, James McKown enlisted as a drummer boy with the Confederate Army. His service lasted throughout the war, then he returned to Jackson County and became an apprentice under the instruction of Robert Mates from whom he learned blacksmithing and iron-work.

In 1866, James McKown married Virginia Bettes, who died at the birth of their first child, both are buried in the Early Settlers Cemetery in Ripley. His second wife was Margaret Caroline Jeanette Miller, whom he married in 1870, granddaughter of Captain William Parsons. They were the parents of six children:

1. CARRIE, married James Lester, and had one child (A) Harry, married Mary Pease. They had one child, Robert, who married Helen Gatchel.

2. HOMER, (first wife) Delia Shinn, they had two children, (A) Eugene (B) Irene. (second wife) Pearl Stewart, they had two children, (A) Stewart, (B) Charlotte. (third wife) Mary Williams, they had one child, (A) William.

3. LENNA, married O.P. Oldham, and had one child (A) WILLIAM, married Rachel Burnside; they had one child, (A) Billie, married Frank Heindel, and they had three children: (a) Jean, (b) Judy, (c) John.

4. JOHND. BOSO married Gladys Smith, and had seven children: (A) Frances, (B) Hazel, (C) John, (D) Wade, (E) Anna, (F) Eva, (G) Dennis.

5. EDNA, married Joseph Oldham, and had two children: (A) Margaret, married Russell Staats, had three children: (a) Lois, married William Casto, had four children. (a) William Jeffrey, married Bonnie Baker, had two children Jeffrey and Russell. (second wife Sue Bishop). (b) David, married Debra Brubaker, had two children, Casey, and Emily. (c) Mary F., married Nelson Toler, (d)

Laura.

(2) Jeanne, married James Hunter, had four children, (a) Russell Matthew, (b) Margaret H. (twin) married Bruce Nester, and had Victoria Margaret. (c) Robert Mark (twin) died an infant. (d) Luke, married Melissa Griest, and had Sarah and Ryan. (e) Rebecca Lou.

(3) Margaret Ann, married William D. Hall II, and had (a) William Hall III, married Jennie Addison, had one child, William Hall IV. (b) Joseph Kennison.

(B) James "Bud" Oldham, married Mary Dale Shockey, had three children, (a) James, (b) Joe, (c) Virginia.

6. JAMES REX McKOWN, married Sylvia Craft.

The McKown descendants are proud of their Irish roots, tracing their lineage from Andrew McKown, who came from Ireland in 1755 bringing with him his four sons: James, John, Gilbert, and Samuel. The link joining this line of Isaac, son of James and Phoebe (Casto) McKown. Submitted by Mary Frances Toler

LEWIS W. McKOWN

Lewis Wetzel McKown (1862-1937) son of James and Samantha Smith McKown married Elizabeth Dudgeon (1866-1947) on April 21, 1885. He and Elizabeth had three children: James Harry (1885-1975) married Verda Ferguson who by this marriage had two children, Kenneth and Elizabeth; Roy Dudgeon (1887-1968) married Belvie Sallaz who by this marriage had two children, Gerald Roland and Jean Lea; Guy Rex (1891-1981) married Mazie Hamilton (1894-1962) who by this marriage had four children, Carl Wade, Bernard Clay, Curtis Hoyt and Philip Earl.

Lewis Wetzel McKown, like his brother Perry, was also on the board of directors of the Bank of Ripley as well as a successful farmer. The house that he built in the early 1890s on Locust Ridge Road, near Ripley, is still standing and in good repair. Lewis and Elizabeth are buried in the Locust Ridge Cemetery, not far from this home. A parcel of timberland located off State Route 33, east of Ripley, that was owned by Lewis Wetzel McKown is still in the family being owned by Carl Wade and Bernard Clay McKown, his grandsons. This land presently has a successfully producing gas well. Submitted by Curtis Hoyt McKown, Grandson

McPHERSON

The McPherson families in Jackson County are of Scottish descent. Daniel McPherson (ca 1682-ca 1755), the immigrant, lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania and later Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His son, Stephen (ca 1728-1799), lived in Loudoun County, Virginia in the 1770s. Stephen's son, James (1768-1839), left Loudoun County and moved to Harrison County, (West) Virginia in the early 1800s.

Stephen McPherson was born November 1810 at Harrison County, West Virginia the son of James and Elizabeth (Loudin) McPherson. He was the ninth child from a family of 15 children. He married Jane Moore in 1841 at Lewis County, West Virginia. They lived in Doddridge County, West Virginia before moving to Jackson County in the mid 1850s. They purchased land on Brushy Fork in Grant District. Stephen's brother, Gary, married Keziah Davis in Harrison County and also moved to Jackson County. They lived in the Liverpool area. Stephen died November 3, 1863 and Jane died March 4, 1900. They are buried in a small family cemetery on Brushy Fork. Their children: 1. Sarah Elizabeth (1842-1920) married John Wesley Ball. They lived south of Ravenswood. 2. Thomas J. (1843-1864) was killed in the Civil War during a battle at Lynchburg, Virginia. 3. Daniel "Jesse" (1845-1917) married Penelope

"Isabel" Stephens. (See information below). 4. Amanda E. (1848-1921) married William Hyatt. They lived in Doddridge County, West Virginia. 5. William J. (1851-?) married Susannah Province. They lived in Wood County, West Virginia. 6. Mary (1855-1933) married Joseph Province. They lived in Grant District of Jackson County and later moved to Wood County, West Virginia.



Jesse and Isabel (Stephens) McPherson

Jesse McPherson was born July 21, 1845 at Harrison County, West Virginia. Jesse married Isabel Stephens on March 5, 1867 at Jackson County, West Virginia. She was born March 7, 1847 at Wood County, West Virginia the daughter of William Jr. and Sarah (Steed) Stephens and granddaughter of William and Ann (Lloyd) Stephens. Jesse McPherson served as a private in Co. F, 4th Regiment of West Virginia Cavalry Volunteers in the Civil War on the Union side. Jesse and Isabel first built a house at the head of McGraw Run in Grant District. About 1900 they built a house on Brushy Fork. They were members of the Providence Methodist Church. Jesse died October 1, 1917 and Isabel died June 26, 1927. Isabel fell on a bridge near their home and broke her hip a few days before she died. They are buried in the Limestone Cemetery at Wood County, West Virginia. Their children: 1. Charles Andrew McPherson (See information below). 2. John O. McPherson (1870-1941) married Minnie Myer (1872-1950) the daughter of Jerome and Rachel (Woodside) Myer. They first lived at the head of McGraw Run and in 1910 built a house at Providence in Grant District. Later they moved to Nesselroad Run. Their children: Edna Thomas and Holly McPherson. 3. William T. McPherson (1873-1924) married Tillie Weigle (1876-1966) the daughter of Augustus and Catherine (Moses) Weigle. They lived on Nesselroad Run and later moved to Ravenswood. Their children: Nelta Fletcher and Pearl McPherson. 4. Gula Rosetta Whitlatch (1879-1972) married Jasper Quinter Whitlatch (1873-1948) the son of Jackson and Lucinda (Kirby) Whitlatch. (See article on the Jackson Whitlatch family).

Charles "Charley" McPherson (1869-1943) married first Lillie Belle Dowler (1874-1898) daughter of Charles and Mary (Giffin) Dowler. They lived in a house at the head of McGraw Run not far from the house Jesse and Isabel first occupied. Their children: a. Nora McPherson (1892-1960) married Charles Andrick. b. Harley McPherson (1897-1898). Charley McPherson married second Marybelle Archer (1882-1957) daughter of Peter and Sarah (Sheets) Archer. (See article on the Elisha Archer family). They lived in a small house on Brushy Fork and later moved into the house where his parents had lived. After Charley died, his daughter Murhl and her husband, Hugh Corns, moved into the house with Marybelle. Marybelle spent the last few years of her life staying with some of her daughters at various times. Charley was a farmer and a cattle dealer. He also had a sawmill which was set up in different locations in the Providence-Wiseburg area. Charley was often called Charley Mac. Charley and



Marybelle, Nora, Charley, and Grace McPherson

Marybelle are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, West Virginia. Their children: a. Grace McPherson (1901-1982) married Yancy Thomas. They lived on McGraw Run near Lockhart. (See article on the David Thomas family). b. Nell McPherson (1902-1946) married Morris Smith. They lived in Grant District. c. Lester McPherson (1905-1922). d. Hazel McPherson (1910-1985) married Bert Thompson. They lived on McGraw Run. (See article on the Lindsey Thompson family.) e. Edith "Dot" McPherson (1913-1979) married Roy Wines. They lived on Brushy Fork and later on Lockharts Fork. f. Ethel "Murhl" McPherson (1915-1978) married Hugh Corns. They lived on Brushy Fork. g. Nina McPherson (1917-1966) married Otho Whited. They lived in Jackson County and later moved to Wayne County, West Virginia. h. Oma "Jean" McPherson (1921) married John Belvin. They live at Huntington, West Virginia. i. Eula "Rae" McPherson (1924) married Carl Corns.

Eula "Rae" McPherson married Carl Ogle Corns in 1945. He was born in 1917, the son of James and Ruth (Miller) Corns. (See article on the James Corns family.) They live on McGraw Run in Grant District. Their children: 1. Mary, 2. Judy, 3. Steve, 4. Ronnie.

1. Mary Agnes Corns (1946) married Richard Lee Barker in 1967. Their children: Jason Lance Barker (1971) and Michael Brandon Barker (1975). They live at Millwood, West Virginia.

2. Judith Ann Corns (1949) married Chuck Brooks. They later divorced. She resides at Cody, Wyoming.

3. Carl Stephen "Steve" Corns (1954) married Reta Claudson in 1987. Their children: April Corns (1981) (step-daughter), Randal Craig Corns (1989). They live at Cody, Wyoming.

4. Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Corns (1962) married Darla Drube in 1987. Their child: Kasandra Jae Corns (1989). They live at Billings, Montana.

(For more information, see *Ancestors and Descendants of Jesse and Isabel (Stephens) McPherson* by Carolyn Thomas Muehlbach) Submitted by Rae (McPherson) Corns and Steve Corns

LEONARD GARFIELD NAYLOR

Leonard Naylor was born February 27, 1880 near Medina, West Virginia, son of George Naylor and Rebecca Thomas. He married Blanche Robinson March 27, 1902. They had nine children: Raymond, Edwin, Glen, Bernice, Mary, Vernon, Clyde, Clarice, Earle.

Leonard, a farmer in the Medina community all his life, was very active in the Methodist Church. He raised beef cattle and sold cream. Blanche was born near Lower Salem, Ohio April 30, 1883, daughter of Charles Andrew Robinson and Mary Melissa Lindamood. She met Leonard while working for her uncle, Squire Elihu John Robinson, of Nesselroad Creek. Blanche died May 11, 1949 of Chronic Myocarditis.

On April 14, 1951 Leonard married Nola Lang from Salem, West Virginia. She is now living in

Clarksburg, West Virginia at age 94.

The oldest son, Raymond, was a rural mail carrier for 35 years. He married Bernice Somerville, daughter of Henry and Martha Sommerville. They had three children. Raymond lives in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Edwin married Doris Davis of Martins Ferry, Ohio on June 17, 1928. They had two daughters. Ed worked for many years as a manager for Sears Roebuck. He died August 30, 1986 at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, a victim of Alzheimer's Disease.

Glen was a steel factory worker and farmer. He married Eva VanPelt of Martins Ferry, Ohio. Four daughters were born to them. He now lives in Buchannon, West Virginia.

Bernice married Hollie Skinner. They both worked for a plastering contractor in Akron, Ohio. They adopted one daughter. Bernice lives in Stow, Ohio.

Mary worked in Washington, D.C. where she met and married Dolpher Trantham. They are retired and living in Winter Haven, Florida. Their adopted son is deceased.

Vernon, an electric welder and pipe fitter, lived near Parkersburg. On December 25, 1930 he married Iva Archer, daughter of Granville Archer of Medina and to them were born two sons and one daughter.

Clyde was also an electric welder and pipe fitter. He was married February 4, 1938 to Myrtle Moore, daughter of Pearl Moore and Velma Williams, owners of Medina General Store. They had two daughters and three sons. They have lived in Lowell, Ohio many years.

Clarice graduated from Gilmore High School in 1937 and from business college in Akron, Ohio. She married Herman Buie in Akron, Ohio on July 6, 1942. They have one son and one daughter.

Earle graduated from Gilmore High School in 1940 while working on the farm and studying a correspondence course in Applied Electricity. He was a first class machine operator until being drafted for military service in 1943 and discharged in 1945. He returned to his job in Parkersburg, resigning in 1950 to join the Parkersburg Fire Department where he served for 34 years. He also operated his own electric wiring business for 25 years. On April 27, 1947 he married Eloise Emrick, daughter of Clarence Emrick and Gertrude Wigal of Parkersburg. They have one daughter. Submitted by L.E. Naylor

WILLIAM R. NELSON

Among the new settlers to arrive in Jackson County, West Virginia, in the 1870s was the young family of JAMES E. NELSON and his wife MARY. They came with Mary's parents the FORTNERS. They settled in Sandyville in time to be counted in the 1880 Jackson County census.

JOHN H. FORTNER, head of household, age 58 and born in North Carolina. His wife NANCY H. age 60 and born in Virginia. Son Josephus age 28 and born in Kentucky, and daughter Mariam age 20 also born in Kentucky. Included in this family was a son-in-law JAMES NELSON age 29 who was married to their daughter Mary Jane age 24, and their two children, Julius Clyde age 4 and William Riley age 2.

This young Nelson family increased by one after settling in Jackson County, they had a daughter and named her Birdie. Nineteen years later records show that this daughter married on April 24, 1899 to James Jarrett age 27.

WILLIAM R. NELSON, the youngest son of James and Mary Nelson never married, but lived to the ripe old age of 73 when he died March 12, 1954. He is buried in the Nesselroad Cemetery, on Little Sandy. His obituary stated that he was a retired farmer and died at his home after a long illness. Also buried in the same cemetery is MARY JANE (Fortner) NELSON, the wife of James E. Nelson. In her death record it states she was born

July 6, 1858 and died March 13, 1932 aged 74 years, 8 months and 7 days. Funeral was conducted by the Rev. Floyd Dick. Her three children survived her.

J. CLYDE NELSON, the oldest child to James E. and Mary (Fortner) Nelson lived to the age of 90, when he died May 26, 1965 at the Ohio Valley Nursing Home. He was born December 28, 1874 in Morgan County, Kentucky. He was a farmer and member of the Methodist Church. He married in Huttonsville, Randolph County, West Virginia to Ada Bennett, daughter of William and Manervia Bennett of Randolph County. They bought a farm of 64 acres on Little Pond Creek, Grant District in Jackson County, West Virginia from James W. and Dorma Cullen in 1924. They lived a happy and contented life although they were not blessed with children. Ada (Bennett) Nelson outlived her husband by 12 years. Part of this time she lived with a friend in Ravenswood but returned to her home on Little Pond Creek in her last years. She was well thought of by all who knew her. She died July 4, 1977 and is buried along side her husband in the Willowdale Cemetery (often called the Rawson Cemetery) on Little Pond Creek.



Clyde and Ada (Bennett) Nelson, 1905

This brings to a close this Nelson family who migrated to Jackson County in the 1870s. The above information was researched by Marie Gollehon which includes records found in the local Library and news clippings saved by Ada Nelson and found among her pictures and mementos.

Submitted by Elizabeth Gollehon "Vicki" Ward

JOHN NEPTUNE

The earliest Neptune ancestor, whom I have been able to prove, is John Neptune, born about 1780-85, in Maryland, I believe. In researching this line, I know that John and his wife, Anne Sigler, born about 1785 in Virginia, were my great great grandparents. They may have been married in Maryland since census records indicate that their children were born there. I am not sure when they moved to Monroe County, Ohio, but estate records there, dated March 26, 1856, list the following as heirs of John Neptune, deceased: his widow, Anne; sons: William and wife, Mary Ann; Samuel and wife, Mary; Wesley and wife, Mary Ann; John, Lydia Jane, widow of Washington Neptune, and their children, Eli, Columbia Jane and Mary Elizabeth; and daughter, Elizabeth Spencer and her husband, Amos Spencer. Others mentioned in this partition petition are: Edward Grissell, Isaac Booth, John Booth and John Beadmore, but I have no knowledge of what connection they are to the Neptune family. The exact date of death of John Neptune is not known by me, but I assume it was before October 22, 1850 for on that date, Anne Neptune, age 65, born Virginia, was enumerated as living alone (1850 Monroe County, Ohio census) but immediately following her son, John Neptune and family; Anne is listed as "farmer" with real estate valued at \$2,000.

My research has not revealed when the Nep-

tunes came to Jackson County, West Virginia, but I do know that in April 8, 1880, my great-grandfather, Eli Neptune, son of Washington Neptune and his wife, Lydia Jane, was married to Mary Martha Everette Jackson, the 16 year old daughter of Hezekiah Jackson and his wife, Maria Jane Hartshorne. Eli was 32, twice her age, and they were married at the home of her parents; his place of residence is shown as Sandyville, and hers only as Jackson County, West Virginia.

My grandfather, George Wilbur Neptune, the first child of the above couple, was born in Ravenswood, Jackson County, on January 31, 1882, as was their second, a daughter, Florence, born August 8, 1883, but by December 25, 1885, when their third child, Mamie, was born, the family was living in Minneapolis, Ottawa County, Kansas, where their two youngest children were also born: Herman, May 5, 1888, and Everett Eli, April 3, 1892. Hezekiah and Maria Jane Jackson also moved to the above mentioned town in Kansas where they died in 1890 and 1917, respectively.

Later my grandfather, George Wilbur Neptune, moved to Haskell, Indian Territory, where on May 12, 1906 he was married to Alta Brown, daughter of William C. Brown and his wife, Hannah Caroline Markham. Five children were born to this couple — four daughters and one son: Caroline, who died at age 2; Agnes who married but died without issue; Florence, married and had issue; Mary Katherine, married and had issue; and Everett Brown Neptune, my father, who was born September 29, 1912, married in 1934 to Virginia Tully, daughter of Daniel Tully and his wife, Mary Virginia McIver. When I was a young boy, my father was transferred from Oklahoma by The Phillips Petroleum Company to their refinery in Old Ocean, Texas, where he was employed until his death in 1972. My mother still resides in Texas.

In 1959 I was married to Mary Sue Pinckney, daughter of John McPherson Pinckney, Jr., and his wife, Mary Pearl Reed; we have two daughters: Rebecca Ann born July 13, 1960, married 1978 to Stephen Scott Gibson. They have three children: Amanda, Allison, and Everett; Elizabeth Ann born February 15, 1963, married 1986 to Todd Russell Dodge; they have one son, Todd Riley.

I have two sisters: Linda born 1941, married 1965 to Leonard Francis Smith; they have one daughter, Stephanie Kay. Diane Sue, born 1947, married 1967 to Gerald Lee Krafka; they have four children: Laura Ann, Rachel Lee, Charles Everett, and Katherine.

I have confined this to my direct descent from John Neptune and to my siblings and my immediate family. We do have data on other of my collateral Neptune line; if anyone is interested, we will share this information. Submitted by Everett Brown Neptune, Jr.

JOHN NESSELROAD

Sardin Christian Nesselroth (1737-1813) was born in Germany. He sailed from Hamburg, Germany aboard "The Queen of Denmark" and arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 2, 1752. He settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and married Elizabeth Kurz. They raised five sons and possibly some daughters. The Nesselroths were members of the Trinity Lutheran Church. Elizabeth left Lancaster County after the death of her husband. She was with her son, Christopher, in Ohio in 1820 and later came to the Ravenswood area. Elizabeth died in 1843 and is buried with her son, John, and his wife in the family cemetery about one mile north of Ravenswood, West Virginia (near Miller Addition on the Harry Rolliff farm). Their sons: Christian Nesselroad, Israel Nestleroth, John Nesselroad (See information below), Daniel Nestleroad and Christopher Nesselrode. (Note the changes in spelling.)

John Nesselroad (1765-1825) and his brother, Christopher, left Lancaster County about 1795.

They were listed on the tax rolls of Brooke County, (West) Virginia in 1800. John's son, Elias, and one of his daughters was born in Ohio. John and his wife, Mary Hannah, purchased land in Mason County, Virginia about 1802. This property is now part of Jackson County, West Virginia. They were farmers. They had three daughters born between 1795 and 1810: Sally, Mary and —. They had one son: Elias (Ellis) Nesselroad (1798-1890).

Ellis Nesselroad (1798-1890) was born in Ohio. He and his wife, Hannah Moore (1795-1875), lived in Ravenswood District. They are buried in the Palmer Cemetery located near Sherman, West Virginia. Their children: Israel Nesselroad (1820-?) (See information below), Susan Nesselroad (1828-1874), Elias Nesselroad (1829-1921) (See information below), Margaret Nesselroad (1835-?) and John Nesselroad (1838-1838).

Israel Nesselroad (1820-prior to 1900), son of Ellis and Hannah, married Margaret Dernberger (1819-1904) and lived in Grant District. They are buried in the Nesselroad Cemetery on Meathouse Fork Road. Their children: Shelton Nesselroad (1843-?), Addison Nesselroad (1844-1855), Onile Nesselroad (1844-?), Amelia Nesselroad (1849-1850), Edward Nesselroad (1853-?), Franklin Nesselroad (1853-?), Christopher Nesselroad (1856-?), Peter Nesselroad (1858-1936) and Margaret Melissa Nesselroad (1860-1916).

Elias Nesselroad (1829-1921), son of Ellis and Hannah, married first Lucinda Barringer (1830-1870) and lived in Grant District. They are buried in the Palmer Cemetery near Sherman, West Virginia. Their children: Ellis Nesselroad (1852-1930), Susan H. Nesselroad (1854-?), Herbert Nesselroad (1855-1925), Charles L. Nesselroad (1856-1935), George Nesselroad (1858-1858), Mary Nesselroad (1860-?), David M. Nesselroad (1861-1931), Liman Nesselroad (1864-1864), James O. Nesselroad (1866-1936) and Ella Nesselroad (1868-?). Elias Nesselroad married second, Elizabeth L. Perry (1852-1916). Elizabeth is also buried in the Palmer Cemetery. Their child: John Franklin Nesselroad (1872-1936).

Submitted by T.W. Nesselroad

PAUL E. AND JOANNA S. NESSELROAD

Paul Emmett Nesselroad, born February 19, 1924 in Sedan, Kansas, son of Israel Nesselroad and grandson of Peter Nesselroad, of Sherman, Grant District, Jackson County. Attended grade and junior high school in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Graduated from high school in 1941 at Ravenswood, West Virginia. Graduated B.S. in Agricultural Education and M.S. in Agricultural Economics at West Virginia University 1947 and 1955. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Penn State University 1969. Served in the U.S. Army. Taught Vocational Agriculture at Romney, West Virginia. (1947-50) and Gilmore, Sandyville, West Virginia (1953-54). Deputy State Director, Savings Bonds Division, U.S. Treasury, Charleston, West Virginia,



Paul E. Nesselroad

1951-53. Appointed to the Agricultural Economics Faculty, West Virginia University in 1954. Retired as Department Chairman and Professor Emeritus, College of Agriculture and Forestry, WVU, 1989. Taught classes in Agri-business and Farm Management, authored many research and popular publications on farm management. Served students as an academic advisor, and the University in numerous roles. Membership in honorary and professional organizations include: Alpha Zeta, Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Sigma Delta, and the American Agricultural Economic Association. Awarded Outstanding WVU Teacher, 1974-75; FFA Honorary State Farmer, 1981; and Gamma Sigma Delta Senior Faculty Award of Merit, 1985. Active in the Boy Scouts, 4-H, FFA, United Methodist Church and Civic Affairs.

Married Joanna Violet Strosnider of Blacks-ville, West Virginia in Philippi, West Virginia July 3, 1947. She has B.S. and M.S. in Home Economics Education (Child and Family Development) and Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from West Virginia University. She is a retired Professor Emerita from Fairmont State College. They reside in Morgantown, West Virginia and their children are as follows:

Karina Nell Nesselroad, born July 24, 1952 in Parkersburg. Graduated from West Virginia University B.S. (Cum Laude) Elementary Education 1973, and M.S. Child Development 1978. Has taught school in Monongalia, Jackson and Mason Counties, currently is Transitional First Grade teacher in Romney, West Virginia. Member NAEYC, Phi Delta Kappa, and Phi Epsilon Omicron. Active in United Methodist Church choir and educational programs. Married Richard Stephen Gray, May 12, 1973, son of Catherine Bunton Gray and Dowell Trubue Gray of Morgantown. He graduated WVU B.S. in Forest Management, 1972 and M.S. Agricultural Science 1975. He is a registered Forester. Employed as the District Conservationist, Soil Conservation Services, USDA, Grant County, West Virginia. Previously worked for SCS in Monongalia, Jackson County and Mason Counties. He is a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, and Alpha Zeta. Parents of two children, Kimberly Gayle, born 1979 in Romney, and Jennifer Gwynn, born 1982, Pt. Pleasant. Family currently lives in Romney, West Virginia.

Mark Richard Nesselroad, born September 24, 1955, Morgantown. Graduation University High School, Morgantown, 1972. He was an Eagle Scout. Attended Fairmont State College and West Virginia University. He is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator. Employed by Crossgates, Inc. of Pittsburgh in their Healthcare Division. He worked as a Nursing Home Administrator, Assistant Vice-President, and Vice-president. In 1984 founded his own company, Glenmark Associates, Inc., currently the largest owner/operator of convalescent homes in West Virginia. He serves on several State Healthcare boards. Married Peggy Ann St. Martin, May 23, 1981, daughter of Dagmar Palmer St. Martin and Joseph Pierre St. Martin of Sharon, Connecticut. Peggy attended WVU on an athletic scholarship and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Physical Education. Parents of two children born in Morgantown. Mark Joseph, born December 31, 1982, and Erica Jan, born August 13, 1984. They are members of Harner Chapel United Methodist Church and live in Morgantown. Submitted by Paul E. Nesselroad and Karina N Gray

PETER NESSELROAD

Israel Nesselroad (born ca 1820) was a son of Ellis and Hannah (Moore) Nesselroad and a grandson of John Nesselroad, one of the first permanent settlers in the Ravenswood area. Israel Nesselroad married Margaret Derenberger (1819-1904) in 1841. They lived on Meat House Fork in Grant

District. Israel and Margaret are buried in the Nesselroad Cemetery. Their children: 1. Shelton Nesselroad (1843-?) married Mary Agnes Hoover. 2. Addison Nesselroad (1844-1855) 3. Amelia Nesselroad (1849-1850) 4. Edward Nesselroad (1853-?) married Virginia Nesselroad. 5. Franklin Nesselroad (1855-?) married Mary Jackman. 6. Christopher Nesselroad (1856-?) married Anna Hoover. 7. Peter Nesselroad (See information below) 8. Margaret Melissa Nesselroad (1860-1916) married Edward McGugin.

Peter Nesselroad (1858-1936) son of Israel and Margaret (Derenberger) Nesselroad married Arabell Fortner (1859-1909). She was born at Campbell County, Kentucky the daughter of Riley and Nancy Fortner. They lived in Meathouse Fork not far from Little Sandy in Grant District. Before their marriage, Peter traveled with the Trotter Circus as a snake handler. He was a farmer and also worked several months a year on steamboats that traveled the Ohio River during the period of time when the Ohio River was navigable. They are buried in the Nesselroad Cemetery on Meathouse Fork. Their children: 1. James R. died young, 2. John "Lewis" married Mary Ann Cook, 3. Maude never married, 4. Laura married William Miller, 5. Floyd married Nora May Jordan, 6. Margaret married Elmer Delancy, 7. Israel married Minnie Mae Jarrett, 8. Nancy married Washington Spaulding, 9. Melissa married Hubert Holtzman, 10. Ivy married Delbert Lehew, 11. Virginia married Edward Lambert, 12. Charles married Martha Brown, 13. Martin Peter married first Agnes McGinty and second Margaret —



Peter Nesselroad

Israel Nesselroad (1889-1983) son of Peter and Arabell (Fortner) Nesselroad married Minnie May Jarrett (1893-1951) daughter of Emmet and Rosa (Hintzman) Jarrett. Before their marriage, Israel had taught school eight years in various places, including Jackson, McDowell, Logan, Mingo and Randolph Counties, West Virginia. He met his future wife while teaching her at the Morning Star School located on Claylick in Grant District (Jackson County). Minnie had taught school in Pocohontas, Marshall and Randolph Counties, West Virginia before their marriage. Israel served in the U.S. Army during World War I spending time in France and Germany with the 89th Division, 314th Engineers. After their marriage in 1919, they moved to Kansas where Israel was employed by Pearl Nesselroad in the business of building oil derricks. At first the rigs were constructed of wood and later of steel. Israel made the decision to return to Jackson County after his hand was badly hurt in an accident working on the

rigs. The family returned to the farm owned by Peter Nesselroad in January 1938. Israel had previously purchased all the shares of the farm owned by his brothers and sisters. Israel and Minnie are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Warren and Paul.

Warren William Nesselroad (1920) married Floretta Wolfe, daughter of Holly and Phoebe (Anderson) Wolfe in 1944. Warren served in the U.S. Navy during World War II spending 37 months on a mine sweeper. Some of this time was spent on duty at the Aleutian Islands. Warren has retired from the Kaiser Aluminum Plant at Ravenswood. Warren and Floretta live on a farm near Cottageville on Log Lick Run Road. They are members of the Pleasant View Church and are active in the V.F.W. and its Auxiliary. Their children: a. Sidney and b. Lyle.

a. Sidney Lee Nesselroad (1946) married Elizabeth Moore (1947) daughter of Robert and Catherine Moore. They are divorced. Sidney is a professor of music at Central Washington State University at Ellensburg, Washington. He received a bachelor's degree and a masters degree from West Virginia University and a doctorate from the University of Illinois. Sidney served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam as an interpreter and interrogator. Sidney lives at Ellensburg, Washington. Their children: Lara Elizabeth Nesselroad (1970) and Brian Scott Nesselroad (1974).

b. Warren "Lyle" Nesselroad (1950) married Patricia Ann Owens (1952) daughter of Woodrow and Phyllis Owens in 1971. Lyle is employed by Ravenswood Aluminum (formerly Kaiser Aluminum). Lyle served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and was based in the Philippines. They live on Little Sandy on a section of the land which belonged to his grandfather, Israel Nesselroad. Their children: Ben Israel Nesselroad (1974) and Michelle Lea Nesselroad (1976).

Submitted by Warren Nesselroad and Lyle Nesselroad

NICHOLSON-NEWCOMB

Elisha L. Nicholson (December 9, 1831-August 22, 1911), son of Philip Nicholson and Elizabeth Rhine, was Methodist Episcopal minister in Jackson and Wood Counties from 1860 to 1900. Married in Athens County, Ohio, July 22, 1851, Julia Ann Nicholson (September 18, 1831-January 6, 1904), daughter of Thomas Newcomb (1793-1863), (son of Thomas Newcomb and Lucretia Webster), and Clara Lockwood Shuit (1796-1866), (daughter of William Shuit and Thankful Lockwood). Julia was a descendant of Massachusetts Governor William Bradford (1588-1657), who came as one of the Mayflower Pilgrims in 1620. References: "Andrew Newcomb, 1618-1686, and His Descendants, A Revised Edition of *Genealogical Memoir of the Newcomb Family*, published 1874 by John Bearse Newcomb, Elgin, Illinois," Bethuel Merritt Newcomb (1923), and *Descendants of Robert Lockwood. Colonial and Revolutionary History of the "Lockwood Family in America from A.D. 1630"*, Frederick A. Holden and E. Dunbar Lockwood (1889).

Elisha and Julia had seven children: Mary (1854-1855); Hugh Miller, born 1856/7; Alice Blair, born 1860, married Wood County September 18, 1881, Jefferson Hoover; Julie Anna (1863-1919), married Wood County July 3, 1888, James A. Watson; Fannie Maud (1867-1947) married Wood County November 15, 1891, Christian Louis Epplein; Sarah E. (1869-1869); RUFUS KINNARD (March 26, 1871-October 15, 1953) married Wood County, September 7, 1897, Anna Mary Locker (October 11, 1873-February 4, 1961), daughter of Charles Jefferson Locker (1847-1932) and Martha Jane Parks (1849-1942).

Elisha and Julia lived near Ravenswood, Jackson County in 1860. He kept diaries, which are owned by his great-great-granddaughter, Rev. Vicki

(Lindley) Reece. In 1877, Elisha wrote in his diary that the West Virginia conference had given him a (preaching) location. He sold Bibles and U.S. Histories to families in Jackson and Wood Counties. Other preachers mentioned in his 1877 diary: James B. Beaty, James S. Buckley, G. Anderson, Piatt, Myres, G.A. Naught, P. Sellers, and J.M. Stephens. Preaching locations mentioned: Pond Creek, Flinns, Toppen's Grove, Thom's Run, Wards S.H., Barne's School House, Buckleys, Locust Grove, Milhoan S.C., Mincaville, Murrayville, Little Sandy, Sandy, Meat House Fork, Brick Church, St. Fork, Shepherds, and Red Brush.

Rufus Kinnard Nicholson was named after Rufus Kinnard, M.E. Minister in Williamstown, West Virginia. Rufus and Anna Nicholson moved to Lawrence, Kansas. They raised fruit and vegetables. Children, born West Virginia: Helen Julia (June 7, 1898-July 28, 1946), ORA FRANCIS, born July 4, 1900.

Helen Julia became a doctor and married Leo Applegate. Ora Francis became an architect and married Lawrence, Kansas, October 22, 1932. William Albert Mortensen (1899-1973). William was a grocer and farmer in Moscow, Idaho. Francis designed over 400 houses in the Moscow area. Three children: GLEN ALBERT, born December 1, 1933; Shirley Ann, born 1935; Susan Kay, born 1944.

Glen married Rockville, Maryland, August 24, 1959, Patricia Louise Harkness born August 16, 1939. They live in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Children: Keith Allan, born 1961, married Deborah Jean Pender; Wayne Albert, born 1962, married Jan Marie Stibal; Hans Andrew, born 1966; Mark Howard, born 1969. *Submitted by Glen A. Mortensen*

ADAM NOHE

My great grandfather, Adam Nohe, was born in Baden, Germany, November 25, 1824. He came to America with his parents at the age of 14 and settled in Butler County, Pennsylvania. In Armstrong County, Pennsylvania March 16, 1848 he married Christena Heck, born in France October 19, 1826, daughter of Peter and Mary Deitwiler Heck. Her family came to America about the year 1830 and settled in Pennsylvania. In the mid 1850s Adam and Christena left Pennsylvania and bought a farm on upper Little Pond Creek in Grant District of Jackson County, West Virginia.

During the Civil War Adam served in the Home Guards in both Capt. Kennedy's and Proctor's Companies.



Adam and Christena (Heck) Nohe

Adam and Christena's children were: Mary Hannah "Mollie" (1848-1935) married (1) Christian Dinger (2) James A. Henry; Lewis (1850-1929) married Telitha Rawson; John Henry (1852-1938) married Terrissa Rawson; Daniel (1853-1854); Sarah Magdalene (1855-1937) married David Farnsworth; Catherine Elizabeth (1857-1926) married George William Kieffer; Julia Ann (1860-1907) married Robert Burns Carter; George Sherman McClellan (1863-1943) married Josie Rector; William Tell (1866-1951)

married Donna Edith Rector; One son died in infancy.

Great Grandfather died May 28, 1901 and Great Grandmother died March 9, 1907. They are buried in the Willowdale Baptist Church Cemetery on Little Pond Creek near where they established their homestead and where they lived a quiet, honest and industrious life together for almost 50 years.

On April 18, 1875 my grandfather, Henry Nohe, married Terrissa Rawson (1853-1948), daughter of Lewis and Hannah Smith Rawson who had settled on Cavin Fork in Grant District of Jackson County. They built their home on Little Pond Creek near where he had grown up and there lived a busy life of farming. Their children were: Terrissa (1876-1951) married (1) William Tumlin (2) Jack Ellis; Hannah (1878-1968) married Samuel VanNostran; Lucy Victoria (1880-1943) married Robert Clem; Marion McClellan (May 3, 1883-September 14, 1960) married Edna Joseph; Donna (1887-1985) married Willis Culum; Laura Belle (1890-1987) married Jesse Anthony. Grandpa and Grandma are buried in the Willowdale Baptist Church Cemetery.

My father, Marion Nohe, married Edna Joseph September 16, 1907. She was born in Jackson County March 21, 1884, daughter of Henry and Sarah Stanley Joseph. They built their home near his father's and in the honest, hard working tradition of their ancestors raised their children: Carl Eugene (1910-1965) married Helen Smith; Paul Henry (1915-1947) married Irene Pantell; Dale William (1917-1941); Twins Evyleen (1923-1931) and Eileen. Mom died May 13, 1958. She and Dad are buried in the Willowdale Church Cemetery.

On July 3, 1943, I married Lester Moore, born June 11, 1920, son of Oscar and Eva Mae Stallings Moore. When returned from military service in 1945 at the end of World War II, we moved to Parkersburg, West Virginia. He is now retired from DuPont. We have two daughters (1) Donna Mae born June 30, 1954, married Steve Fox, one daughter, Rachel Denise, born October 16, 1983 in Parkersburg; (2) Jo Ann born May 4, 1958, married Victor Eddy.

I cherish my memories and the friends I made growing up in Jackson County.

(Note: Eileen (Nohe) Moore died October 14, 1989) *Submitted by Eileen Nohe Moore*

NUCKLES

It's said to be tradition in the Nuckles family, and old court records that three brothers came from York, England. They were merchants, their names were John, James and William. They came to Jamestown Virginia. They, with the colonists, established the first permanent English Colony in America in 1607.

Later the family shows up in Gouchland County, Virginia, with John Nuckolls and family. He married Mary Garland, and both were born in 1755, him March 20, her July 12.

Their son, John Nuckles Jr. moved to Tazewell County, Virginia. He had a daughter Nancy Nuckles who married George Webb in Botetourt County, Virginia.

Next in our line is John Nuckles Jr. who was one of the biggest land owners in Tazewell County, Virginia. He had a son, Elijah Nuckles, born 1812 Tazewell County, Virginia, died 1880 Tazewell County, Virginia, married April 21, 1935 to Mary Elizabeth Carter (1816-1880). Their sons were John B.; William G.; and my great great grandfather, James Harvey Nuckles born 1839 Mercer County, Virginia (West Virginia), died December 2, 1927, Jackson County, West Virginia, married 1st, Emiline Terry born 1842, Virginia, died after all children born, daughter of Thomas Terry (1812-1843) and Adaline Carter, married 2nd, Belle Nipper in 1883 other children of Elijah and Elizabeth Nuckles: Martha Jane born August 26,



Molly, Jettie, and Belle (Nipper) Nuckles, George W., William Edward, Charles, and H. (James Harvey Jr.) Nuckles, children of James H. Nuckles Sr.

1841 married Henry Washington Lambert, March 5, 1865, Tazewell County, Virginia; Sarah Ann, born 1842, married George W. Nunnally, May 28, 1857, Tazewell County, Virginia; Edy L., born 1845 married George Bevins; John B. born 1848, married Letticia Crow September 15, 1870; Mary Ellen born 1852 married John H. Aninson, February 18, 1872; William Gregory born 1854 married Florence E. Seabolt, December 20, 1876; Cosby A. born August 31, 1857, married John Lewis Seabolt, January 9, 1878; Elizabeth F. born May 1859, married Charles A. Yost, May 12, 1874.

The children of James Harvey Nuckles and Emmiline Terry: Violet Josephine "Molly" born 1861; Mary E. born 1877; Angeline V. born 1878; John B. born 1869; William Edward born September 16, 1870, Tazewell County, Virginia, died November 3, 1919, Coeburn Wise County, Virginia policeman (Sergeant) killed on duty 9:30 p.m. March 8, 1919, shot in head and body, Coeburn, Wise County, Virginia; James H., called



Confederate Soldier — James H. Nuckles

H. Nuckles, died in Grundy, Virginia in car accident, was an old gentleman then.

James H. Nuckles (1839-1927) was a blacksmith with the rank of Seargent, Jenkins Brigade. He was with Gen. John McCausland when they burned Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. My great great grandfather never was pardoned or surrendered, spent rest of his life in hiding in Jackson County, West Virginia.

Rest of our line is grandmother Glayds Mae (Nuckles) Boggess (1903-1980) daughter of William Ed. Nuckles (1870-1953) mother Mary Frances (Boggess) (Harper) Cash (1932-living). Her children: James "Mack" Boggess; Charles Ray Harper; Wallace Leon Harper; Boyd Lee Harper; Carolyn Debra (Harper) King. *Submitted by Mary Frances (Boggess) Cash and James Fred Cash*

PERRY EMMET AND WINNIFRED O'BRIEN

In 1934, Perry and Winnifred ("Fritzi") O'Brien arrived in Ripley to begin a half-century of life and service in this great community and county.

Winnifred Fletcher Evans was born on Wheeling Island, Wheeling, West Virginia, on February 24, 1904, the second daughter of Arthur Stockwood and Ester (Fletcher) Evans. Her sisters were Mrs. W.N. (Florence) Crowl of Wheeling and Mrs. E.M. (Helen) Siegling (deceased). Winnifred received a "standard normal" certificate from West Liberty Teachers College and was teaching at Edgington Lane School in Wheeling before she and Perry were married in 1932.

Perry Emmet O'Brien was born in Buckhannon, West Virginia, on August 2, 1898, the oldest son of William Smith and Emma (White) O'Brien. He had one sister, Mary Martha O'Brien (deceased) and two brothers, Daniel Pitt (deceased) and William Talbott O'Brien of Buckhannon. After serving in the U.S. Army in 1918, Perry received a B.S. degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1921 and later attended George Washington University. He taught mathematics at Logan, Triadelphia (Wheeling) and Victory (Clarksburg) High Schools before marrying Winnifred.

After their marriage in Winnifred's home in Triadelphia, West Virginia, on June 8, 1932, she and Perry lived in Clarksburg before moving to Morgantown where, in 1934, Perry completed his L.L.B. degree. The couple then moved to Ripley, where Perry began his law practice on South Court Street in the T.J. Sayre and Kenna K. Hyre office building. In 1936 he moved to the O.C. Staats building on Main Street where his office remained for the next 48 years.

Perry and Winnifred ("Fritzi") lived first at 408 North Church Street until 1948, when their house, 300 North Street, overlooking downtown Ripley was completed. They had one son, William Smith O'Brien, born on June 6, 1936.



Perry Emmet and Winnifred (Evans) O'Brien

Both Perry and "Fritzi" were very active in the Epworth United Methodist Church, members of the Golden Rule Sunday School Class and singing in the church choir. Perry was Sunday School Superintendent in the 1940s and "Fritzi" was very active in the Women's Society of Christian Service. Perry served the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church as a Trustee and member of the Commission on Archives and History, and also as director of the Wesley Foundation at Glenville State College.

Winnifred was active in the Ripley Junior Women's Club, president of the Ripley Women's Club, Grand Worth Matron of the Eastern Star and the advisor of the Rainbow Girls. Returning to her teaching career in the mid-1940s, she completed her B.S. degree in elementary education from Morris Harvey College in 1948. One of her class reports, "Early Settlers And Their Contributions To Jackson County and It's County Seat, Ripley, West Virginia," was printed and distributed by the

Jackson County Library in 1979.

Winnifred taught the fifth grade at the Ripley Elementary School over 20 years. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the American Association of University Women and the National Retired Teachers Association.

Perry was City Recorder of Ripley from 1943-1947 and Mayor from 1955-1957. He was chairman of the Jackson County Health Board, trustee of the Jackson County Hospital, president of the Ripley Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the Ripley Park Commission. He was a 39-year member and chairman of the Jackson County Selective Service Board. He was a member of the West Virginia and the American Bar Association.

A 50-year member of the Ripley Rotary Club, Perry served as president and secretary. He was chaplain of the Ripley American Legion Post and a director of the Kootaga Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Masons, and the Plimoth Plantation Society. Perry was an emeritus 50-year member of both the West Virginia University Alumni Associations. Intensely interested in local and regional history, Perry was president of the Jackson County Historical Society and member of West Virginia Historical Society. Active in the location and establishment of the Cedar Lakes FFA-FHA Camp, he was a member of the Cedar Lakes Advisory Committee and an honorary member of the FFA.

Perry was involved in the public library movement from the late 1940s, serving as chairman of the Jackson County Library and member of the Alpha Regional Library since its beginning in 1951. He was appointed by Governor Underwood as member of the West Virginia Library Commission from 1960 to 1964. He was a member of the American Library Trustee Association and the West Virginia Library Association. In 1950, he was named as the West Virginia Library Trustee of the Year.

Throughout his civic work, Perry recognized the value of water supply to community growth and the destruction that happens with the lack of flood control. In the 1940s, Perry joined other community leaders in planning better water supply control for the Mill Creek Valley, leading to the formation of the Mill Creek Watershed Committee, of which Perry was chairman from 1967. He provided much of the legal work for the series of watershed lakes which now provide flood control and water supply for Ripley and the Mill Creek Valley. In recognition of his service in this cause, on May 29, 1984, the Jackson County Commission designated the Mill Creek Site 13 dam to be named the "Perry Emmet O'Brien Dam." On September 19, 1987, this completed dam was dedicated as the 150th Watershed Dam constructed in West Virginia.

Perry Emmet was listed in "Who's Who in the East," "Who's Who in the Methodist Church," and "Outstanding West Virginians."

Winnifred ("Fritzi") passed away on June 13, 1978. Perry Emmet passed away on August 11, 1984. They are buried in Lot No. 6, the Oldham Section of Pine Hill Cemetery.

A 1934 newspaper item welcoming the young lawyer to Ripley stated, "You are the class of folk we need. You will add to our fine citizenry." Fifty years later on the day following Perry's death, Elaine Rowley wrote in the *Jackson Herald*, "He has certainly been a pillar of strength in our fair city. He and his late wife, Winifred (sic) O'Brien, were always willing to shoulder civic responsibilities and to go the extra mile in social services. Everywhere around the town, they have left their influence."

A good rule-of-life has always been to leave a place a little better than when you arrived. Winnifred ("Fritzi") and Perry Emmet certainly

spent their half-century in Ripley and Jackson County following that guide. They lived and gave of their lives to their church and their community, among the people that they loved. Submitted by William S. O'Brien

HENRY AND MARY E. OHSE

Henry and Mary Elizabeth Ohse came to Jackson County from Germany some time between 1850 and 1860. Their children were: Henry Jr.; Wilmina M.; William Frederick; and William Andrew. They lived on Log Lick Run.

WILLIAM FREDERICK, was my great grandfather. He married Dorothea Shaver in Jackson County on October 3, 1867. They had five children, Henry; Mary D.; Richard E.; Annie D.; and Walter, who was my grandfather. William Frederick's wife, Dorothea, died in 1906, and he married for a second time to Ida Redman. To this couple six more children were born. Their names were William Taft; Erma; Susie May; James Edward; Myrtle Viola; and Luther Otho.

My grandfather, WALTER OHSE, married Florence Pickens and they had two sons: my father, JAMES WILLIAM and my uncle, Isaiah Murriel.

My father JAMES WILLIAM, married Augusta Heater in 1938 and they had three children: myself, William Isaiah and my two sisters, Myrtle Marie and Mary Alice.

As for myself, WILLIAM ISAIAH OHSE, I married Dorothy Kerns in 1959 and we have three children, James Kevin; Renee Lynn; and Dawn Maxine. JAMES KEVIN OHSE, married Pamela Kay Bails and they have three children: Jessica Kay; Megan Lynn; and Mallory Dawn. Megan and Mallory are identical twins. RENEE LYNN OHSE, married Mark Johnson from Harmony, West Virginia and they have two children, Eric Dale and Kala Renee. My youngest daughter DAWN MAXINE is still at home.

Walter Ohse's other son, ISAIAH MURRIEL, married Lena Hawk and they had three sons and one daughter. Walter Lewis; Johnney Murriel; Tommy Ray; and Edith Fay Ohse. Isaiah Murriel died in 1953. Lena married a 2nd time to Rube West and they had one son, Billy. They were divorced and Lena married Charles Grady who is now deceased. All of Lena's children are married and live in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

My great grandfather's brother, WILLIAM ANDREW, married Christina Hayman from Mason County and they moved to Spencer, West Virginia to help another brother run a saw mill.

As for the children of my great grandfather's second marriage, Sussie May, married a Workman; Myrtle Viola married a Cantor. They are still living in the Cottageville Area.

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MARVIN RAY AND RUTH OLDAKER

Ruth Cook and Marvin Ray Oldaker were united in marriage on November 28, 1981, at Grass Lick Baptist Church, Kenna, West Virginia.

Ruth is the daughter of Lawrence and Nina Cook; she was born at McMillon Hospital in Charleston. At the age of six weeks her mother and father moved to Kenna. She attended Kenna Elementary School and graduated from Ripley High School in 1980. She was a member of the Kenna Succeeders 4-H Club and is an active member of the Grass Lick Baptist Church. She worked for Workman's Compensation Fund until 1982. She is presently attending WVU-Parkersburg, in the Education Program, and is a Volunteer-Aide at Kenna Elementary School.

Marvin was born at Thomas Memorial Hospital, on March 22, 1958, is the son of David H. and

Mary B. Oldaker of Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia. He is an active member of Grass Lick Baptist Church. He graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School in 1977; he worked at Pt. Pleasant Marine Company for six years and is presently working at Peake Energy Inc., at Ravenswood, West Virginia.



Marvin and Ruth Oldaker with Jeremy



back row: Marvin and Ruth Oldaker, Larry Cook;
seated Eric and Mary Ellen Grandon, Jeremy Oldaker

They have one child, Jeremy Allan, born at Jackson General Hospital on March 12, 1983. He also attends Kenna Elementary School and Grass Lick Baptist Church.

The Oldakers purchased property formerly owned by Charles and Elsie Welling at Kenna where they now reside. Submitted by Ruth Oldaker

OLDHAM FAMILY

The name Oldham came into England with the Saxons, more than 1400 years ago. It was brought to this continent by JOHN OLDHAM in 1622 when he arrived at Plymouth aboard the *Elizabeth and Anne*. John Oldham was killed in 1636 aboard his trading vessel *Shallup*, which was attacked by Indians. His sons, Thomas and John, were with him on the vessel and for a time they were held captive by the Indians.

Thomas Oldham settled in Massachusetts where he married Mary Wetherel in 1656. They had a large family.

Colonel Samuel Oldham, son of Thomas (1680-1759), settled in West Moreland County, Virginia. His rank in county militia earned him the title of Colonel. Samuel's wife's name was controversial but his children are listed as: John, Robert, Thomas, Isaac, Samuel.

Colonel Samuel Oldham was married a second time to Elizabeth Newton Storke (1728). He is buried in Cople Parrish, West Moreland County, Virginia

Isaac, the son of Samuel Oldham, was born in 1726. Isaac served as a noncommissioned officer in Captain John Van Meter's Pennsylvania Rangers in 1778. His second wife, Sarah Anderson was the mother of 14 children, one of whom was William.

William Oldham (1753-1828) married Eliza Hooer, Pocohontas County, Virginia in 1824. They had two children, William Kennison and Nancy, who married George Hickie.

The father, William Oldham, died in 1828 and the mother, Eliza, married William Price Morrison. They moved to Braxton County, West Virginia and later to Jackson County. In 1849, William Kennison Oldham, the son, returned to Pocohontas County, Virginia to a farm inherited from his father. There he married Sarah Kinnison who died at the birth of their first child, a son, Upton Etchinson, in 1859. In 1961 he sold his land in Pocohontas County and returned to Jackson County with his son and his bride, Elizabeth Smith. In Jackson County, William Kennison bought a farm on Parchment Creek where they established residence.

William Kennison Oldham and Elizabeth Smith Oldham were the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. The names of the surviving children were: Owen Otto, Olev Olson, James Lockhart, Odenna Proffitt, William Torrentia, Joseph Smith. Elizabeth died shortly after the birth of the youngest son as a result of injuries received in a fall from a horse.

William Kennison Oldham was later married twice: to Mary Pinnell and Lucretia Barnette.

William Kennison Oldham was a Captain in the Union Army during the Civil War serving the 141st Regiment of 22nd Brigade, 5th Division of the Virginia Militia. He received four commissions, the last from Governor Pierpont.

He was a successful farmer and was active in community affairs. It is said he served as Grand Marshall for the Independence Day parade in Ripley for several years and was quite a colorful figure in his full dress Union uniform astride his white stallion.

William Kennison Oldham died suddenly in the hayfield on his Parchment Valley farm in July of 1895. He is buried at Mt. Moriah, a country cemetery, overlooking the valley he loved so much.



William Kennison Oldham

A list of his descendants follows:

Upton Etchison "Doc" Oldham (1857-1944): married Martha Ellen Hunt. Six children: (1) Pearl married William Long, children: Ellen (married Thaw Casto), Neal (married Naomi Skaggs), Carole. (2) Kenna, unmarried. (3) Holly, unmarried. (4) Lec, married Inez Smith; 11 children: (5) Aalton, married Doris Dodd: children: Alex. (6) Marie, married Leo McCormich: Children: (a) Larry: Child: Lorissa, (b) Linda.

Owen Otto Oldham (1862-1955) married Lil-

lie Miller, nine children: (1) Roy, married Virginia Trimmer: children: Lillie Hurley, Roy, Etta Seiffert, Charles. (2) Elizabeth, married Jacob Kinzel: children: Dorothy (married Bill Gibbs), Barbare (married Marvin Nicholas), Robert: (3) Frank, married Emma Hafytle and Albeta Morningstar: children: Marion Boothe, Jeane Brumbrough. (5) Faye, married Clarence Ankrum: children: (a) Wayne (married Linda Smith); children: James and Patrick. (b) Janice (married Kent Hawkins: children: Patricia, Carol, Janet Georgiana. (7) Viola, married Charles King: children: (a) Darlene Edmond: children: Jim, Jay, (b) Donald. (8) Oattie, married Muriel Stewart: Children: Oattie, Beth, James, Michael, Becky, Lora. (9) John, married Evelyn Skeens: children: John and Judy.

Olev Olson (1864-1936): married Adelia Casto. Nine children: (1) Amy, married Bert Parsons: children: Alton, Ada, Dencil, Lee. (2) Hettie, married Glenn Parsons: children: (a) Adrian (married Stella Dodson) children: Anna Mae (died in infancy) and Susan. (b) Franklin (married Marjorie Ball: children: Allen, (c) Robert (M. Oneida Maynard). (d) Frances Jane (unmarried). (3) Minnie (died in infancy), (4) Edna (married Frank Wasmuth) (married Lore Kerwood). (5) Florence (married Clyde Brookover): children: Darwin, Otmer, (6) Ethel (married Clarence Wilkerson) children: Rose Marie, (7) Dollie (married Albert Dial) children: Donald. (8) Otmer (married Edna Casto) children: Doris Jeanne. (9) Everett (married Thelma Evans): children: (a) Roderick (married Flora Dyer): children: Renee Cantrell, Leanne, Denise, (b) Sheila (married Marion McCoy): children: Todd, Chandra.

James Lockhart "Trink" (1866 -) married Mae Baker. Three children: (1) Kitty, (2) Hazel, (3) Reginald. Second marriage to Dollie Rhodes. Two children: (1) Beryl. (2) Mary Elizabeth.

Odenna Proffitt "Den" (1868 -) married Lenna McKown. Two children: (1) Walter, married Rachel Burnside: children: (a) Billie (married Frank Heindel): children: Julia, Jean, John. (2) John Kennison (died in infancy).

William Torrentia "Bill" (1872-1957): married Mayme Piper. Four children: (1) Mae (married — Skidmore). (2) Grace (married Jimmy Hill): children: Judy, Kay (3) Edith (married Ike Lewark). (4) Billy (killed in childhood).

Joseph Smith (1877-1939): married Edna McKown. Two children: (1) Margaret Virginia married Russell Staats: children: (a) Lois (married William E. Casto): children: (a-1) William Jeffrey (married Bonnie Baker) children: William Jeffrey, Russell Martin: (married Susan Bishop): (a-2) David Staats (married Debra Brubaker) children: Casey Lynn (a-3) Mary Frances (married Nelson Tolcr): (a-4) Laura Jeanne. (b) Jeanne (married James M. Hunter): children: (b-1) Russell Matthew, (b-2) Robert Mark (twin) died in infancy, Margaret Helen (married Bruce Nester) children: Victoria Margaret (b-3) James Luke (married Melissa Griest) children: Sarah Marie (b-4) Rebecca Lou. (c) Margaret Ann (married William O. Hall): children: (c-1) William Oley Hall III, (married Jenny Addison) children: William Oley IV, (c-2) Joseph Kennison. (2) James "Bud" married Mary Shockey: children (a) James: children: Brodic, (b) Joc: children: Adam. (c) Virginia. Submitted by Margaret Oldham Staats and Faye Oldham Ankrum

ONG FAMILY

Written by Kathryn Elizabeth Ong Slaughter. Kathryn Ong Slaughter, number 11, Charles Finley Ong, number 10, Filmore Ong, number 9, Nathan Ong, number 8, Jacob Ong, number 7, Jacob Ong, number 6, Jeremiah Ong, number 5, Jacob Ong, number 4, Jacob Ong, number 3, Isaac Ong, number 2, Francis Ong, number 1.

I am very fortunate in having the Ong History researched in 1906 by a Dr. Albert R. Ong of

Martins Ferry, Ohio, and it is on record in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

In early years the Ong name was spelled "ONGE," but the lineage was not traced beyond that of Francis Ong who sailed from Bristol, England, on December 1, 1630, arriving in Boston, February 5, 1631, on the ship "Lyon," with three sons; SIMON, JACOB, and ISAAC. It was thought that they embarked on this hazardous journey in a desire for freedom in religious worship.

Francis Ong 1, died within the next five years and I listed our ancestors in the following order.

ISAAC ONG 2, resided in Massachusetts and New Jersey until his death June 13, 1696, having five children. We are a descendant of his first child, Jacob.

JACOB 3, was a farmer in New Jersey. His first son, Jacob, was born in 1702.

JACOB ONG 4, had four children and his first son was Jeremiah.

JEREMIAH ONG 5, was born in Burlington County, New Jersey. He lived during the War of the Revolution in Eastern Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Christianna Ong, are; the ancestors of all present members of the Ong family in America. He was a farmer and is believed to have been a member of the Society of Friends. He is reported to have been killed by Indians. We are a descendant of his first child, Jacob.

REVEREND JACOB ONG 6, was born January 24, 1760. He was a postal boy and carried messages during the early part of the war and later joined the ranks of the Continentals and served till the close of the war with an honorable discharge. He married Mary McCrew in Pennsylvania on September 25, 1784. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade. After the war, he being of Quaker parentage and being received back into the Quaker church, renounced all claims against the government services, being convinced that war was wrong. He was an acknowledged minister of the Society of Friends. We are a descendant of his third child, Jacob.

This particular ancestor is of great interest to me as he married a McGrew, which was the maiden name of my mother and her ancestors are from Pennsylvania.

JACOB ONG 7, was born June 25, 1789, and married Hannah Davis, January 23, 1813. He died at Angerona, Jackson County, West Virginia, on August 11, 1861.

NATHAN ONG 8, his second child, was born August 10, 1816, and was married twice. He had nine children including my grandfather, Elias Filmore Ong, born September 28, 1856, and Barbara A. Ong born August 4, 1845, who is the grandmother of Charleean Cunningham Hutchison of Evans. He is buried in Angerona, West Virginia.

My grandfather, Elias Filmore Ong 9, married Elizabeth Marjorie Fultz May 28, 1881. They had nine children, all of whom are deceased. He died in 1933 and my grandmother in 1940. I have very fond memories of my grandfather even though I was very small when he died. My grandmother seemed to be the mainstay of the family. I always had the feeling she was "happy to see me come, but happier to see me go." Their home was beside Moore's Marker in the middle of what is now known as the boulevard.

My father, Charles Finley Ong 10, was born December 22, 1888, and died in September 1962. He married my mother, Edith Ellen McGrew, October 5, 1921. She was born in Ripley on March 6, 1891, the daughter of Augustus Walker McGrew and Jane Kathryn Hall McGrew. She died July 15, 1971.

I was born July 15, 1922, at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and have one brother, Robert Finley Ong, born October 5, 1924, at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. We moved back to Ripley when I was about six years of age. I married Norman

Chauncey Slaughter, of Ripley, February 21, 1946, at the United Brethren Church in Ripley. We have one child, John Gregory Slaughter, born January 30, 1948, at Charleston, West Virginia.

Gregory Slaughter married Diane Winter, of Fairplain, August 2, 1969, daughter of Clifford Rolland Winter and Sarah Marmette Brannon Winter. They have one daughter, Shawn Marie Slaughter, born January 1, 1972 at Charleston, West Virginia.

My brother, Robert Finley Ong, married Jo Ann Starcher, daughter of Rudolph Starcher and Maude Nethercutt Starcher, in 1946. They were the parents of three children: Janna Kathryn Ong, July 18, 1948 Parkersburg, West Virginia; Dea Jo Ong May 25, 1944, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Michael Robert Ong, May 8, 1963, Ripley, West Virginia. Robert Ong has a son, Ryan Heath, born January 1, 1972, from a second marriage to Rebecca Rader. At the present time they reside in Parkersburg.

Janna Ong married Michael Ramos and lives in California. Michael Robert Ong is single and lives in Palm Springs, California. Dea Jo Ong married Ronald Stanley of Ravenswood and lives at Evans. They are the parents of three children; Anna Kathryn July 10, 1976; Leah Beth July 14, 1980; Brian Mathew March 29, 1986. These children were all born at Jackson General Hospital in Ripley, West Virginia.

I am very proud to be an 11th generation American with my son, Greg and his cousin, Dea as 12th generation, and my granddaughter, Shawn, and the children of Dea Stanley as 13th. We are fifth, sixth and seventh generations of Jackson County. *Submitted by Kathryn Elizabeth Ong Slaughter*

JOHN HARE OSHEL

John Hare Oshel, teacher and farmer, was born in Monroe County, Ohio, in 1838, the son of James and Mary Wilson Oshel. He was educated at Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio, and became a school teacher, during which career he taught school in Ohio, Kansas, and Jackson County, West Virginia.

In 1862 while living at Summerfield, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Rebecca Ann Horton. To this union four daughters and one son were born.

In 1870 John Hare Oshel migrated to Lawrence, Kansas, there joining his father and brothers who had "homesteaded" to Kansas in 1860; but his wife, Rebecca Horton Oshel, not finding the climate in Kansas conducive to her health, encouraged him to return his family back to the Ohio/West Virginia area. In 1872 John Hare Oshel and family departed Kansas and returned to Ohio leaving in Kansas father and brothers whom he would never see again. In 1873, from Ohio John Hare Oshel moved to Cottageville, Jackson County, West Virginia, where he purchased a farm on what is now the Patterson Road. Mr. Oshel was attracted to settle in Cottageville by his wife's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Crow, who resided there.

For the next 15 years Mr. Oshel taught school in Cottageville, farmed and saw his four living children reach adulthood.

In 1890 Mr. Oshel left teaching and moved to Evans in Jackson County where he formed a mercantile partnership with George B. Crow. The venture being less than successful, he moved to Grimms Landing on the Kanawha River in Mason County in 1894.

Daughter Georgianna married Oscar Douglass of Cottageville; daughter Maude married Otho Crow of Ripley; daughter Lenna married Thomas Courtney of Charleston; and son Victor S. (Sherry) married Elizabeth Jane Maupin of Arbuckle, Mason County.

John Hare Oshel died at Grimms Landing in 1916. He had been preceded in death by his wife

Rebecca Ann Horton Oshel in 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Oshel are buried in the Adkins Cemetery near Buffalo, Putnam County, West Virginia. *Submitted by Charles W. Oshel*

JOHN WILLIAM PACK

JOHN WILLIAM PACK, son of Paul and Blanche Hale Pack, born February 21, 1928 in Calarice, West Virginia. He attended Bramwell Public Schools, then matriculated at Greenbrier Military School in Lewisburg, West Virginia where he received his high school diploma in 1946. He attended West Virginia University and earned both his Bachelor of Science (1941) and his Masters degrees (1954). John attended Marshall University to earn an Educational Administrator's Certificate (1962). He served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1956.

Following graduation from College in 1951, John was employed as a teacher and coach at Point Pleasant Junior High School. After a two year leave of absence to serve in the Air Force (1954-56), he returned to Point Pleasant Junior High School. In 1960 he accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Point Pleasant High School and the Principal of Hannan Schools, grades 1-12. In 1964 John accepted the Principalship of Ripley High School and remained in this position from 1964 to 1968 and 1970 to 1977. He spent 1968-70 as Principal of Berkeley Springs High School.

John finished his career in education as an administrator on the Jackson County Board of Education, retiring in 1987.

John married Louise Bowling, daughter of John and Zula Coffman Bowling, formerly of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. She graduated from West Virginia University and taught in the Mason, Morgan, and Jackson County School Systems until 1985.

John and Louise have three sons: *John, Jr.* married Patricia Harper of Vienna, West Virginia and they reside in Kingwood, West Virginia. They have two children, Christopher and Susan. *Dennis* married Pamela Beale of Summersville and they reside in Charleston, West Virginia. They have two children, Amy and Cassie. *Paul* married Coya Reya, who was born in Canada, they reside in Lima, Ohio. *Submitted by John William Pack*

RAY AND BERNICE PAINTER

Bernice Ankrum Painter was born August 17, 1911 near Cottageville, West Virginia, which was also the birthplace of her parents, Clyde Ankrum and Myrtle Stewart Ankrum; paternal grandparents Madison Matt Ankrum and Adelpia Lloyd Ankrum, and maternal grandparents Alonso Stewart and Keziah Sayre Stewart.

Bernice was one of seven children. The children were: Clarence Lucian (April 1, 1908) married Faye Oldham; Hazel Virginia (September 17, 1909) married Owens J. Smith; Bernice Elizabeth (August 17, 1911) married Ray Painter; Ursie Isabelle (December 8, 1914) married John



*Finney B. and Ruth Ann (Kessel) Painter,
1945 50th Wedding Anniv.*

McCoy; Dorothy Margaret (May 28, 1917) married George Weekley; Ethel Nadine Francis (April 6, 1920) married Joe Fox; Lloyd Stewart (December 6, 1926) married Stella Golinski.

All of the Ankrum children attended one room schools known as Lone Oak, Lone Pine, or Locust Grove. All graduated from Union High School, except Hazel who quit to help at home. Bernice walked more than 4,000 miles to attend high school. She played on the basketball team. Graduating from high school in 1931, she went on the New River State (now West Virginia Tech) and earned a Short Course Certificate to teach school. She returned to teach at Locust Grove where many of her former classmates were then her students. She earned \$70.00 a month.

She met her husband, Ray Finney "Sam" Painter (March 1, 1914), while teaching at Big Pine School near Kenna, 1939-40. They were married in Kentucky on January 20, 1940. Ray was one of 13 children of Finney Bascom Painter and Ruth Ann Kessell Painter who lived on Eighteen Mile Creek near Kenna.

Ray's paternal grandparents were Barney Painter and Annaliza Ranson Painter. His maternal grandparents were Jake Kessel and Margaret Raeburn Kessel. His parents had 13 children. They were:

Wavie Lori married Oke Casto; Barney Ivan married Pearlle Casto, Hazel McGinnis and Mae Cook; Cloyd Alvin married Marie Parsons and Lillie Hill; Brady Estel married Reva Hopkins; Otho Jasper married Ollie Higginbotham; Shirley Otner married Odie Casto; Lexie Flloyd married Mary Rollins; Mandvil Avalee married Oshell Bonnett and Earl Mangus; Omal DeFore married Chester French and Early Casto; Addie Ethel married Darrell Starcher; Finney Ray married Bernice Ankrum; Palestine DoraBelle married Lestil Starcher; Freddie Pearl married Arden Casto.

Ray and Bernice established their home on Eighteen Mile Creek where their first two daughters, Doris Lee (October 1, 1940) and Donna Jean (August 31, 1943) were born. Bernice continued to teach at Big Pine walking or riding horseback three miles each way. Ray began work as a tooldresser on a gas well being drilled on the farm and this became his life work. He advanced to driller and worker for many years as a driller for Guy B. Ray later known as Ray Brothers (James and Rex). Ray's job took him to Logan County on two different occasions. Bernice and the children moved along with him from job to job until Brenda Sue was born March 2, 1946.

The family home was then established on Route 34 head of Eighteen Mile Creek. A three room house was built as temporary shelter until a larger family home could be constructed. A son, Lowell Edward (January 7, 1949) was born in this small house which later became the "chicken house." The youngest child, Rebecca Ann was born December 13, 1950 in the new house.

All of the children were born at home, the first two delivered by Dr. Rymer at a cost of \$15.00 each and the last two by Dr. Dwight Staats and a nurse at the cost of \$45.00 each.

Bernice quit teaching in 1945 to care for the family. She returned to her teaching career in 1958 serving as a substitute teacher, as they were scarce at this time. She did not have a certificate and taught only on a temporary permit. She later returned to school and through renewal credits received a 96 hour certificate. She continued to teach at Kenna School for 13 years. She retired at age 62 in 1973.

Her retirement was early due to Ray's health. He was injured in a construction accident in August, 1971. His severe injuries required more than three months of hospitalization and nearly a year of recovery. He required six months of rehabilitation therapy at the State Rehabilitation Center Institute. He did regain ability to walk with the



Ray and Bernice Painter

assistance of a cane. He was never able to return to work.

The Painters moved to Klondike Road, Ripley in 1975. Ray's health continued to deteriorate due to emphysema. He died December 25, 1985. Many remember him as giving generously his handicrafts such as beads, necklaces, doilies, and also knives and candy mints, known to him as his cigarettes. His love of horses, dogs, and guns also will be remembered by his friends.

Bernice and Ray's five children all married and four of them live at Ripley and the other one at Evans. They were given 12 grandchildren and got to love and enjoy them as they lived so nearby.

Doris Lee (October 1, 1940) married Sterling D. Ocheltree (October 24, 1938) and they had three sons.

Richard Darrell (June 16, 1958) married Robin Walker (January 4, 1959) and they had three children: Amy Elizabeth (July 12, 1982), Emily Kristen (May 21, 1983), and Evan Baker (August 4, 1986).

Jerry Lynn (March 8, 1960) married Angela Goddard (October 25, 1960). They had two daughters Erin Lynn (October 29, 1986) and Megan Nicole (November 6, 1989).

Terry Lee (February 5, 1963) married Teresa Bates (September 24, 1964) and they had a daughter Tara LeAnn (January 1, 1988).

Second daughter, Donna Jean (August 31, 1943) married Philip Keller (March 1, 1944). Their children are Anthony Todd (July 18, 1966) and Mika Michelle (September 3, 1970).

The third daughter, Brenda Sue (March 2, 1946) married David Clay Black (March 25, 1944). They had two sons, David Courtney (February 27, 1970) and Patrick Arron (April 27, 1972).

The only son, Lowell Edward (January 1, 1949) married Louise Miller (May 9, 1953). They had two daughters, Amanda Jo (July 12, 1973) and Melissa Sue (March 12, 1980).

The youngest, Rebecca Ann (December 13, 1950) married Dennis Michael Keller (January 3, 1950). Their three children are Robert Michael (January 29, 1976), Ryan Matthew (April 22, 1978) and Elizabeth Rae (May 7, 1986).

Bernice is very proud of her immediate family of 31, plus all the great number of in-laws, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and even great-great nieces and nephews. Submitted by Doris Painter Ocheltree and Rebecca Painter Keller

CATHERINE ELIZABETH PALMER

Catherine Elizabeth Palmer, July 24, 1845-July 19, 1932, was the eldest child of Herbert Palmer and Susannah Nesselroad Palmer (see related article.) Her paternal grandparents were

David and Judith (Morris) Palmer of Manchester New Hampshire. The Palmer farm was, and is still located along the Ohio River at Sherman, south of Little Sandy Creek. It adjoins the DeBussey Farm.

At the age of 20, on January 26, 1865, Catherine Elizabeth married Robert Adolphus DeBussey. The photographs accompanying this article were taken at the time of their marriage. Evident in the photograph of Catherine are a pair of earrings with an interesting history:

As John Hunt Morgan, leader of "Morgan's Raiders" fled south ahead of pursuing Union troops, he and his men hid for a time on Buffington Island which lies in the Ohio River opposite the Palmer Farm. The group, known for raiding both public and private property to obtain horses and other goods with which to support the southern war effort, apparently had in their possession some jewelry and other items of value. When Union troops threatened to overtake them, Morgan and his men departed so quickly that some of the treasure was abandoned. After the "Raiders" had fled across and down the Ohio, curious residents on both sides of the Ohio went out to Buffington Island. There they found some of the jewelry left behind during the hasty departure. Robert Adolphus found a pair of gold earrings which he gave to Catherine. She is said to have been married in those earrings.



Robert Adolphus and Catherine Elizabeth (Palmer) DeBussey

Catherine and Robert DeBussey had 11 children (see related articles), and lived on the DeBussey farm at Sherman throughout their long lives. Both are buried in the DeBussey family cemetery there along with Robert's parents, Thomas and Sarah Evans DeBussey, and several of their children.

The farm remains in the family, owned by great grandchildren of Catherine and Robert and their families. The log home built by Catherine and Robert is still in use today. They had lived in it until additional rooms had been completed for the finished house which is pictured in the DeBussey section of this book. The log house became one interior room of the enlarged farmhouse, and cannot be seen in the picture.

Each spring, thousands of yellow daffodils can be seen enclosing a large area that had been Catherine's and Robert Adolphus's yard.

The families of Robert Chancellor DeBussey and Jane DeBussey (Mrs. Gary) Singleton are the present owners, and are direct descendants of Catherine, shown as follows:

Catherine and Robert A. DeBussey had one surviving son, Herbert Richardson DeBussey. H.R. DeBussey had three sons—Richard Reys, Robert Paul, and H.R., Jr.

Robert Paul (1911-1965) had two children—Jane Chancellor DeBussey (Singleton) and Robert Chancellor DeBussey. Jane's children are John Shelton Merritt, Robert Carter Merritt, Ashley Ann Merritt (Bergbauer), Glenn Thomas Singleton, and Myra Ruth Singleton.

Robert's children are Danielle Deck DeBussey, and Christopher Chancellor DeBussey.



Herbert Richardson DeBussey

(Richard's children are Richard, Diane, and James. H.R., Jr.'s children are Fred and Anne, all of whom live elsewhere.) Submitted by Myra DeBussey Danforth and Ashley Merrit Bergbauer

HERBERT PALMER

Herbert Palmer (1821-1890) was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, son of David and Judith Morris Palmer. He was a shoemaker and worked on a canal which he was paid for with land in Augusta, Virginia. He bought 140 more acres of land on February 9, 1857, located at Sherman opposite Buffington Island. He married Susan Nessleroad and they were the parents of 12 children: Catherine Palmer DeBussey (1845-1932), Elias Palmer (1847-?), John Palmer (1849-?), William Palmer (?), James Palmer (?), Mary Palmer Anderson (1855-1939), Sarah Palmer (1855-1866), Albert Palmer (1860-1860), Rosetta Palmer Rector (1861-1920), Ella Palmer Roliff (1864-1902), Emma Palmer (1866-1868), and Samuel Herbert Palmer (1869-1933).

Eight of the Palmer children married and raised families. They were Catherine who married Robert A. DeBussey, children: Alice, Clara, Henrietta, Sarah, Anna, Ella, Florence, Clarence, Emma, Herbert, Jennie, and Mary.

Elias married Hannah Safreed, children: John, James, and Jennie. He was a soldier in the Civil War and is buried in the Palmer Cemetery. John married Leanna Grant, children: Alma, Nellie, Russel, Lawrence, Willington, Iola, Helen, and Geneva. William married Hannah Barnhart, children: Alice, Florence, Asa, and Clint. James married Frona Sheets, children: John, James and Mary. Rosetta married Sherman Rector, children: Sherman, Ella, Clara, Alice, Sarah, Palmer (Bud), Gladys, and Grace. Mary married Peter Anderson, children: Charles, Herman, and Lena. Ella married John Roliff, child: Harry.

Samuel Palmer married Estella Flynn, (1872-1921), and they were the parents of four children: Laila Kathryn Palmer McKinley (1900-1979), Lena Marie (1905-1909), Lewis Edwin (1908-1988), Richard Herbert (1912-1942).

Laila married Harold C. McKinley (born at Gay, Jackson County), child: William McKinley. Lewis married Martha Webb of Rome, Georgia, children: Charles, Ann Flynn. Richard married Enid McAtee, child: Karen Enid.

William married Judy K. Miller and they have three daughters Susan, Kathy, and Kristy. Ann Flynn Palmer married Walter Page, they reside in Vermont and have two children; Kara and Eric.

The Palmer family home was moved twice due to the Ohio River floods. A fire destroyed the home in 1941. It had been the first home for 16 Palmer children.

Herbert Palmer, his wife and seven of their children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren are buried in the Palmer family cemetery. Much of the original Palmer land is owned by

descendants of Herbert Palmer family. Submitted by William McKinley

ROBERT PARK (PART I)

It was perhaps chance that lead Robert Park, Sr. to purchase 350 acres along the Ohio River in October 1836 for \$3,000.00 from Ephraim Wells (both from Brooke County). The land, lying south of Turkey Run, had been intended for Bryant Hubbard and was part of the 1,475 acres purchased in July 1836 by Ephraim Wells from the heirs of George Washington.

ROBERT PARK, SR., was born in Ireland in 1773 and died in 1874 in Brooke County at the age of 101. Arriving in Western Virginia in the early 1800s he would take cargo down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, sell the keelboat and cargo, then "with the gold belted around him would buy a mule and ride home or sail around to New York and home by stage coach" (THE NEWS, January 17, 1905).

Because of the inaccuracy of records it is possible that this is the same Robert Park buried in a family cemetery on Skull Run, Wellsburg, Brooke County, who "died September 3, 1872 in the 91st year of his age." If so, he had two wives, Margaret and Anna and had several children by both women.

On June 26, 1838 Robert Park, Sr. conveyed 175 acres "for \$2,000.00 and natural love and affection" to William Park, his son and the upper 175 acres to Robert Park, Jr. This began over 150 years and five generations of the descendants of Robert Park in Jackson County.

ROBERT PARK JR. (Born July 22, 1817 died January 10, 1872) and ISABELLA (Kirk) (born March 19, 1816, died January 27, 1897) came to Jackson County in 1939, settling first in Ripley and later in the Park home which he built in 1840 overlooking the Ohio River. Their families owned adjoining farms near Wellsburg where they were married on May 19, 1839.

He had been apprenticed in cabinet-making in Brooke County and made his own furniture including a cherry bedroom set. A farmer, he also served Jackson County as practical surveyor for 14 years as magistrate. He was a Democrat, and was in the Masons and I.O.U. Lodges in Ravenswood.

Robert Park and Isabella (born in Pennsylvania) had eight children:

WILLIAM KIRK PARK-born July 31, 1840-died May 5, 1865; ROBERT EMMETT PARK-born October 2, 1842-died February 23, 1815; JOHN KIRK PARK-born October 25, 1844-died December 27, 1862; FRANCIS SPINNING PARK-born March 7, 1847-died September 19, 1848; MADISON MONROE PARK-born July 10, 1850-died February 4, 1896; MARGARET HANNAH PARK-born October 6, 1852-died March 27, 1855; GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK-born March 3, 1856-died May 31, 1932; HENRY FITZHUGH PARK-born August 4, 1858-died December 22, 1903.

Robert Park Jr. was a southern sympathizer with two sons (William Kirk and Robert Emmett) in the CSA, and by 1862 he was confined by military despotism within the limits of his farm, his friends considered it a duty to visit him. (Page 119, Civil War Diary of Mrs. Henrietta Barr). His brother, William, was killed September 19, 1861 probably by Northern sympathizers or by members of the Home Guard who were led by Colonel Dan Frost. Robert heard the shots and when called to come outside barricaded himself in his home.

He was appointed an original trustee of the Turkey Run Graveyard on January 26, 1856 along with Ephraim Wells, Bartholmew Park and others. Robert Park Jr. died January 10, 1872 and is buried in the "Old" section of the Ravenswood Cemetery.

Submitted by Sallie Kate Park Kish and Deborah Park Wickiser

ROBERT PARK (PART II)

GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK (born March 3, 1856, died May 31, 1932) was of the first generation of Robert Park, Sr. (from Brooke County) to live his entire life in Jackson County. G.W. Park was the seventh child (of eight) of Robert Park, Jr., and Isabella Kirk. His brothers and sisters were:

1. WILLIAM KIRK, born July 31, 1840. Attended VMI and was a second Lt. in Company E. Virginia Infantry (Western Riflemen) CSA, later Adjutant of Regiment, TFD Company, 617 Virginia Cavalry. He returned home on leave and was admitted to the bar in 1862. William Kirk died of fever in Salisbury, North Carolina, May 5, 1865.

2. ROBERT EMMETT, born October 2, 1842. 3rd Sgt. Company G, 10th Virginia Cavalry, CSA. Married (1) Maggie Blackmore (September 1847-June 27, 1887) on July 28, 1881. They had two sons: Jonney and Waldo Blackmore. Waldo married Eva Hughes, they had three children: Inez Isabella, June 10, 1915; Holly Wells, April 16, 1916; and Clarence, July 26, 1918. (2) Americo Cunningham (1858-1941) married in 1899. Robert Emmett died February 23, 1915.

3. JOHN KIRK, born October 25, 1844. Died at home of consumption as witnessed by Mrs. Henrietta Fitzhugh Barr on December 27, 1862.

4. FRANCIS SPINNING, born March 7, 1847, died September 19, 1848.

5. MADISON MONROE, born July 10, 1850. Married Virginia May (Jennie) Green (January 28, 1850-September 29, 1925) in 1873 in Brooke County, Virginia. They had three children: Robert Park, September 10, 1874; Virginia I., November 11, 1877; and William Green 1881-1936. Madison Monroe died February 4, 1896.

6. MARGARET HANNAH, born October 6, 1852, died March 27, 1855.

7. GEORGE WASHINGTON

8. HENRY FITZHUGH, born August 4, 1858, died December 22, 1903.



George W. Park

GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK, was of Scotch-Iris descent on both sides of the family. His grandfather, Robert Park, Sr., was born in Ireland in 1773 and died in Brooke County, West Virginia in 1874. George Washington studied for three years at the "State University" (WVU) and returned home as a farmer and dairyman for six years at which time he sold the original Robert Park farm and built "the beautiful home he now occupies in the back part of town" on Walnut Street (from an article in The News about the 20th Wedding Anniversary to Annie Laurie Harwood whom he married on January 15, 1885). The children of G.W. Park and Annie Park were: MILDRED LEE born November 14, 1885, died February 1, 1963, married Fred Rudman and had five sons. GEORGE and EVERETT born December 8, 1886, died December 12, 1886. HARWOOD CHANCELLOR born April 19, 1899, died February 14, 1973, married Ethel Adella Gneiser on November 14, 1932, and had four children: George Harwood Park, born December 17, 1933; Diana

Dale Park (Daugherty), (born October 18, 1935); Linda Lee Park (Trail) (born January 8, 1937); Nancy Chancellor Park (born April 16, 1942; *Robert Kirk Park* (born June 10, 1900, died April 29, 1969.)

Annie Laurie was the daughter of William Harwood (born January 10, 1818, died 1897) and Eliza Jane Chancellor (born October 14, 1828) whose father was Thomas Chancellor (married Prudence Rector) from Parkersburg. She joined the D.A.R. in 1924 as a descendant of Thomas Chancellor (born 1749) who was a private in the infantry in the Revolutionary War. Her uncle, George L. Harwood, received part of a tract of land on Blennerhassett Island and built the Neale-Harwood brick house where she was born.

George Washington Park was a respected local businessman who was active in public affairs. Through his efforts (he) started the Jackson County Bank. He was active in organizing the Ravenswood Telephone Company (a director) and also the new Farmers Building and Loan Association (director). He was also a director in the Ravenswood Lumber Company. In the latter part of his life he managed the Farmers Building and Loan Association and was assisted by his sons, Harwood and Robert. Submitted by Katherine Park and Dianna Park Daugherty

ROBERT KIRK PARK

ROBERT KIRK PARK, born June 10, 1900, youngest child of George Washington Park, the first of the Robert Park, Sr. line to be born in the 20th century. Like his father he lived and worked his entire life in Ravenswood. Bob Park attended Washington and Lee University and graduated from WVU in electrical engineering. He returned home to work in the Farmers Building and Loan with his father who founded the firm in 1905 with only \$5000 paid in on a \$200,000 initial capitalization. When G. W. Park died in 1932, Bob Park took over the management of the Association with assets of approximately \$1,000,000. Bob built Farmers into the state's second largest chartered S&L. When he died in 1969, Farmers had assets of more than \$22,500,000 in several branches in the southwestern part of the state. The office was located on Walnut Street, site of the current town offices. In the true spirit of a local S&L serving its community, during the Depression every effort was made to cooperate with borrowers to help them avoid losing their homes and farms when they had difficulty making payments. Active in his profession, Bob was president of the West Virginia S&L League, was named to the International Development Committee of the U.S. Savings League and traveled to various international meetings. He was also active in various local organizations such as City Council, the Katooga Area Council of the Boy Scouts and Grace Episcopal Church. A generous citizen he was particularly interested in supporting educational causes.

On October 5, 1933, Bob Park married Sallie Margaret Purdy (from Moundsville). This was the second time that a descendant of Robert Park, Sr. (born 1773 in Ireland) married a descendant of

Jonathan Purdy (born 1759, Ct.) On April 9, 1865, Bob Park's grandfather's brother's son, William A. Park, Jr. married Sallie Margaret's grandfather's sister, Mariah (Mary) Loiza (daughter of Simeon B. Purdy, sister of William Jonathan). The Parks fought in the Confederate Army, the Purdy's in the Union Army.

Bob and Sallie M. Park had two children: **SALLIE KATE**, born May 26, 1935, and **ROBERT KIRK II**, born November 4, 1939. Sallie Kate married Laszlo George Kish, born May 18, 1922, a Hungarian Freedom Fighter in the 1956 uprising, on July 15, 1961. They have three children: **GEORGE ALEXANDER KISH** born December 5, 1963; **SALLIE MARGARET KISH**, born March 30, 1966; and **ROBERT THOMAS KISH** born April 18, 1967. They built and run the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Maryland. Robert Kirk II, graduated from W&L and married Mary Beth Anderson, June 1963. They had three children: Deborah Sue, (born June 24, 1964) married Mike Wickiser in June 1988; Katherine Christine (born December 6, 1967); and Robert Kirk III, (born September 22, 1970).

Bob Park purchased the original Robert Park home in 1938, restored and modernized it and moved his family there in 1940, exactly 100 years after his grandfather, Robert Park, Jr. built it.

After inheriting the family home, RK II, added a new wing in 1974. Time and circumstances have affected the Robert Park line in Ravenswood. At the present time there are no direct descendants living in Jackson County. Submitted by Robert Kirk Park II and Mary Beth Anderson Park

WILLIAM PARK FAMILY

Robert Park, Sr., of Brooke County, conveyed 175 acres on June 26, 1838 to his eldest son, William. The census of 1840 indicates that six members of William's family had moved to Jackson County, and that William was a farmer. In 1860, his occupation was listed as "Merchant."

WILLIAM PARK (1808-1861) married on November 7, 1829 Jane Adams (1819), daughter of William Adams, Sr. They had at least eight children: **JOHN** (1831 -); **ROBERT H. JR.** (1833 -), married (1) Vianna Adams, who died in May of 1859; their children: William Spence (1857), and Belle? (1859-1930), and (2) Margaret Burditt, married September 19, 1860, their children: Clyde (1861), Bird W. (1864), Alfred (1866); **Nancy M.** (1837) married Oscar C.R. Fleming, April 17, 1864; **William A. Jr.** (1838-June 1906) married Mary L. (1844) daughter of Simeon B. and Jane Grey Purdy. Their children: Ella (1865), Robert E. (1867), Mary (1870); **ANDREW J.** (1841-August 17, 1885) married Annie Atkinson (October 20, 1843-June 10, 1883), son: Thomas S; **THOMAS B.** (1846 -); **VAN BUREN** (1849 -); **JANE** (1848 -) married George J. Hamilton on December 18, 1871.

Tragedy struck the William Park family on September 19, 1861, when William, a Southern sympathizer was called outside his home by Northern supporters of the Home Guard, shot and killed.

His farm had conveyed on January 8, 1862 to Jacob Armstrong, trustee, for \$1 to secure monies owed to Robert A. Park, William Bell, and T.S. Bell. On October 14, 1872, the deed for 175 acres was conveyed to Robert S. Brown, after the default in payment of the monies owed and a foreclosure. On November 6, 1872, Jane Park, widow, conveyed her dower interest to Robert S. Brown. The 1870 census shows Jane living with five of her children.

Other family members followed Robert and William to the Ravenswood area from Brooke County. Their sister, Julia A.E., married Zadock S. Thorn in Brooke County. The Jackson County court records of 1845, indicate that on February 26, 1845, a deed of sale for land from Robert Park and wife (Isabella) to Zadock Thorn. Julia A.E. Thorn's grave is in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

It is possible that Matthew C. Park was also a son of Robert Park Sr. The will of a Robert Park, in Brooke County dated January 4, 1872, and probated September 26, 1872, refers to "son Mathew has already received his full share of the estate." The will of Robert S. Brown, in Jackson County, dated December 25, 1885, refers to "The Mathew C. Park tract of 320 acres" as being part of his estate.

Members of the Kirk family also moved from Brooke County to Ravenswood area. The *Civil War Diary of Mrs. Henrietta Fitzhugh Barr*, notes on April 19, 1862 that "Mr. and Mrs. Robert Park, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, Miss Kirk, Mrs. E. Wells, and Miss Kirker spent the afternoon admiring our lovely flowers extravagantly." On April 13, 1876, Madison Monroe Park (son of Robert and Isabella) bought Mary Kirk's interest in the land left her in her father's will (John Kirk). Mary Kirk moved to Ravenswood and lived with her sister, Isabella Park. The 1880 census indicates that Mary Kirk was 81 years old, and originally from Ireland.

There does not appear to be any direct heirs of William Park living in Jackson County today, nor any members of the Kirk family. The ties of family and friends in the mid-19th century have passed and the family has either died off, or moved on. Submitted by Robert Kirk Park III and Robert Thomas Kish

PARRISH FAMILY

The Parrish family history tells us, Edward (1640-?) and Clara (or Mary) Parrish, came from Yorkshire, England. Settled near Baltimore, Maryland sometime before 1668. Very likely Edward was accompanied from England by several family members and they were Quakers. A Will dated January 14, 1722 of Edward gives the list of children: Edward, Mary, Anne, John and William.

John (1672-1727) married Sarah Franklin Horne on November 23, 1700 in Maryland. Names of their children found are: William, John, Edward and Richard.

Richard (1707-1785) married Rachel Owens. They had only one child, a son, Edward Parrish, born in Baltimore, Maryland.

Edward (1748-1813) was apparently married three times. The third wife being Rachel Evans, mother of this line of descendants. Edward came to Monongalia County, West Virginia, from Maryland about 1785. Bought land July 15, 1785 on Oraft's Run. In 1800 land became center of law suit between Edward and a Jacob Scott. Court decided in Edward's favor in 1802.

During American Revolution, Edward was a Private. He died the Spring of 1813, leaving a Will listing his wife Rachel and 19 children: William, Joshua, Richard, Susanna, Perin, Enoch, Rachel Cole, Nancy Hamilton, Edward, Cintha, Delilah, Eleanor, Dorcas, Cassie, Jesse, Evans, Sarah, Isaac, Ruth and Ephriam. According to the settlement in 1828, Ephriam died before becoming of age.

Some marriages found: Cassander to Joseph Wilford; Jesse to Elizabeth Bright; Evans to Catherine Denny; Dorcas to Edward Bussey.

Marriage Bond: Joshua to Sarah Morgan; Isaac to Maria Harrison.

Have found no record of William, son of Edward and Rachel, except for a son, William R. Parrish.

William R. (1803-1885) married Elizabeth Hamilton (1813-1895), daughter of James and Clarissa (Fleming) Hamilton, on November 22, 1827. Lived at Mannington, Marion County, West Virginia, until 1857. Went to Elizabeth, Wirt County, West Virginia. Lived on what is known as Parrish Fork.

In 1860, after drilling a shallow well on the farm and it produced good, William and sons leased several acres to oil speculators. In 1867, sold the farm to speculators from New York and Philadelphia for \$50,000.00. Received \$35,000.00 cash but never received the balance owed them.



Harwood C. and Robert Kirk Park

In 1867 or 1868, William sewed most of the money they received inside Elizabeth's petticoats and headed for Hereford, Jackson County, West Virginia.

It was at Hereford, William and Elizabeth raised their family, farmed and lived out their lives. Both are buried in Parrish Cemetery near Hereford. They had 11 children: Joshua married Minerva Kearns; Allison died in youth; Mariah married David Watson; Clarissa married George Gray; Louisa married Alfred Fought; Richard married Sarah Wolfe; William married Lavena Humphrey; Calder married Mary Parsons; Zachariah married Mary Wilson; Henry married Margret Cain; Mary married John Bostic. Calder Haymond (1848-1928) and Mary (Parsons) Parrish moved to Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia.

Henry Hamilton (1853-1939) married Margret L. Cain (1857-1940), daughter of Alfred and Mary (Corbet) Cain, of Roane County, West Virginia, November 13, 1873. They lived, farmed, raised a large family, on Parrish Hill, Jackson County, West Virginia. Both are buried in the Parrish Cemetery. They had 11 children: Emma married Charles Nuzum; Clarence married Stella Williams; Cadmus married Isa Landfried; Charles married Esther Pearl Hinesman; Camden married Winifred McPherson; Esther married Samuel Crawford; Clarissa married Holly Young; Flossie married Charles Shinn; Clinton married Flossie Rader; Gay married Myrtle Bowen; Edward married Mildren Murrah.

Charles O'Dell (1882-1910) married Esther Pearl Hinesman (1884-1963), daughter of John Henry and Freyanna (Payne) Hinzman, August 24, 1905. Lived on Parrish Hill until Charles' death September 30, 1910. He is buried in Parrish Cemetery. Pearl (as she was known) remarried Lewis Rhodes (a widower with several children) June 25, 1911. Charles and Pearl had three children: Herbert S. died an infant; Arthur married Edith Bailey; Mabel married Eugene Reidy.

Arthur Lemoine (1906-1989) married Edith Grace Bailey (1908 -), daughter of Wasson and Grace (McGee) Bailey, June 25, 1927 in East Liverpool, Ohio.

After his father's death, Arthur lived in the home of his grandparents, Henry and Margaret, when his mother remarried. As a young man, he worked on the family farm with grandfather. When about 17 years old Arthur went to East Liverpool, Ohio. He lived with an Aunt and Uncle and looked for work. Had many odd jobs before getting a job at the Pottery. Arthur met Edith at a men's shop (where she worked) while he was looking for a suit. That union lasted 62 years, with six children, 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

They lived most of their lives at Newell, Hancock County, West Virginia. Their children were: Elsie married (1) Sherman Rohr, Jr., (2) Terry Stuchell; Ralph married Orwina Swift; Grace married (1) Gene Johnson, (2) George Kourpas; Marion married (1) Leslie Thornberry, (2) Merle Starkey; Helen married (1) William Vitalone, (2) Leland Fowler; Howard married Joan Chaffee.

Their son, Howard, is a minister in Canton, Ohio, and their oldest granddaughter, Vicki, lives in Spencer, West Virginia. Arthur started this article but passed away September 2, 1989 before he could finish it, and it was completed by his wife and son. Submitted by Edith Parrish and Reverend Howard Parrish

CADMUS HAMILTON PARRISH

CADMUS HAMILTON PARRISH 1880-1964 and OSA LOLA LANDFRIED were married at Hereford on January 12, 1905. He was the son of Henry Hamilton (Hamp) Parrish 1853-1939 and Margaret Cain Parrish 1857, who lived by Mill Creek to the right of Parrish Hill Road. He was the



Cadmus H. and Osa L. (Landfried) Parrish

grandson of William Parrish 1803-1885 and Elizabeth Hamilton Parrish 1811-1895, also Alfred 1783-1854 and Clarissa Fleming Hamilton 1786-1863, also Thomas Cain 1781-1841 and Mary Horner 1791-1878.

OSA LANDFRIED PARRISH, was the daughter of Jacob Loring Landfried 1864-1908 and Mary Lois Richardson Landfried 1869-1950. Grandfather of Philip Landfried 1869-1950. Granddaughter of Philip Landfried 1829-1904 and Sarah Ann Ables Landfried 1833-1916 also John Cortes Richardson 1867-1928 and Mary Jane Jordan Richardson 1867-1928. Great granddaughter of Adam Landfried 1785-1871 and Charlotte Kesler Landfried 1791-1867, also the Rev. John Cortes Richardson 1824-1889 and Lois Wright Richardson 1825-1903 (who died at the home of her daughter Anna Spears on Sycamore).

Cadmus and Osa lived for a short time in East Liverpool and then moved to Millwood. After the 1913, flood they moved into a one room log former schoolhouse on Parrish Hill. Their children were:

DELBERT CLAY PARRISH, 1906-1907.

EARL EUGENE PARRISH married Madge Harpold, their children were: Robert, Fredrick, Patricia Ann.

ELSIE JUANITA PARRISH married Loris Cox, children: Betty, Keith.

EARNEST CLIFTON PARRISH married Freda Stanley, children are Doris, Orland, Janet, Joan, Keith, Ernie, Bonnie, Jackie, and Debbie.

EDITH VIRGINIA PARRISH, married Gay Conley, their children are Nancy, Carol, Philip, Sharon, and Gayle.

RUTH MARGARET PARRISH married Lawrence Davis, their children are Joyce, Barbara, Rodger.

RAY HAMILTON PARRISH married Pauline Waybright, and have children, Douglas and Paulette.

DELMAR LEWIS PARRISH married Lola Winebrenner and their children are Christy, Jeanne Paula and Michael.

CLINTON DOYLE PARRISH married Genevieve Stanley, children are Joan, Larry, David, Nora, Shirley.

MARY MARIE PARRISH married Cline Althar, their children are Mary, Linda and Peggy.

HENRY LORING PARRISH married Mary Webber, and have children Terry, Scott, and Jamie. Henry is now married to Jean Thompson.

PAUL CADMUS PARRISH married Shirley Miller and their children are Tim, Mark, and Curt.

HAZEL DEAN PARRISH married Robert Easter, their children are Robbie Lee 1953, Judith Dean 1957. Robbie Lee married Diana Akers and their children are Daniel Lee 1975, Jennifer Kay 1978. Judith Deann Easter married Randy Barr, their children are Andrea Deann 1980 and Adam Lee 1982. Submitted by Hazel Dean Parrish Easter

ELVA (WAYBRIGHT) PARRISH

Elva was the first born child of W.H. Waybright and Millic Stanley Waybright. She was born July 21, 1908 in the family home on Elk Fork on Gay

Road.

She was very close to her father and loved farm life. When she was old enough she helped her father in putting up hay and in caring for the sheep and cattle.

She was interested in learning and was a good student. She attended Montgomery College and received a teaching degree. She taught for three years in the area of Big Run in Jackson County.

When she was 21 she married Steven Virgil Parrish on December 24, 1929. To them were born Richard Henry, Amanda Margaret, Esther Bernice, Mary Lou, Sarah Leigh, Isabelle Jean, Susan



Elva (Waybright) Parrish and Steven

Joyce, Steven Virgil and Ruth Marie.

Elva is now a widow and makes her home with her daughters Sarah and Marie Parrish in Copley, Ohio. Submitted by Marie Parrish

PARRISH

William R. Parrish born April 9, 1803, son of William W. and Ellender (Evans) Parrish married Elizabeth Hamilton, born ca 1813, the daughter of James and Clarissa (Fleming) Hamilton. They were married in Monongalia County, Virginia on November 22, 1827. They lived near Mannington until about 1855 when they moved to Wirt County. About 1868 they sold their land to oil speculators and moved to Jackson County. They bought land a few miles east of Ripley along present Route 33. Here they and their children settled and raised their



Joshua Fleming Parrish

families.

William R. and Elizabeth's children were: 1. JOSHUA FLEMING, born October 9, 1829; 2. James Allison, born 1831 and died young; 3. Maria J. born January 2, 1833 married David Watson; 4. Clarissa Ellen, born May 14, 1837, married George Gray in 1853; 5. Louisa, born 1841, married Alfred Fought; 6. Richard Elmus, born March 14, 1845, married Sarah Janc Wolf in 1867; 7. William Ulysses, born August 29, 1847, married Lavena Humphrey in 1870; 8. Calder Haymond,

born January 29, 1849, married Mary Frances Parsons in 1872; 9. Zachariah Kidwell, born March 7, 1950, married Mary E. Wilson in 1876; 10. Henry Hamilton, born May 12, 1853, married Margaret Cain in 1873; 11. Mary Eleanor, born August 31, 1859, married John Edward Bostic in 1876;

William R.'s father, William W. Parrish, was born April 15, 1773 in Ann-Arundel County, Maryland. He married Ellender Evans, daughter of John Evans, Sr. and Sarah Denny.

William W.'s father was Edward Parrish, born August 20, 1748 in Baltimore, Maryland. Edward was the only child of Richard and Rachel (Owen) Parrish. He was married three times. He and his first wife, Ann, had one son, Richard. Edward and his second wife, SARAH, had eight children. Their oldest was William W. Edward's third wife was Rachel Evans, a sister of William W.'s wife, Ellender. Edward Parrish was in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted as a private in the Maryland Troops under William Wilmott on August 4, 1776 and was discharged December 8, 1779.

Edward's father, Richard Parrish, born ca 1708 was son of John and Sarah (Franklin) (Horne) Parrish. John Parrish, born ca 1672 was son of Edward and Clara (Judwyn) Parrish.

Joshua Fleming Parrish, born October 9, 1829 in Monongalia County, the oldest son of William R. and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Parrish. He married Minerva Kern, born September 8, 1833 in Greene County, Pennsylvania, daughter of John Kern.

Joshua's and Minerva's children were: 1. Louisa Jane, born July 17, 1850, married James M. Golden in 1867; 2. Mary Ellen, born May 7, 1853, married William E. Davis in 1873; 3. Nancy Malissa, born December 1, 1855 married Robert Bruce Parsons in 1872; 4. Alvin Lee, born January 7, 1859, died single October 15, 1882; 5. Charles Ulysses, born 1861, married Lelia Cline in 1884; 6. Newton Fleming, born September 27, 1866, married Jeretta Cartright; 7. MARTHA BELLE, born May 11, 1868, married Thomas J. Mitchell in 1887; 8. Minnie Hamilton, born October 11, 1877 died single March 8, 1901 of typhoid fever.

Most of these Parrishes are buried in the family cemetery on top of a hill at Hereford on Route 33 east of Ripley.

Joshua Parrish was listed as a member of Ripley Masonic Lodge #16 from 1867 to 1877.

Joshua's mother, Elizabeth, was the daughter of James and Clarissa (Fleming) Hamilton. James was born ca 1783, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Tyrand) Hamilton. Henry was from Northern Ireland. Clarissa Fleming, born September 1, 1786 in Kent County, Delaware, was the daughter of Boaz and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Fleming. Boaz, born January 3, 1758 in Delaware, was son of William and Jean (Frame) Fleming. Boaz and William were both in Revolutionary War. William Fleming, born June 5, 1717 in Scotland enlisted August 4, 1777 in John Patton's Co. of Delaware Regiment commanded by David Hall. Boaz served in Col. Neil's Regiment, Delaware Troops. Boaz founded Middletown which became Fairmont in 1843.

Joshua's and Minerva's daughter, Martha Belle, born May 11, 1868 in Jackson County, married Thomas Jefferson Mitchell on May 5, 1887. Their children were: Dollie, born April 20, 1888, married Joseph P. Morgan and moved to Akron, Ohio. They had three children: William F., born September 10, 1890, married Rhoda Bradley. They had nine children and lived on Little Creek Road off Route 33 east of Ripley; Delia M., born March 11, 1894, married James Emmett Milhoan. They lived near Little Creek and raised eight children; Minnie J., born April 30, 1897, married Sherman Hartley and later, Kenna Hall. They had four children; Roy J., born March 21, 1900, married Phoebe Jane Rhodes. They had ten children. *Submitted by Carolyn (Rhodes) Flinn and Dallas E. Rhodes*

PARSONS-CASTO

Mollie Ann Parsons married June 11, 1955 William Everett Casto. They live in Belpre, Ohio.

Mollie Ann graduated from Marshall College and earned a Masters from WVU. At present she teaches at William Stone Elementary School in Belpre, Ohio. Bill, as he is known, graduated from Ripley High School and is in Quality Control for International Converting Company. Mollie is daughter of Madaline Casto Parsons and the late Warren King Parsons. Bill is the son of Basil C. Casto and the late Dessie Parsons Casto.

Their children are Cynthia Sue "Cindy" Casto Horton, Melody Ann "Mindy" Casto Pemberton and William Mikel "Mike" Casto. Cynthia graduated from Ohio State and works for Central Benefits Mutual Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio. She is married to Dana Earl Horton who graduated from Muskingum College and MBA from Miami University and works for American Electric Power in Columbus. They were married June 16, 1984 and at present live in Worthington, Ohio with their son, Byron Dana Horton, who was born on June 23, 1988.

Their second daughter, Melody Ann Casto, a graduate of Marshall University and teaches in Fairland Local Schools and is girls' varsity, track coach. She married June 11, 1983 Patrick Allen Pemberton who graduated from Marshall University and works for State Farm as an Adjustor in Ashland, Kentucky. They live in Proctorville, Ohio with their sons, Patrick Allen, born October 9, 1985 and Zachary Lee born April 30, 1988.

Their son, William Mikel "Mike", graduated from WVIT and is a sales representative for Hershey's married October 5, 1985 Kelle Karone Wolford who graduated from WVIT as a Chemical Engineer and works for Corning. They live in Wilmington, North Carolina. *Submitted by Mollie Ann Parsons Casto*

PARSONS-FLOWERS FAMILY

Alexis Chapman Parsons, born November 21, 1869 was the son of Alexis Fink Parsons and Phoebe Casto Parsons. He married September 30, 1888 Minnie Myrtle Flowers, daughter of Augustus and Mary E. Dunlap Flowers. Minnie Flowers was born August 29, 1870 and died March 29, 1948. Five children were born to this union: Charles Leo, Guy William, Pearl P., Harry Paul and Elah Blanche. Alexis Chapman was a farmer and the family lived on the ridge above Parchment Valley near the Oak Hill church and school.

Charles Leo was born May 7, 1889 and died April 3, 1955. He went to Cleveland as a young man and married, November 19, 1912, Bessie Houghton. She was born September 4, 1893 and



Alexis Chapman Parsons

died October 6, 1973. Eleanore May was born of this marriage May 10, 1914. She married June 16, 1938 Robert Walton Gillespie, born June 12, 1911 and died January 14, 1978. Eleanore and Bob were parents of Janet Lee (1940), Robert Wayne (1944), and Betsy Lynn (1951). Janet Lee married William Allan Hahn June 25, 1960 and they were parents of Deborah Lynne (1961), Patricia Lee (1963), Christopher Allan (1971) and William Bryan (1972). Robert Wayne Gillespie married June 17, 1967 Ann Louise Wible (1945). They have two daughters, Laura (1973) and Gwen Elizabeth (1982). Betsy Lynn married August 18, 1973 Frank Riccardi (1951). They are parents of Katherine Ann (1984).

Guy William Parsons was born July 2, 1891 and died March 2, 1963. He married November 13, 1916 Pearl Alice Williams, born May 29, 1900 and died May 3, 1976. Children of Guy and Pearl Parsons were Naomi Myrtle, Guy Sheridan and Janet Deloris. Naomi was born April 16, 1919 and married November 16, 1948 Donald Meier (NY) born March 8, 1913 and died November 22, 1977. Their children were Susan Ellen (1949) and Stephen William (1952). Susan married August 19, 1972 John Robert Magnano (1950). Christopher Robert (1983) was born of this marriage. Stephen married June 14, 1975 Bonnie Jean Dostal (1953). Their children are Matthew William (1981) and Meghan Elissa (1982). Maomi Meier married (2) William Slusser July 24, 1982. Guy Sheridan was born March 15, 1922. He married November 2, 1945 Thelma Fusco, born January 23, 1921. Their children are David William (1947) and James Sheridan (1949). David married June 7, 1969 Andrea Gail Beach (1947) and their children are Andrea Michelle (1970) and Jennifer Carole (1972). James married June 21, 1975 Sara Elizabeth Senter, born July 10, 1950, and they have two adopted children, James Sheridan (Dan) (1983) and Elizabeth Anne (1986). Janet Deloris was born January 16, 1933 and married October 3, 1953 Forrest Harold Goff, born September 28, 1929. They are parents of Carolyn Denise (1963) who married July 23, 1983 Jerry A. Hanks, Jr.

Pearl P. Parsons was born March 7, 1893 and died October 29, 1972. She married March 12, 1914 John Henry Jones, born January 11, 1891 and died August 23, 1960. Their children are: Charles Marion, John Hulbert, Ruth Bernadene, and Clarence Delbert. Charles was born November 29, 1916. John Hulbert was born June 10, 1918 and died October 13, 1924. Ruth Bernadene was born November 26, 1919 and married June 12, 1951 Jack Martin Schreck, born January 31, 1910, and died March 18, 1985. Clarence Delbert was born July 28, 1929 and married (1) December 28, 1951, Leona Borden, born November 13, 1930. Clarence married (2) November 14, 1977 Georgia May Tate, born April 23, 1933, who had children from a previous marriage.

Harry Paul Parsons was born June 13, 1897 and died October 5, 1935. He married June 2, 1918 Mary Louise McGrew, born April 22, 1900 and died December 20, 1964. They were the parents of Marion Paul, Augustine Chapman and Genc Wrolen Parsons. Marion Paul, born March 29, 1920, died November 4, 1980. He married (1) June 21, 1947 Winifred Jane Campbell (1929-1973). They were parents of Reggie Lynn, born February 18, 1950, who married March 23, 1969 Michael Jon Kirk, born May 7, 1947. They are parents of Laura Michelle (1970), Lisa Marie (1972), and twins Shari Lynn (1974) and Christini Lynn (1974). Marion Paul and Winifred Jane were divorced. Marion Paul married (2) August 7, 1966 Sharon Ann Baker, born January 14, 1944, and adopted Shari La Jeune Baker, born October 6, 1963. Augustine Chapman Parsons, born April 30, 1922, married August 30, 1947 Elizabeth Eloise Hall, born October 20, 1927 and

died May 5, 1985. They were parents of Gary Chapman and Terry Leland born October 25, 1950, Sherilyn Sue, born October 9, 1952 and Marilyn Ann born September 10, 1958. Gary Chapman married June 9, 1973 Susan Elizabeth Douglas, born September 3, 1951. Their children are Michael Douglas born June 28, 1977, Scott Andrew born June 23, 1979, Casey Chapman born June 11, 1982 and Amanda Elizabeth born July 2, 1984. Terry Leland married November 19, 1971 Cathy Ann Geise, born July 20, 1952. Their children are Brian David born January 7, 1974, Andrew Michael born December 18, 1975 and Tracy Elizabeth born December 15, 1977. Sherilyn Sue married May 3, 1980 Dr. James John Andrasko, born June 15, 1954. They are the parents of Jennifer Lynn born May 22, 1981 and James Patrick born July 21, 1983. Marilyn Ann married January 4, 1981 Jonathan Lytle, U.S. Army, born December 27, 1958. They are parents of Anna Elizabeth, born October 17, 1986 and Jonathan Jay born May 12, 1988. Gene Wroten was born April 14, 1923 and died July 28, 1964. He married November 6, 1946 Eileen Moody and they were divorced. She died September 1, 1976. Gene married March 23, 1958 Geneva Fields. They were divorced.

Mary Louise McGrew Parsons married October 9, 1938 Orland Hughes. They were parents of Nancy Catherine Hughes born October 23, 1943. She married December 28, 1963 Wallace Lee Parish born April 19, 1941. Their children are Wallace Lee Parish II born and died April 11, 1974, Marcus Sean born October 27, 1974 (adopted) and Michael Shane born January 25, 1976 (adopted).

Elah Blanche Parsons, born July 1, 1899, married October 27, 1916 William Sheridan Richards, born March 30, 1891, and died March 1, 1973. They were parents of Harold S., born August 1, 1917 and died November 5, 1918; Twins who died in infancy, and William Sherman born February 9, 1924 and Robert Curtiss born January 14, 1926 and died June 26, 1933. William Sherman married June 25, 1946 Dorothy Bernice Sedlock, born September 6, 1924. They are parents of Judy Ann, born May 2, 1947, Gloria Jean, born January 4, 1951 and Pamela Joy, born August 17, 1954. Judy Ann married October 16, 1966 Benjamin Allen, born January 8, 1944. They were divorced. Judy Ann married (2) March 6, 1971 Janos Nagy, born June 25, 1936. They are parents of Richard Janos (1976) and Jacquelyn Jannette (1977). Gloria Jean married January 12, 1972 Joseph Evans, born December 4, 1946. Their children are Lauria Ann (1972), Joseph William (1976) and Brian Edward (1982). Pamela Joy married October 27, 1978 James Alan Walland, born November 27, 1947. They are parents of Kelley Ann (1982) and Thomas James (1986).

Minnie Myrtle Flowers Parsons in 1916 married Alesix Trotter Parsons, born February 28, 1859, and died April 4, 1944. Submitted by Gary C. Parsons and Marilyn Ann Lytle

PARSONS-GOODMAN

Our names are Lindsey Hughes and Matthew Scott Parsons and we are the great grandchildren of Frederick Wade Don and Marion Goodman Parsons and great niece and great nephew of Ethlyn Parsons.

Gee Pa Frederick Wade Don Parsons was born on Parchment Creek, in Jackson County, West Virginia. He was the son of Lovell Minor Parsons, Sr. and Mary Hannah King. He attended school on Parchment Creek and graduated from Ripley High School (Presently Ripley City Building), and played football in a field off Route 33 where the interstate goes through and where the present grade school and city pool are in Ripley, West Virginia. Some of his school activities were Glee Club, HiY, Homeric Literary Society and the school year-



F.W.D.I., Marion G. and Ethlyn Parsons

book. He graduated from WVU with a B.S. in Agriculture. While at WVU he was active in the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho, Sphinx, Torch and Serpent, Block and Bridle, Agriculture Council and Grange. We have been told that over the years people could not remember his initials, which were F.W.D. so they associated it with "four-wheel-drive."

On September in 1930, he married Gee Gee Marion Ethlyn Goodman from Clarksburg, West Virginia, the daughter of Clarence Marion and Edna Mae Vollmer Goodman, Marion graduated from Washington Irving High School, attended Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, then graduated from WVU with a degree in Vocational Home Economics. She was active in Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi, and ROTC and band sponsors.



Family home on Maple St., Ripley, WV

They built a house at (402) 217 Maple Street, Ripley, West Virginia on a lot which was part of his parents land along Sycamore Creek. They had two children Ethlyn and Frederick Wade Don "Sunny" II.

After the children were born in the Ripley home, Fred began his work as County Agent for the Department of Agriculture in Gilmer County (Glennville) and later on to Braxton County (Sutton) as 4-H Agent. As the children grew older Marion became active in the Red Cross at home during the war years and helped with the County 4-H activities at Camp Holly Grey (which is mostly now under water with the Sutton Dam). While an agent in Braxton County, the Braxton County Cottage was built at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp near Weston, West Virginia. An interesting story was told to us while they lived in Sutton a block from downtown and the court house, the children were given a runt of a litter of pigs by a local farmer which they kept in the parlor of the house they lived in as a pet for awhile. One day it decided it was time to go to town and was brought back by a friend of the family squealing

all the way.

In the early 1940s, the Parsons family moved back to Maple Street in Ripley, where Fred began teaching as a Vocational Agriculture teacher at Ripley High in a building behind the present post office. Marion taught a year at Gilmore High (New Era-Sandyville area) West Virginia, then Ripley and taught a year before becoming the Vocational Home Economics teacher at Ripley (in a building which is the present Ripley city garage) and retired in the early 1970s.

During this time Fred and Marion were active in many things. Fred belonged to Rotary, taught Veterans on-the-job-training and worked for Farm Credit, along with his dairy farm on Parchment. During the farming years on their back porch on Maple Street in Ripley the family made their own butter (buttermilk) and cottage cheese. Marion was quite active with FHA functions with her girls (local and state), planning of Cedar Lakes, first Arts and Craft Fair. She helped with Jackson County 4-H Camp, and belongs to the Delta Kappa Gamma, teachers honorary.

The family attended the United Methodist Church, Fred in Methodist Men, Marion in Woman's Society and the children in the Youth Choir and Youth Fellowship. The family church is now Epworth United Methodist Church, corner of Church at North Street.

Ethlyn and Sunny attended grade school in Sutton, West Virginia and Ripley (where present city parking lot is on Court Street, between the Bradley and Phillips property). Ethlyn graduated from Ripley High (the present City Building) and Sunny was the first class to graduate from the present high school. Ethlyn and Sunny belonged to clubs in school and in the community (4-H, Scouts). During the war years (1940s), they were among many of the youths of Ripley who sold savings bond stamps (Molly Pitcher) and helped young youth fill up books which they took to the Post Offices and turned in for United States (Paper) Savings Bonds. Ethlyn was employed locally and by the State (West Virginia) until 1957 when she began working for The Bureau of The Public Debt as a keypunch operator and searcher, as well as working with microfilm in the Parkersburg and Ravenswood, West Virginia offices. During this time she obtained her Life Saving and Instructor Certification and taught swimming in the old swimming pool of Ripley on West Street. She helped organize the Ripley Busy Beavers 4-H Club with Lorna Cavendish in 1952 and continues to work with 4-H when she has time. She is a member of the West Virginia 4-H All Stars, Pilot Club of Jackson County and P.R.I.D.E. (litter control). She was a bowler who attended many State and National tournaments during the late 1960s and early 70s. She served as Regent of the local DAR and belongs to the Jackson County Historical Society. Marion and Ethlyn belong to the Ripley Woman's Club, the Golden Rule Sunday School Class and Friendship Circle at Epworth. Ethlyn retired in 1987 from government (30 years) and received the Albert Gallatin Award.

Sunny was employed by the Department of Interior as a surveyor over most of the eastern United States. He was in sales in the eastern section of West Virginia and has four boys Frederick Wade Don "Rick" III, David Michael, Greg Scott and Craig Shawn. He has three granddaughters, and a grandson. He presently resides in Ripley. Submitted by Lindsey Hughes and Matthew Scott Parsons

PARSONS-HALL

Augustine Chapman Parsons, born April 30, 1922, is the son of Harry Paul and Mary Louise McGrew Parsons. Paul (1897-1935) and Mary (1900-1964) were school teachers. Paul was the youngest son of Alexis Chapman and Minnie Myrtle Flowers Parsons. Paul attended school at the Parchment Valley School and began teaching

when he was 16 years of age. Mary was born the eldest daughter of Frank A. and Sadie Safreed McGrew. He was the son of Augustus McGrew.

Chap was named for his grandfather on the Parsons side and for his great grandfather on his mother's side. He attended Letart School, where Paul and Mary both taught, and Flag Rock School in Jackson County. He graduated from Ripley High School in 1940 and went to Cleveland, Ohio to work at the National Acme Company, 1940-42, where his Uncle Charles Leo was General Shop Superintendent for many years. Chap first worked as a department clerk and later as a lathe operator. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve in September 1942 at Charleston, West Virginia and served at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, U.S. Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California, and U.S. Naval Air Station, Ford Island, Hawaii until being discharged at Bainbridge, Maryland, February 1946.

Chap attended West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, 1946-49, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Education. He attended Western Reserve University, Cleveland, 1949-50, receiving a Master's Degree in Library Science. During Chap's career he was County Librarian, Martin Ferry (Ohio) Public Library, County District Librarian, Gallia County District Library, Gallipolis, Ohio, Director, Alliance Public Library, and later the Rodman Public Library, Alliance. In 1964 he was appointed Executive Director of the Ohio Library Association/Ohio Library Trustee Association where he served until his retirement in 1987. He was appointed Executive Vice President of the Ohio Library Foundation in 1965 and continues to serve in that position.

Chap married August 30, 1947 Elizabeth Eloise Hall, born October 20, 1927, the daughter of William and Anna Louise Hall of Morgantown. Eloise studied music and was organist at the Spruce Street Methodist Church in Morgantown and a secretary in the Department Agriculture, West Virginia. She served for many years as a volunteer at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio and was active in the Worthington Unit of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. Elizabeth Eloise Hall Parsons died May 5, 1985.

Chap and Eloise were parents of four children. Twins, Gary Chapman and Terry Leland were born October 25, 1950 at Wheeling, West Virginia. Gary graduated from Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio and entered the real estate industry at Worthington, Ohio. He married June 9, 1973 Susan Elizabeth Douglas, born September 3, 1951, daughter of Jack and Mary Douglas. Susan received a degree from the Ohio State University and is a real estate appraiser. Gary and Susan are parents of Michael Douglas, Scott Andrew, Casey Chapman and Amanda Elizabeth.

Terry Leland attended the Ohio State University and Draughton's Business College, Nashville, Tennessee. He served in the United States Navy, 1970-1974, and entered the hotel and sales industry. He married November 19, 1971, Cathy Ann Geise, born July 20, 1952, a daughter of Jay and Betty Geise. Cathy held positions at Riverside Methodist Hospital and Saint Anthony Women Wellness Center, Columbus, Ohio. Terry and Cathy are parents of Brian David, Andrew Michael and Tracy Elizabeth.

Chap and Eloise Parsons were parents of two daughters. Sherilyn Sue, born October 9, 1952, married May 3, 1980 James John Andrasko, M.D., born June 15, 1954, the son of Francis and Lois Andrasko, Bexley, Ohio. Sherilyn graduated from the Ohio State University and worked at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Dr. Andrasko graduated from the Ohio State University College of Medicine and practices general surgery in Amherst, Ohio. Sherilyn and Dr. Andrasko are parents of Jennifer Lynn and James Patrick. Marilyn Ann, born September 10, 1958, married January 4, 1981, Jona-

than Arthur Lytle, born December 27, 1958, a son of Arthur and Mary Lytle, Worthington, Ohio. Marilyn attended the Ohio State University and Jonathan attended Eastern Kentucky University and completed numerous U.S. Army schools. He is a career U.S. Army non-commissioned officer. Marilyn and Jon are parents of Anna Elizabeth and Jonathan Jay Lytle. *Submitted by Terry L. Parsons*

PARSONS/LITTLE/RHODES

John Bonnett Parsons was the eighth child of Alexis Fink (1827-1895) and Phoebe Casto Parsons (1830-1919), the grandson of William Parsons (1806-1892), the great grandson of William (Lowther) Parsons (1769-1839), the great, great grandson of Charles Parsons (1745-1823) and great, great, great grandson of William Parsons (died in 1778), who is reported to have come to the eastern shore of Maryland about 1725.

John Bonnett Parsons was born February 26, 1860 near Rockcastle in Jackson County and died May 15, 1935. His middle name "Bonnett" came from his grandmother's maiden name. The Bonnetts were a pioneer family in Virginia and suffered much during the Indian uprisings. He married Nancy Bell Little, October 5, 1881, the daughter of Elijah and Mary Sayre Little. Nancy Bell Little was born January 6, 1862 and died April 27, 1890. Five children were born of this marriage: Ivy, Myrtle, Jacob Minor, Cecil Oakland, Leora Jane and Mary Minerva.

Ivy Myrtle Parsons was born July 31, 1882 and died August 13, 1971. She married Homer Frederick Wandling November 24, 1907. He was born March 8, 1882 and died December 8, 1963. They were parents of Kermit Frederick, Mattie Marie, Cecil Clyde, Clair Parsons, Mildred Genevieve and Cleo Herman. Kermit Frederick (1908-1957) married Marie Rankin (1908 -), Mattie Marie (1910-1987) married Howard Lawrence Miller (1913-1977), Cecil Clyde (1912), Clair Parsons (1914 -) married Edna Ellen Allen (1919 -), Mildred Genevieve (1917-1974) married (1) John Andrew Mahers (1907 -) and (2) Virgil Walker, and Cleo Herman (1920-1982) married Doris Rood (1922 -).

Jacob Minor Parsons was born October 9, 1883 and died September 26, 1955. He married Kathy Lee Jividen February 15, 1918. She was born January 22, 1893 and died September 29, 1974. They were parents of Raymond Woodrow and Evelyn Bell Parsons. Raymond Woodrow Parsons (1918-1975) married Inez Merl Barr (1929 -) and Evelyn Bell Parsons (1931 -) married Harmon Hilton Hall (1927 -).

Cecil Oakland Parsons was born November 30, 1885 and died February 10, 1953. He was a school teacher and taught 17 terms of school in Mason and Jackson County Schools.

Leora Jane Parsons was born February 25, 1887 and died August 7, 1979.

Mary Minerva Parsons was born July 21, 1889 and died May 1, 1963.



John B. and Hannah Parsons

John Bonnett Parsons married December 13, 1890 Hanna Bell Rhodes, the daughter of Chris-

topher and Mariah Bowles Rhodes. Hannah Bell Rhodes was born July 26, 1870 and died March 22, 1939. The children of this marriage were: Charles Oral, Mirlie Rhodes, and Gatha Ellen.

Charles Oral was born November 22, 1891 and died February 14, 1892.

Mirlie Rhodes Parsons was born November 9, 1897 and died July 1, 1989. Her first marriage (1936) to Russell Robert Wilson ended in divorce. Her second marriage was to Floyd Sampson in Baltimore.

Gatha Ellen Parsons, the youngest child of John Bonnett Parsons and Hannah Bell Rhodes, was born October 30, 1908. She married August 3, 1935 William Luther Blankenship who was born May 16, 1908 and died May 2, 1980. He worked for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for 48 years as a fireman and an engineer. Joan Leora Blankenship was born of this marriage November 20, 1942 and died the same day.

Gatha Ellen Parsons Blankenship has many happy memories of her parents and older brothers and sisters. The brothers and sisters were happy in making their little sister happy. They were grown up when she was born. Now at the age of 81 Gatha still remembers the happy hours together with greatest love and appreciation. *Submitted by Clair Parsons Wandling*

PARSONS-STEWART

Mary Ione Parsons (born May 9, 1910-died July 8, 1983) married Everett Elisha Stewart (born 1893-died 1945) on March 25, 1926. Everett had previously been married to a woman named Anna and had lived in the Mt. Tell area. There were two sons, Rondes Marvin (born 1913) and one other, and a daughter Emma Fay (born 1915) born to this union. Mary had married prior to her marriage to Everett, to an Otho Gandee, and had a son, Harvey.

Mary was the daughter of Daniel Asbury Parsons and Maude Ellen Howell (was raised by Slacks and known as Slack). Mary had two brothers, Myron Alton, and Adam Greenberry, and one sister, Lessie Violet. After her parents' divorce, her father married Annie Counts. Daniel was the son of Rev. William Ballard Parsons who built and founded the Hickory Grove Church in the Kenuck area.

William Ballard Parsons (born 1850-died 1920) was the son of John and Mary Freeman Parsons. He married Parthenia Harper (born 1853, died 1931), the daughter of Enoch Harper from the Walton area. Some of their children were: Artemicia (born 1972) who married a Landis and was a midwife in the Gin's Creek area; Laverna E. (born around 1879); Mary Jane (born 1881); Eva May (born 1883); William E. (born 1885); Granville P. (born 1887); Benjamin H. (born 1890); and James O. (born around 1894). Daniel was born in 1880. The 1910 census states that there were 14 children, but only nine were living at that time.

Everett Elisha was the son of Christopher Columbus Stewart (born 1862, died 1933) and Amanda Elizabeth Barnett (born 1861, died 1944). They married August 26, 1880 and had seven children: Myrtle (born 1881); Samuel (born 1882); Oakland Oley (born 1885); Martha J. (born 1887); Cora Hester (born 1888); then Everett Elisha (born 1893); and lastly William McKinley (born 1896). Everett's father, Christopher Columbus Stewart, was the son of Elisha and Martha Casto Stewart.

The children born to Everett Elisha and Mary Ione Parsons Stewart were: Maude Genavee born May 6, 1926, was married to and divorced from Arnold Anderson and then married James Anderson. She had nine children from both marriages. Glenver C. was born January 29, 1928, was married and divorced, now married again and living

in Florida. He had four children from his first marriage. Oley Clifton was born August 16, 1929, was married to and divorced from Ruby Anderson. They had one son. Cora Mae was born April 17, 1931 (raised by Anne King and family), married William Henry Bourgeois Jr., and have five children. Vernon Wesley was born July 3, 1934, was married to and divorced from Hattie Marie Ramsey, then married to and divorced from Cordelia Johns. He has four children from his first marriage. Raymond Allen was born August 5, 1935, was married and widowed. He has two children.

Both Everett and Mary married again after their divorce. Everett married Bernice Ware from Richwood, West Virginia. Years later, Mary married Lawrence Wright from Parkersburg where she had lived for sometime. *Submitted by Bernice L. Casto*

ALEXIS FINK AND PHOEBE (CASTO) PARSONS (PART I)

Alexis Fink Parsons was the first born child of William Parsons (1806-1892) and Susannah Bonnett (1807-1863). He was born October 13, 1827 on Parchment Creek and died March 17, 1895 in Ripley. He was a prominent businessman who was one of the investors in the first railroad that came to Ripley and helped to organize the Bank of Ripley August 10, 1891 and remained its chairman until his death.

Alexis Fink Parsons married Phoebe Casto, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Shinn Casto, March 30, 1848. Phoebe Casto was born August 10, 1830 and died February 6, 1919. They were the parents of 14 children: William Quincey, Flora Jane, Hanna Elen, Lewis Franklin, Mary Ellen, Clara Susan, Richard Olin, John Bonnett, Austin Lee, Lovell Minor, infant male, Okey Johnson and Alexis Chapman and Orton Dana.



Alexis Fink and Phoebe (Casto) Parsons

William Quincey Parsons was born December 28, 1848 and died June 6, 1906. He married Minerva Jane Sayre April 11, 1867. She was born June 17, 1851 and died July 20, 1939. They were parents of nine children: Nancy Jane (1868-1904), Joel Weston (1871-1935) who married Callie Mae Casto (1884-1956), Dora Malinda (1873-1948) who married Obediah Harrison (1867-1941), Dallas Walton (1876-1944) married Dora Barnett (1880-1957), Alexis Asbury (1878-1958) married Martha Ellen Skidmore (1885-1963), Irene May (1880-) married Selie Edwards, Hollie Howard (1883-1968) married Lillie Mae Waugh (1892-1970), Mary Dove (1887-1979) married John O. Stewart (1884-1934) and Georgia Alice (1891-1981) who married Harrison Gillespie (1889-).

Flora Jane Parsons was born May 4, 1850 and died October 1, 1932. She married James Mason Kessel, September 14, 1869. He was born October 1, 1836 and died July 26, 1916. Kessel was first married November 18, 1860 to Mazilla Harpold, daughter of Solomon Harpold. She was born October 3, 1841 and died January 16, 1869. Three children were born of this marriage: Dora (1863-1956), Ida May (1865-1937) and Delmer Els-

worth (1866-1942).

Flora Jane Parsons married James Mason Kessel, September 14, 1869. They were parents of Charles Riley (1870-1948) who married Frances Louisa French (1869-1969), Mazilla Clara (1872-1959) married Sylvester Brown Sayre (1870-1940), Laura Phoebe (1874-1945) married Maurice Hosmer French (1872-1941), Edward Dennis (1876-1958) married Flora Ellen Corbin (1875-1955), Mary Myrtle (1878-1939) married George Wallace Casto (1872-1952), James Everett (1880-1950) married Winifred Conlon (1885-1972), Orville Vinton (1882-1923) married Belva Lockwood Bennett (1884-1974), Frances Belle (1885-1983) married John Meredith Bibbee (1880-1960), Elizabeth (Bessie) (1887-1958) married Joseph Julius Frey (1884-1957), Adelia Fay (1890-1964) married Holly Everette Lewis (1885-1977), and Stella Delsie (1893-1988) who married Oliver Perry Davis (1890-1966).

Hanna Elen Parsons was born December 17, 1851, died June 10, 1853 and is buried in the Shinn Cemetery at Rockcastle, Jackson County.

Lewis Franklin Parsons was born October 6, 1852 and died October 8, 1935. He married August 17, 1874 Sarah Frances Grant, born March 20, 1852 and died March 15, 1915. They were parents of Kenneth Grant (1875-1910) who married Della V. Brotherton (1875-1960) and Glenwin Lee (1883-1957) who married Hettie Alva Oldham (1889-1973).

Mary Ellen Parsons was born March 22, 1855 and died December 19, 1906. She married October 9, 1879 Phillip Shatto, born February 15 1848 and died February 11, 1926. Their children were: George (1880-) who married Oda Stone, Phoebe Catherine (1882-1965) married William Arthur Staats (1879-1959), Benjamin D. (1884-1962) married (1) Elizabeth Parrish and (2) Viva Wolfe, and Robert S. Shatto (1895-) who married Cecil M. Hughes (1897-). *Submitted by Marie Reynolds*

ALEXIS FINK AND PHOEBE (CASTO) PARSONS (PART II)

Clara Susan Parsons was born November 3, 1856 and died March 18, 1948. She married September 28, 1879 Jessie C. Ellison, born July 7, 1854 and died June 24, 1925. Their children were: Phoebe Hattie (1880-1966), Flora Jane (1881-1917) who married Virgil Oscar Casto (1876-1950), Lewis Edgar (1883-1901) and Alexis Okey (1887-1840) who married Georgia Elizabeth Shinn (1889-1949).

Richard Olin Parsons was born April 12, 1858 and died March 15, 1930. He married December 16, 1880 Elsie Christina Atkinson, born January 20, 1860 and died July 21, 1917. They were parents of Alexis Willy (1881), Flora N. (1883-1887), Edward Everette (1884-1961) who married Mary Octavia Beckley (1890-), Nannie Pearl (1886-1888), Clara Cordelia (1888-1983) married Pete McDermott, infant daughter (1890), James Lloyd (1891-1950) married Marguerite Marie Allen (1896-1975), Herbert Fink (1894-1976) married (1) Grace Barnett (1897-1960), (2) Erma Westfall (1901-), (3) Bessie Lee Channels (1906-), Claude Atkinson (1896-1975) married Bertha Alice Tribble (1896-1974) infant daughter (1898), Elsie Marie (1902-1966) married Cloyd A. Pointer (1899-1971), and infant daughter, (no date).

John Bonnett Parsons was born February 26, 1860 and died May 15, 1935. He married October 5, 1881 Nancy Bell Little, born January 6, 1962 and died April 27, 1890. Their children were: Ivy Myrtle (1882-1971) married Homer Frederick Wandling (1882-1963), Jacob Minor (1883-1955) married Kathy Lee Jividen (1893-1974), Cecil Oakland (1885-1953), Leora Jane (1887-1979), and Mary Minerva (1889-1963). John



Built and lived in by Alexis Parsons in Parchment Valley

Bonnett Parsons married (2) December 13, 1890 Hannah Bell Rhodes, the daughter of Christopher and Mariah Bowles Rhodes. Hannah Bell was born July 26, 1870 and died March 22, 1939. The children of this marriage were Charles Oral (1891-1892), Mirlie Rhodes (1897-1989) married December 24, 1936 Russell Robert Wilson (1906-), and (2) Floyd Sampson, and Gatha Ellen (1908-) who married August 31, 1935 William Luther Blankenship (1908-1980). Gatha and William were parents of Joan Leora Blankenship born and died November 20, 1942.

Austin Lee Parsons was born February 2, 1862 and died September 11, 1949. He married Clara Elizabeth Dawkins, born January 29, 1863 and died December 30, 1933. They were parents of Lola Lee (1884-1971), who married December 6, 1911 John Quincey Perry (1893-), Earl Virginia (1886-1961) married August 20, 1920 Mary Hazel Creigler (1899-1979), Howard Sherman (1889-1961) married Thelma Jean Heller (1903-), Alpha Margaret (1892-1894), Lemuel Marion (1898-1974) married Lena Mae Lowe (1899-1963), Adelaide Ellen (1903-) married Ola L. Hall (1900-1987), and Dale Dean (1907-1953) married Lola Benson.

Lovell Minor Parsons was born March 31, 1864 and died March 25, 1940. He married (1) March 2, 1885 Cordelia Staats born March 31, 1867 and died April 16, 1894. She was the daughter of William Staats. The children of this marriage were: Talmadge Clayton (1887-1960) married July 3, 1907 Mamie Ethel Staats (1885-1964), Alexis Fink (1889-1952) married (1) Jessie Jane Stewart (1893-), (2) Nan Baker Blankenship (1889-1972), Quayler Clarence (1891-1899), Cordelia (1894) and Lovell (1894). *Submitted by Ethlyn Parsons*

ALEXIS FINK AND PHOEBE CASTO PARSONS (PART III)



Alexis F. and Phoebe (Casto) Parsons family, 1900

To identify the above picture the names have been enclosed here: Row 1: (left to right) Mattie Parsons Dorsey, Mary King Parsons, Lovell Minor Parsons, Jr. Row 2: Phoebe Casto Parsons, John N. Parsons, Libby Parsons Hill, Nicholas Parsons, Ruth Parsons Kessell, Barbara Parsons Bowles. Row 3: Alexis Fink Parsons (son of Lovell Minor

Parsons). Myra Miller Jewell, T. Clayton Parsons, Nancy Parsons, Myrtle Parsons Wandling, Nick Parsons' wife Magdalene Casto Parsons, Flora Jane Parsons Kessell. Row 4: James Mason Kessell, Lovell Parsons Sr., William Q. Parsons, and Leftridge Bowles.

Lovell Minor Parsons married (2) April 15, 1896 Mary Hannah King, born July 7, 1870 and died March 13, 1954. Four children were born of this marriage: Matson (1897-1974) married Rev. Daniel Manning Dorsey (1893-1974), Lovell Minor, Jr. (1900-1974) married Nellie Board (1904-1978), Warren King (1904-1973) married Sarah Madeline Casto (1904 -), and Frederick Wade Don (1907-1980) married Marion Ethlyn Goodman (1908 -).

Infant boy born and died January 6, 1866 in Mason County, West Virginia.

Okey Johnson Parsons was born December 3, 1867 and died June 7, 1959. He married January 7, 1892 Lenora Casto, born May 5, 1871 and died September 2, 1955. Their children were: Odie Mae (1893-1970) married Hoyt Hershel Stewart (1895-1956), Clora Ava (1895-1970), and Goldie Glenva (1902-1973) married Carlos Clayton Casto (1901-1973).

Alexis Chapman Parsons was born November 21, 1869 and died August 15, 1906. He married September 30, 1888 Minnie Myrtle Flowers, born April 29, 1870 at Evans, and died March 29, 1948. She was the daughter of Augustus and Mary Dunlap Flowers. Alexis Chapman and Minnie were parents of: Charles Leo (1889-1955) married November 19, 1912 Bessie Houghton (1893-1973), Guy William (1891-1963) married Pearl Alice Williams (1900-1976), Pearl P. Parsons (1893-1972) married March 12, 1914 John Henry Jones (1891-1960), Harry Paul (1897-1935) married June 2, 1918 Mary Louise McGrew (1900-1964) daughter of Frank A. McGrew and Sadie Safrced, and Elah Blanche (1899 -) married William Sheridan Richards (1891-1973). Minnie Myrtle Flowers Parsons married (2) Alexis Trotter Parsons, the son of John Nelson Parsons. Alexis Trotter Parsons was born February 28, 1859 and died April 4, 1944.

Mary Louise McGrew Parsons married (2) October 9, 1938 Orland Hughes (1908-1956). Nancy Catherine Hughes was born of this marriage October 23, 1943. She married December 28, 1963 Wallace Lee Parrish, born April 19, 1941.

Orton Dana Parsons was born April 13, 1873 and died December 26, 1957. He married (1) Georgia Unrue September 8, 1892. Two children were born of this marriage: Clyde (1889-1963) married (1) Grace E. Jones and (2) Ruth Sturgeon. Orton Dana married (2) Johnny Dove Unrue born June 3, 1872 and died December 13, 1962. They were parents of. Orpha (1894 -) married E. Grant Macbeth (1891-1971), Norman A. (1896-1967) married Pearl A. Minnich, and Williard (1897-1979) married Donald N. Graven (1889-1960). Orton Dana married (3) Freda A. — who died in 1928. They were parents of Georgia who married Thomas Miller, Patricia and Rodger Parsons. Submitted by Charles Jones

ALEXIS TROTTER PARSONS

The first proven member of our direct family, William Parsons, lived in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, in 1725. He would be our *first* generation in America. He had at least three children: Thomas, Joseph, and Charles Parsons.

Our branch of the family is descended from Charles Parsons, our *second* generation. Born in Maryland in 1729, he was one of the first to come to the Ohio Valley after the treaty of peace was made with the Indians. During the Revolutionary War, Charles Parsons entered service as a private in the Virginia Militia in the Company of Captain John Harness' Virginia Rangers (1776). He served

as a scout from Harrison County, Virginia, in 1792, before moving to the Ohio Valley. He was married twice, first to Elizabeth Chestnut and then to Hanna Fauquier. He died November 4, 1823 and was buried in the Frozen Camp Cemetery of the Upper Mill Creek Baptist Church. The Ravenswood Chapter of the National Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution placed a marker at the grave in 1970.

His eldest son, our *third* generation, was Capt. William Parsons who was born July 24, 1769. He married Susan Fink (daughter of Henry Fink, a noted Indian fighter) who died in 1807 and with her infant son was the first person to be buried in the old cemetery at Ripley. Afterwards, he married Elizabeth Walker. He was the first settler at Ripley in 1803 and died at Frozen Camp in Jackson County on October 10, 1839. He was first an Indian scout, then founded a home in the frontier wilderness on the Ohio, and later settled in Ripley. He enlisted in the Army of 1812, serving through that war and winning a Captaincy when he returned home. In 1820, Capt. Parsons contracted to carve a bridge path from Letart, Ohio, via Ripley, Reedyville, and New California (Spencer), to the mouth of Steer Creek on the Little Kanawha River. This is known today as Route 33. He was appointed "Tip-Staff and Crier" for the first court held near Ripley in 1831. On July 30, 1977, the Lord Calvert Chapter of the Daughters of 1812 dedicated a marker in his memory in the Frozen Camp Cemetery.

William Parsons, son of Capt. William Parsons and our *fourth* generation, was the first white child born in the government seat of Jackson County on August 20, 1806. He married Susannah Bonnett.

John Nelson Parsons, son of William and Susannah Parsons, was born on Parchment Creek, Jackson County. He first married Emily Barnett and, later, Nancy Stephens. Other members of William Parsons' family were Lydia, Mark, Alexis Fink (one of the founders of the Bank of Ripley and chairman of its first Board of Directors), Nicholas, Margaret, Barbara, and Henry (married to Elizabeth Simmons). These constitute our *fifth* generation.

Alexis Trotter, son of John Nelson Parsons and Emily Barnett, was born February 27, 1859, and is our *sixth* generation. September 28, 1881, he married Nora Florence Battrell, born August 4, 1864. They had nine children: Ethel, Margery, Susie, Alma, Anna, Lexie, Everett, Jim and Emily. Emily Parsons was born at Foster Chapel on July 4, 1885, and is our *seventh* generation. June 25, 1905, she married George W. Simmons, M.D., who was born May 30, 1879, at Kenna, West Virginia.



George W. and Emily (Parsons) Simmons, 1905

Emily and George Simmons had three children: George Winfred, who died as a child; Mildred Ann, born May 28, 1914; and Lenore Elizabeth, born June 8, 1916. This is our *eighth* generation.

Mildred married Denver Reynolds on June 7, 1938, and had one son, George David Reynolds, born January 17, 1941. She died June 7, 1961.

On May 3, 1940, Lenore married Howard Franklin Jenkins, born October 9, 1915. They had one daughter born March 19, 1942, who was christened Emily Louise Simmons Jenkins in Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia. Emily Louise ("Emmy Lou") and George David are our *ninth* generation in America.

George David Reynolds was married three times. His first marriage was in 1960 to Lorraine DeChane and they had one son, George David Reynolds, II, born January 20, 1961, David was killed December 25, 1981, and was buried in Dunedin, Florida. George David's second marriage was to Peggy (surname?) in 1968 and produced one daughter, Sharon, born January 25, 1969. His third marriage was to Cecilia (surname?) and they had one son, Phillip, born June 30, 1971.

Emily Louise Jenkins was married three times, but only the first marriage produced children. Emily married Henry Vincent Cavaliere on December 3, 1960, and they had six children: Elizabeth Ann (Lisa), born April 3, 1962; Henry Keith, born October 15, 1963; Richard Clark, born May 18, 1966; Christopher Franklin, born May 23, 1968; David Wade, born February 9, 1970; and Mark Vincent, born May 10, 1971. The children of George David Reynolds (George David, II; Sharon; and Phillip) and those of Emily Louise Jenkins Cavaliere (Elizabeth, H. Keith, Richard, Christopher, David, and Mark) are our *tenth* generation in America. Emily Louise divorced Henry V. Cavaliere in 1974. She married Forest (Buck) Anthony in 1977 but they divorced, having produced no children. She married George J. Lamb on August 15, 1981.

Elizabeth Ann (Lisa) Cavaliere married Ted Derek Cochran on July 17, 1982. At the date of this writing (September 1989) they have two children: Ted Jared (born September 8, 1984), and Emilia Marie (born July 7, 1988. H. Keith Cavaliere married Rita Graham on May 30, 1987. At this time, they have one child, Elizabeth (Beth) Mae (born August 20, 1988). Christopher Cavaliere married Carla Harbin on October 8, 1988. Carla had one son, Justin Carl, at the time of that marriage; Christopher and Carla now expect a child in June, 1990. The children of Elizabeth Ann (Lisa) and Derek Cochran (Jared and Emilia), the daughter of H. Keith and Rita Cavaliere (Beth), and the expected child of Christopher and Carla Cavaliere are our *eleventh* generation in this country. Submitted by Mrs. Emily Lamb and Mrs. Lisa Cochran

AUSTIN LEE PARSONS

AUSTIN LEE PARSONS was born February 2, 1862, the ninth child and fifth son of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons. He died September 11, 1949, and is buried at Arlington Memorial Cemetery, Parkersburg, West Virginia. He married February 14, 1884, Clara Elizabeth Dawkins. After deciding to marry they rode their horses to a minister's house near Sandyville and were married while on horseback. They first lived in Parchment Valley where seven children were born as follows: Lola Lee, Earl Virginia, Howard Sherman, Alpha Margaret, Lemuel Marion, Adelaide Ellen, and Dale Dean. Alpha Margaret died at the age of two when she became choked on a coffee bean.

Austin and Clara moved to Wood County after the flood of 1913. She had several brothers living in that locality and wished to be among her family again. They went to Parkersburg by train and Austin began working at the Vitro-Lite factory where he was employed for several years. He then acquired a grocery store which he operated until his retirement.

The three older children, Earl, Howard and Lola, attended normal school together. All three became school teachers. Earl attended law school later and became a lawyer and school superintendent in Logan County. Howard eventually attended business college and became treasurer of a large

coal company. Lola taught school in one of the southern counties of West Virginia. She married there, moved to the Parkersburg area and over the next several years became the mother of nine boys and one girl. She taught school in Ohio after her children were raised. Austin and Clara's three younger children were Lemuel, Adelaide and Dale. Lemuel worked in Parkersburg and for the federal government in Virginia, where he retired. Adelaide married O.L. "Cy" Hall, a Wood County teacher. She worked for several years in the office of a lumber company. Dale was a heavy equipment operator for construction companies. He died October 19, 1953, on the job at Wheeling, West Virginia. Adelaide Ellen Parsons Hall is the last living member of this family as of this 1989 date.

Submitted by Wilda M. Perry Baker

BOYD L. PARSONS

Boyd L. Parsons (1894-1960) was the son of Frank Parsons (1864-1941) and Ida Kessel (1865-1937). Boyd married Luella Corfee (1901-1965). Their children are Clyde Edwin (1924-1981), Roy (1926-1967), Betty (1933-1937), and Mildred Moss (1942 -).



Boyd and Luella Parsons

January 28 is the birthday of a great man in the history of Jackson County — a man who became indispensable to the community where he lived. The man? Boyd L. Parsons.

When asked what the "L" of his name meant, he answered, with a twinkle in his eye, "Lickem." However, as a teacher his policy was not to "lick" students unless it was a last resort. I believe spankings hurt him more than the one being punished.

Boyd was teacher, farmer, and rural mail carrier serving the Foster Chapel-Evans Route community.

I didn't miss a day of school my first year, largely because Boyd picked me up on his horse, Old Pete, on our way to Victory School (later called Long Hollow). Later, my only chance to go to high school was to live with Boyd and Luella in the old Ramsey house down by the railroad trestle and then ride the bus to Cottageville.

He welcomed all the young people to his home to hear the first radio in the area and built a tank on his roof that held water pumped by a windmill so that he could have a bathroom. He gave the folks an idea that modern living was possible for everyone.

Boyd quit teaching to carry the mail on the Evans Route which went out what is now Route 87, out Kopp Ridge, down Spruce, up to the long Foster Chapel Ridge, down to Parchment Creek and back to Evans, over some of the meanest, most miserable road humans could travel.

Later, I realized how much the community had come to depend on Boyd. He was their only contact with the outside world when the red clay roads were belly-deep to a horse. He relayed

long-distance telephone calls for them; he shopped for them and brought them all the supplies he could by mail, and when he couldn't lawfully do that he came back after his route was finished. He marketed their eggs and produce and had their prescriptions filled. If people couldn't pay when the service was rendered, he waited until they could.

Electricity came late to the community, the roads had no improvement, and the church was vandalized. The community was dying, but Boyd tried to keep it living. I've found Boyd with a vehicle buried in the mud, sitting on the bank, looking drawn and white from exertion, resting so he could go again. When it was totally impossible to go this way, he rode a horse. He was a dedicated man who loved his family and community. I never heard him speak evil of anyone. He did much for many and although it is very late, I would like to say for all, for whom words of thanks come hard — he was appreciated. *Submitted by Olive Smith Stone*

CHARLES PARSONS, SR. (PART I)

Charles Parsons was the eldest son of William Parsons I who came to the eastern shore of Maryland about 1723-1725, and who died in 1778. Charles Parsons was born November 4, 1745 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. He is reported to have come to Virginia about 1763 with his father and younger brother Joseph, born in 1755. Charles Parsons died November 4, 1823 in Jackson County.

During the Revolutionary War Charles Parsons entered service as a private in the Virginia Militia in the Company of Captain John Harness' Rangers. He also served as an Indian Scout from Harrison County, Virginia in 1792. From Augusta or Rockingham County in Virginia he came to the South Branch of the Potomac River, Randolph County, and Fort Buchannon. He later came to the Ohio Valley with his family and settled on the fifth bottom south of the Little Kanawha River, known as Warth's Bottom. He later came to the vicinity of Ripley with his son William Parsons II. Charles Parsons name appears on the Tax Lists of Kanawha County in 1802. He is buried in the Frozen Camp Cemetery of the Upper Mill Creek Baptist Church. The Ravenswood Chapter of the National Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution placed a marker at the gravesite in 1970.

Charles Parsons, Sr. first married in 1764 in Maryland Elizabeth Chestnut who died before 1797 in Harrison County. It is believed the following named children were born of the marriage:

William Parsons II, Mary, John, George, Hannah, and Margaret Peggy. (See separate article about William II in this book) Mary Polly, the second child, born January 1, 1773, married in 1793 Thomas Carney, born October 1768 and died October 19, 1846. He served as an Indian Scout and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Their children were John, Maria, Jessie, William, Delilah, Spencer, Dorcas, Mercy, Margaret, Ann, Hannah, Charles, Malinda, Mahala and Phoebe.

John Parsons was born in 1778 in the Buchannon Settlement, Harrison County and died June 18, 1859. He married October 23, 1804 at Saint Clairsville, Ohio, Mary Greathouse, born 1790 and died after 1860 in Jackson County. Their children were: Margaret Peggy, born (1884) and died April 14, 1871, married Jesse Shamblin, born 1793 and died 1883; Moses M., born 1810 and died October 23, 1880, married February 25, 1840 Mary Polly Dewease, born 1811 and died 1891; Ann, born 1812, married Tapley Ganes, born 1812; Joshua, born 1814, married first Joanna Stewart, born 1813 and died 1850/51. He married second Susan Ganes who died in 1856. Joshua married third April 26, 1857 Hannah Redman and November 15, 1877 he took as a fourth wife Louisa Raines; George Parsons, the fourth child of Charles Parsons, Sr. and Elizabeth was born about

1780. (See Part II) *Submitted by Judith Miller*

CHARLES PARSONS (PART II)

He married December 31, 1801 Mary Polly Sleith, born 1780. Their children were: George (Curly) who married March 1, 1827 Fanny Woodruff; Ruth, born 1803 and died 1866, married Abel Sayre, Sr., born 1792 and died August 6, 1862; Hannah Patsy, born 1784 and died in 1820, probably in Meigs County. She married October 30, 1804, Thompson Pickens, born July 7, 1782 and died February 14, 1865 in Scott County, Iowa, where he moved about 1845. Their children were: Charles, born 1808 and died April 17, 1885. He married first in 1830 Hannah Flesher, and second August 16, 1837 Chloe Lasley, born 1819 and died February 1865 in Iowa. Charles took as his third wife in 1868 in Iowa, Martha Cross; Leis Pickens, born 1815 in Gallia County, Ohio, and died August 7, 1882 in Iowa. He married April 9, 1846 Charlotte Agar, born 1828 and died 1886; Madison C. Pickens was born February 27, 1820, married March 25, 1847 Almira Elizabeth Thompson, born November 12, 1821, and died April 20, 1892; Margaret (Peggy) Parsons, the last child of Charles Parsons, Sr. and Elizabeth Chestnut, was born 1788 and died 1871/73. She married August 3, 1809, Joseph Bibbee, born October 3, 1809 and died October 15, 1855. Their children were: Elijah, born October 3, 1809 and died October 15, 1855. He married March 1, 1832 in Meigs County, Ohio, Tamer (Fanny) Sayre, born December 8, 1811 and died January 14, 1894; Delilah, born September 28, 1811 and died December 25, 1898. She married Abraham Slaughter, born January 5, 1797 and died March 25, 1888; Susan, born 1813 and died July 26, 1906. She married John Adams Coe, born 1805 and died January 20, 1883; Abraham, born 1818, married in 1840 Hannah Long, born 1822 and died 1860/63; Anne, born 1819 and died 1871, married January 24, 1838 Alfred D. Gilpin, born 1818, Kentucky, and died about 1890; Margaret, born 1824 and died October 12, 1855, married November 5, 1840 Thomas Herdman, born 1818; Alfred, born 1827, married August 11, 1848 Hester Hinzman, born 1828; Joseph, Jr., born 1830, married June 23, 1853 Ercanah Anna Combs, born 1834, Fauquier County, Virginia; James Thomas, born 1833 and died 1862; Tamer, born 1833 and died 1862, married George Washington Coe, born 1825 and died February 6, 1873.

Charles Parsons, Sr. married second May 3, 1797, Nancy Ann (Flesher) Sleith, born 1761 and died about 1859. She was the widow of John Sleith, a Continental soldier, and daughter of Henry Flesher, the founder of Flesherville, later called Weston. The children of this second marriage were: Elias, born 1797 and died December 29, 1849. He married February 20, 1823 Dollie Mayhew. Their children were: Charles W. who married April 14, 1853 Belinda Wiblin; Nancy Bell, born 1863 and died 1895. She married Mansfield Maddox, born 1863 and died 1889; Sally, and Polly. Elias Parsons married second Sally Burdett Graham. (See Part III) *Submitted by Connie L. Waybright*

CHARLES PARSONS (PART III)

Martha (Patsy) Parsons, the second child of Charles Parsons, Sr. and Nancy Ann Sleith, was born in 1799 and died about 1870. She married William Casto, Jr., born 1790 and died 1884. Their children were: Margaret Nancy, born March 7, 1818 and died November 6, 1902. She married Wallace Gandee, born 1813 and died 1900; A son born 1819; Elias born 1821, married Elizabeth Casto, born 1826; Telitha Jane, born 1826 and died 1913, married August 7, 1845, Rev. Nicholas Casto, born 1826 and died 1913; Charles, born 1829, married October 9, 1848 Martha Bonnett, born 1828; Martin, born November 23, 1832 and died November 29, 1912, married December 25,

1854 Elizabeth Jane Johns, born September 2, 1837 and died May 20, 1908; Wiley, born 1834, married 1850 Mary Elizabeth Tolley, born 1840; Mary, born 1836 and died 1902, married May 6, 1854 Anderson Staats, born 1834 and died during 1907; David, born 1840 and died 1902, married October 8, 1865 Jane Staats, born 1840 and died 1900; Augustus Casto was born 1842 and died during the Civil War; and Jacob A., born 1845 and died 1930, married June 12, 1866 Sophronia Bradley, born 1843 and died 1928.

Nancy Ann Parsons, born June 25, 1802 and died December 17, 1875, married John G. Casto. Their children were: Annie, born 1819, married October 8, 1840 James C.M. Rhodes, born 1819.

Nancy Ann married second August 10, 1821 John Board, born 1798 and died 1875. The children of this marriage were: Mary, born 1823, married John Boyd; Infant daughter born 1826 and died 1830; Charles, born 1826 and died 1867, married 1849 Agnes P. Litton, born 1831; Patrick, born 1829 and died 1856, was married March 25, 1850; William M., born 1830 and died 1914, married March 25, 1852 Susan Waybright. William M. married second 1862 Mary A.W. Hess; Miles, born 1833 and died 1911, married March 15, 1855 Elizabeth Bradley, born 1833 and died 1908/09; Infant son born 1831/35; Mariam, born 1835, married February 21, 1856 Hiram Cobb; Mahala, born 1837, married 1861 John E. Thomas; Infant son 1836/40; Margaret, born 1840, married 1856 Joseph M. Cobb; Catherine, born 1842 married a Hall; Martha, born 1846; and Miriam, born in 1852.

Elizabeth Betsy Parsons was born in 1804. She married March 8, 1825 George Board, born 1803. Children of this marriage were: Letha, born 1825, married March 1, 1843 Peter Rhodes, born 1824; Ruthy, born 1827 married August 24, 1849 Sam S. Starcher, born 1823; Susannah, born 1829, married May 14, 1845 Wilson W. Starcher, born (See Part IV) Submitted by Jennifer D. Parsons

CHARLES PARSONS (PART IV)

1825; James L., born 1831, married November 30, 1850 Eleanor Jane Pickrell; Abel S., born 1833 married October 7, 1858 Amelia Hall; Ballard, born 1835, married January 8, 1857 Louisa A. Johnson; and Marilla, born 1845, married September 15, 1861 Nathan M. Crites.

Charles Parsons, Jr., born June 6, 1805 and died December 8, 1875, married Rebecca Wolfe, born 1806. The children born of this marriage were: Captain Wilson W., born November 15, 1827 and died August 7, 1879, married February 24, 1848 Florence Leah Graham, born November 30, 1830 and died November 19, 1911; Elias, born 1829, married November 29, 1849 Martha Latimer, born 1830; Frances first married James Larimer November 29, 1849 and married second October 5, 1861 George Conley; Hiram (High), born September 16, 1833 and died March 31, 1909, married March 15, 1855, Phoebe Dye, born 1837. Hiram married second — Waybright; Hannah, born 1836, married March 12, 1855 John Conrad; Lewis (Lute), born 1838 married Malinda Depew; Sarah Jane, born 1845, married first John Wesley Cain, and second April 3, 1853 William Davis; David B., born May 16, 1848, married November 1870 Rebecca Staats. They moved in 1883 to Jackson Township, Missouri; Mary Catherine married Nathan Lee; Kathleen; and Anna who married Captain Gilpin.

Sarah (Sallie), born June 6, 1812, and died July 6, 1862, married James H. Cunningham, born 1802 and died 1871. The children of this marriage were: Osaae Marshall who married June 6, 1850 Isabelle Skidmore. This family lived in Cincinnati.; Benjamin Rath, born 1828, married Mary Jane Graham, born 1832; William P., born 1834, married first — McCormack, and second November 30, 1860 Emily Jane Unrue; Thaddeus L., born

1836 married first December 28, 1856 Margaret J. Power, and second married February 22, 1864, Lorena Jane Casto, and third July 23, 1871 Charity Boggs Wilson; Elias, born 1838, married Mary Roush; George B. was born 1840, never married and was killed during the Civil War while serving in the 20th Indiana Infantry; Letha C., born 1842 married October 8, 1857 F.J. (Joe) Humphreys; Emil E. Cunningham, born 1844, married Calvin Huffman; Martha L., born 1846, married Elias Humman; Joel Webster, born 1849, married December 16, 1868 Virginia Jane Dixon; Phoebe married William Gobson (Gipson); and Matilda Ann married Samuel P. Tolley.

This concludes the family history of Charles Parsons, Sr., the son of William Parsons I, who came to the eastern shore of Maryland ca. 1723-1725. Submitted by Lindsey Hughes

CLARA SUSAN PARSONS

Clara Susan Parsons was the youngest of the four daughters of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons. She was born November 3, 1856, died March 18, 1948. They lived on a large farm on Parchment Valley, near Ripley, West Virginia. Her father was a big cattleman. Along with nine sons, there were several hired hands to run the farm.

Her mother wove material for their shirts, dresses and household needs. She also tended large iron kettles of food hung on hooks in the fireplace. Foods, such as corn, beans and meats, were preserved for winter by salting in barrels. The girls baked stacks of pies on Saturdays and hurried their Sunday morning chores so they could go to church, weather permitting. They each had their riding horses. Clara Susan only went to school four or five months a year, but she was a good student in spelling, writing and arithmetic.

Wagon peddlers went through the country in the summertime and that was a treat for the women. They could buy some jewelry or trinkets that otherwise they couldn't have had.



Clara Susan Parsons

Clara Susan married Jessie C. Ellison in 1879. He was born in 1854 and died in 1925. He was born in Calhoun County. His father was killed in the Civil War and his mother died soon afterwards. He came to Ripley, West Virginia, and lived with a family of Flanders and worked in Ripley. After marriage, they lived on a farm on old Route 21 three miles south of Ripley and he operated Chase's Mill at the foot of Salt Hill on Mill Creek. He learned the trade of dressing or sharpening mill burrs and he followed that trade into surrounding counties traveling by horseback. Sometimes he would be away from home two to three months at a time. They were the parents of four children:

(1) Phoebe Hattie Ellison 1880-1966); (2) Flora Jane Ellison 1881-1917; (3) Lewis Edgar Ellison 1883-1901; (4) Alexis Okey Ellison 1887-1940. Submitted by Marie Reynolds (Granddaughter)

EDGAR ALLEN "BUD" PARSONS

Edgar Allen "Bud" Parsons, son of James and Celia Parsons of Foster Ridge and Parchment Valley, Jackson County, was born in 1920 in Akron, Ohio, and was graduated from Garfield High School. His first employment was at the Star Well Drilling and Machine Company as a stenographer, and he concurrently attended evening classes at the University of Akron. Two years later, in 1939, he was employed at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, doing similar work. At the time of entering the Army, he was head of the Factory Clerical staff.

Bud's Army training was first at an Infantry Replacement Training Center, and subsequently at The Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. He served in a rifle company, Company A, of the 272nd Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division. This division is noteworthy primarily because it was the first division to link-up with the Russian Army, April 25, 1945, near Torgau, East Germany, during the final days of the Battle of Berlin. He has accepted several invitations to visit Russian counterparts of that link-up, in the Soviet Union as well as in the United States.

Following his Army discharge, he enrolled in the Graduate School, Cornell University, received his Ph.D. in Economics, and was appointed to the Cornell Faculty. In 1947, while a graduate student, he met Frances Evelyn Walker, of Saco, Maine. Frances had just moved to a new position in the Cornell Library from employment in the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. They were married in the Sage Chapel, at Cornell, July 25, 1947.



Edgar "Bud", Celia, Cindy, Allen, Patty, Jeanne, and Frances Parsons, 1966

They have four children, Jeanne Elizabeth Parsons, born 1950 in Ithaca, New York; Allen Walker, born 1951 in Alexandria, Virginia; Celia Anne Parsons Bode, born 1955 in Arlington, Virginia; and Patricia Ellen Parsons Beyer, born 1959, in Arlington, Virginia.

In 1950, at the beginning of the Korean War, Bud changed his commission to the Air Force, and became employed in the Directorate of Intelligence in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. This involved service in Korea, and other parts of the Far East.

He subsequently became employed in the Executive Office of the President, working on various national security studies concerned with nuclear weapons, countermeasures, and civilian and military mobilization.

In 1960, he was invited to join the Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, with responsibility to initiate, and to staff, the work of this new organization in Operations Research and Economics Research. Some projects involved work in other countries, including western Europe and the Middle East.

Frances' and Bud's oldest daughter, Jeanne, lives in Arlington, and is on the staff of the Appropriations Committee, U.S. House of Repre-

sentatives; their only son, Allen, is an electrical engineer at IBM; their "middle" daughter, Celia, married Kim Bode of Atlanta, Georgia, and they have two sons, Kyle Luke, born May 23, 1985, and Casey Allen, born May 24, 1988 — Celia is more commonly called "Cindy" and teaches special education classes at Woodward Academy, College Park, Georgia; and their youngest child is Patricia Ellen, a toxicologist, who married Dr. Wayne Beyer, of Durham, North Carolina. Submitted by Allen Parsons

FLORA JANE PARSONS

Flora Jane Parsons Kessel eldest daughter of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons. She was born May 4, 1850, at "Tight Squeeze" near Rockcastle, died October 1, 1932, is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. On September 14, 1869 she married James Mason Kessel, son of Job Kessel, also a pioneer settler of the County. She was a member of one of the pioneer families of Jackson County, her great grandfather, Captain William Parsons, being the first settler at Ripley, and her grandfather, William Parsons, being the first person born at Ripley.



Flora Jane Parsons

James and Flora Jane settled and resided in the Pleasant Hill Community during the long span of their married life, which was unbroken until the death of James July 26, 1916. They were the parents of eleven children and she became the stepmother of three small children, which she cared for and reared as her own, and who knew no other mother but her.

In her early girlhood she was converted and joined the United Brethren Church at Barnett's Chapel on Thirteen, where her membership remained until her marriage. After her marriage she moved her membership to the Pleasant Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, South where she spent her life in service to the Church, her family, and her community.

She was truly a typical pioneer woman. She was an expert in carding wool, also a fancy knitter, tatting, like most persons of her time. She could use the spinning wheel or loom for the benefit of the family, with ease, and could prepare a meal for the whole countryside in short order, as was, sometimes occasioned by a quarterly Church meeting, log rolling, or a houseraising. Quite often in bygone days the sound of her horse's hoofs could be heard over the hills and through the valleys, as she was hurrying to the bedside of a sick person. The night was never too dark, the weather too rough, nor the distance too great for her to go to see the sick and administer to their needs.

Her noble life as a mother in the rearing of her splendid family of children has seldom been equalled in anyone's memory. The grandchildren of "Grandmother Jane," as she was familiarly known, too are among the most outstanding men and women of the present day, among whom we find doctors, lawyers, teachers, public officials, farmers, and leaders in all phases of activity for betterment of the county, state, nation and man-

kind. This enviable position of being at the head of a family that has rendered such a remarkable service in every respect speaks more for her good, upright, and outstanding life than man can write. She said of herself, "I have tried to pattern my life after the little bit I've been able to learn out of Scriptures, and by applying it to myself." Each day of her life she always spoke a kind word, did a noble deed, or rendered a Christ-like service. Submitted by Mrs. Marie Bibbee Boswell

FRED AND GEORGIA PARSONS

We the grandchildren of Fred and Georgia Parsons wish to enter their names in the History of Jackson County. We still remember pleasant childhood memories of summers spent on their farm.

Although we don't know just when the Parsons' and Williams came to this country, we do know they lived in the Frozen Camp area of Jackson County since before the Civil War.

Our grandfather told us of his father, Jesse Parsons, who, as a child, hid in the cemetery at Frozen Camp to watch a battle of the Civil War in the field below. Our great-grandfather, Henderson Williams was a confederate soldier, and is buried in the Frozen Camp Cemetery.

Our grandfather was Fred D. Parsons, son of Jesse A. Parsons and Molly V. Humphrey Parsons. Our grandmother was Georgia Anna Williams, daughter of Henderson and Dorcas Rhodes Williams.

Fred and Georgia were married September 14, 1902 at Little Creek in Jackson County. Following their marriage, they bought a farm on Wiblin Run where they farmed and raised cattle for most of their lives.

They had ten children: Milford (1903-1987), Bernice (1905-1980), Royce (1906-1983), Irene (1908 -), Chester (1910-1975), Myrta (1912-1929), Vera (1917 -), Woodrow (1919 -), an unnamed infant (1922-1922), and Nadean (1923 -).

In 1948 Fred and Georgia retired and moved to the old Cottle school (which he remodeled) at the bottom on Ball Hill on Route 33 in Roane County. There he operated a small grocery store for the remainder of his years in the area.



Fred D. and Georganna (William) Parsons

Of the surviving children; two daughters, Irene and Vera, and one son, Woodrow, live in Ohio. The youngest daughter Nadean Parsons Miller still resides in the old Cottle school house.

Part of the original farm on Wiblin Run is still owned by the children of the eldest daughter, Bernice Parsons Deems.

While many of Fred and Georgia's 29 grandchildren are scattered around the country, most of us still consider our roots to be in Jackson County and return as often as possible. Submitted by Joan Deems Rebholz

FREDERICK W.D. PARSONS II

I am David Michael Parsons Hughes and our



Fred II, Mike, Greg, Rick and Craig Parsons

parents are Frederick Wade Don "Sunny" Parsons of Ripley and Barbara Hughes of Kenna and Ohio.

My Father graduated from Ripley High School where he played football. He was employed by the Department of Interior in the United States Geological Service. He traveled over most of the eastern United States as a Topographic Surveyor. He went into sales as a store manager in the eastern part of West Virginia and at present resides in Ripley, West Virginia.

My older brother Frederick Wade Don "Rick" Parsons lives in Lafayette, Louisiana. He is employed by (Gulf) Chevron as a production engineer in the Offshore Oil and Gas Division. He graduated from Ripley High School and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree, from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, in Engineering. He and his wife Deborah live in Lafayette, Louisiana. He has a daughter, Jennifer who lives in Morgantown, West Virginia and is quite active in school activities. Mike, as I am called graduated from Defiance High School in Ohio. I am an Summa Cum Laude graduate from the Defiance College in Ohio and am presently in medical school at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. I have two daughters Jackqueline "Jackie" and Lindsey who live in West Virginia. I have younger brothers who are twins, Greg Scott and Craig Shawn, both graduated from Petersburg High School, Petersburg, West Virginia and West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. Greg graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. He has one son Matthew Scott. Craig has a business degree in Computer Science. He is currently employed by Campbell Soup as a supervisor in Defiance, Ohio.

While Rick and I were small, we lived on Grampa Parsons farm on Parchment Creek, Jackson County, where he ran a dairy.



F.W.D. Parsons farm on Parchment Valley

We had the pond and creek to fish in, barn to play in, along with the farm animals. As we got older we got some animals of our own. When we moved, we still came back to see our animals. We enjoyed sharing the farm fun with our cousins when they came to visit us.



front: Craig and Greg, back: Rick and Mike

Submitted by Mike Hughes and Craig S. Parsons

THE GARLAND PARSONS

Celia Parsons (born December 15, 1890; died April 16, 1946) and James N. Parsons (born May 24, 1890; died September 16, 1981) moved in 1915 from their home on Foster Ridge, about two miles west of Parchment Valley, to Akron, Ohio. Their home was on the land of James' father, Alexis Trotter Parsons (born February 27, 1859; died April 4, 1944) and mother, Nora Florence Battrell Parsons (born August 4, 1864; died April 27, 1912). James' parents are buried at Foster Chapel.

Celia grew up in Parchment Valley. Her father was George William Parsons (born June 3, 1858; died March 10, 1907); and her mother was Adelaide Evelyn Casto Parsons (born April 3, 1857; died winter of 1912). Celia's parents and grandparents are buried in Mt. Moriah churchyard. Celia's father, George William, taught school for a time. The family farmed, and with the children, seven girls, operated a general store with a post office, and a second store and post office at Rockcastle.

Celia's sisters, in order of birth, were Rosa, who married Della J. Parsons from Rockcastle (born 1884, died 1961) and moved to Columbus, Ohio, where their descendants from two sons, Marion, and Harvey now live; Luticia "Louie" who married Carl Lewis, and died shortly after giving birth to Thelma Luticia Lewis, born October 9, 1904 (Thelma married Troy Everett Kessel born October 8, 1904, and one of Thelma and Troy's children, Thelma Eloise Kessel, born August 14, 1926 now owns most of the George and Adelaide Parsons homestead in Parchment Valley where the sisters lived their childhood); Frederica, who married Odus McCrady, an operator and superintendent of gas and oil wells in West Virginia; Beatrice, born October 28, 1888, died February 3, 1951, married Hollie B. Kay, parents of Olive, Monroe, Adelaide, Virginia, and Hollie B. Kay, Jr., who was killed in Italy in World War II; Celia; Georgia, born Sep-



Adelaide Evelyn (Casto) Parsons, Celia, "Doll" Freddie, Georgia and Beatrice

tember 13, 1892, died November 30, 1984, unmarried and with major responsibility for Thelma Lewis' care; and Gracia "Doll" who married Willis Dilley of Niles, Ohio, no offspring.

James and Celia were distantly related, as both are descendants of Charles Parsons (born 1745; died November 4, 1823) and Charles' first wife, Elizabeth Chesnut, whom he married in 1764, in Maryland. James' lineage goes back to the first son of that marriage, William Lowther Parsons, (born July 24, 1769; died October 10, 1839). William married Susan Fink in 1786, and one of their offspring was William Parsons II, (born August 20, 1806; died January 27, 1892), who married Susannah Bonnett (born 1807; died February 7, 1863) in 1826. One of their children was John Nelson Parsons (born March 1, 1831; died February 13, 1912), who became the father of Alexis Trotter Parsons, the father of James Nelson Parsons.

Celia's father, George William Parsons, was the son of Hiram Parsons born December 8, 1825, died February 5, 1913 and Luticia C. Morrison. Luticia died April 2, 1880. Their children were George William, James M., Joseph, Spicer, Demmie, Della, and Minnie. Hiram's father was George (Curly) Parsons, and Hiram's mother was Fanny Woodruff before her marriage, March 1, 1827. The parents of George (Curly) Parsons were George Parsons, born 1780, death date unknown, and Mary (Polly) Sleith who married December 23, 1801 in Harrison County, West Virginia. This ancestor of Celia's, George, born in 1780, is the brother of Celia's husband's ancestor, William Lowther, born July 26, 1769, died October 10, 1839. Both brothers were the offspring of Charles Parsons, born 1745 in Maryland, died November 4, 1823, and his first wife, born Elizabeth Chesnut.

Alexis Trotter Parsons fathered nine children, as follows: Mary Etheleen (Walters) born 1883, died 1949; Emily (Simmons) born 1885, died 1970; William Everett born 1887, died 1955; James Nelson born 1890, died 1981; Susan V. (Winland) born 1892, died 1978; Margery Alice (Parrish) born 1894, died 1970; Anna B. (Casto) born 1896, died 1976; Sarah Alma "Babe" Parsons born 1896, died 1980; and Alexis "Lex" (Howe) born 1903, and living in Florida.

Before Celia and James Parsons moved to Akron, in 1915, they had two children, born at Foster Ridge, George Trotter, born July 17, 1911, and Garland Carl, born July 20, 1914. In Akron, two more children were born; Evelyn Catherine born February 6, 1917; and Edgar Allen "Bud" born January 7, 1920. They took in boarders, mostly relatives from the Ripley area, and "Jim" worked in various rubber factories. They separated in 1930, with all the children staying with their "Mom."

The education feasible for James and Celia was roughly equivalent to eight grades. The school was one room. Nevertheless, they were well-informed, read extensively, and imparted a love of learning and reading to their children. Rural Jackson County families frequently hosted "recitations" at which memorized poems provided the main entertainment.

As Celia's eyesight failed, she retained many poems in memory. On many occasions, she entertained family and neighbors with her recitations. Among many poems were, "The Face On The Bar-Room Floor," "Dan McGrew," "Asleep At The Switch," "Fair Ines," "The Dying Soldier," and Poe's "Annabel Lee," and "The Raven."

Celia died of stroke complications in 1946, age 56, and is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Akron. James died in Florida, age 91 years.

The 1989 status of James and Celia's children is as follows: George Parsons, a championship golfer, retired from Goodrich as Marketing Manager of the Plastics Division, and is living in Florida; Garland is owner and manager of Pine

Valley Golf Course in Wadsworth, Ohio; Evelyn, widowed since 1980, lives in Arlington, Virginia, and travels extensively, visiting Philip in California, and Mel in England; and Edgar "Bud" is a retired professor/research director, and lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina with his wife Frances.

Brought to Akron when he was about one year of age, Garland was educated in the Akron public schools, graduating from Garfield High School in the depths of the depression. He was an excellent golfer, and captain of the Garfield High golf team. This skill he developed while caddyding.

Garland has always been associated with golf courses. He started as a caddy, progressed to greenskeeping, to managing the Municipal Golf Course at the City of Akron, and for several years also managed the Akron Rubber Bowl. In the 1950s, he bought a farm that he converted into Bath Golf Course, and operated that course with his family, for some twenty years. After selling that course, he purchased Pine Valley Golf Course in Wadsworth, Ohio, which he and his family now operate.

In World War II, Garland served with the 82nd and the 13th Airborne Divisions, in the European Theatre.



Garland Parsons family

Garland married, in 1943, Dorsalene Darnell, an Executive Secretary at Firestone, and they have two children, Garland Carl "Gary" born April 19, 1945; and Janis, born October 18, 1947. Gary married Elaine Weygandt born February 8, 1951, and they have two children, Abigail, born January 31, 1977, and Garland Carl, born May 2, 1979. Janis married Robert Nilson, born October 3, 1947, and they have one child, Charles Nilson, born July 21, 1974. Garland's golf courses are family affairs, with Dorsalene and the children sharing in the work and making possible their success. Submitted by Edgar A. Parsons and George Parsons

GEORGE PARSONS

George born 1911, was about four years old when his parents, Celia and James Parsons moved from Foster Ridge, Jackson County, to Akron. He was educated in the Akron public schools, graduating from South High School just before becoming 16 years of age.

George started working in the office of the Miller Rubber Company immediately after high school. He attended Akron University part-time, was an outstanding golfer, winning many tournaments, and advanced rapidly to progressively more responsible manufacturer sales positions at Miller, which was subsequently purchased by Goodrich Rubber Company. When he retired, he was the oldest employee in service, just under 50 years, and was Marketing Manager of the Plastics Division. His employment was interrupted only by service in the Army, Pacific Theatre, World War II.

George married Margaret Schlemmer of Akron, and they had two children, Philip Eugene born May 24, 1943, and Paula Andrea, born January 21, 1945. Philip is a pharmacist, graduating from Ohio State, where he met his wife, Karen Figy, also a



Margaret and George Parsons with son, Philip, 1943

pharmacist. They own pharmacies in the Cleveland area. Their children are Jonathan, born February 7, 1972, and Eric, born September 11, 1973.

Paula Andrea married Carl Degan in 1974, and they live in Annapolis. They are writers, historians, producers of motion picture documentaries, and similar free-lance productions.

George's first wife, Margaret Schlemmer, died October 24, 1974, and is buried in Marietta College Cemetery. George married a second time, in 1977, to Doris Elizabeth Goodman. Doris died April 1, 1988.

George is an avid golfer, and lives on the ocean at Jensen Beach, Florida. He travels extensively, visiting his son and grandsons in Cleveland, his daughter in Annapolis, and his brothers and sister.

(For supplementary details, see related history of James and Celia Parsons, and Garland Parsons histories.) Submitted by Philip Parsons

GUY SHERIDAN PARSONS

Guy Sheridan Parsons, born March 15, 1922, was the son of Guy William Parsons and Pearl Alice Williams Parsons. Guy William and Pearl were farmers who lived in Parchment Valley, near Oak Hill.

Guy Sheridan graduated from Ripley High School in 1940, and enrolled in the College of Agriculture at West Virginia University. Guy attended the University for two years before enlisting in the Military Service in 1942. He was called to active duty in May 1943, and spent three years in the Army Medical Corps. After World War II, Guy returned to West Virginia University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1947, and a Master of Science degree in Dairy Production in 1948.

During Guy's career, he was an Instructor in Dairying at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, a Fieldman for Pet Milk Company in Greenville, Tennessee, Extension Professor and Specialist in Charge of Extension Dairy Husbandry at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Guy married Thelma Fusco November 2, 1945. Thelma graduated from St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in Lowell, Massachusetts. Thelma's career included service in various fields of Nursing, and in later years, was employed in the field of Health Education. She held the position of Director of Inservice and Continuing Education at a Medical Center in Raleigh, North Carolina.

On May 31, 1947, a son David William, was born. David graduated from Cary High School, Cary, North Carolina in 1965. He received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, and graduated from there in June 1969. After spending six years in the Navy, he joined the Naval Reserves, and at present, has the rank of Commander. During his career, he had his own insurance business, was a Trust Officer with Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, and at present, is with Price-Waterhouse, C.P.A. firm, working in the National Office located in Manhattan, New York.

David married Andrea Gail Beach from Hickory, North Carolina June 7, 1969. Gail is a graduate of Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina and

received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She is employed as a Training and Development Consultant. Their children are Andrea Michelle, born February 5, 1970, and Jennifer Carole, born September 13, 1972.

On December 31, 1949, a son, James Sheridan was born. James graduated from Cary High School in 1968. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from North Carolina State University, and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. James is practicing medicine in Raleigh, North Carolina.

James married Sara Elizabeth Senter June 21, 1975, and they have two children, James Sheridan, Junior (Dan) born December 18, 1983, and Elizabeth Anne born March 31, 1986.

Beth is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Education. She taught for several years in North Carolina and Georgia schools.

Guy retired in October 1982 from North Car-



Thelma, James, David and Guy Parsons

olina State University, and Thelma retired from Wake County Medical Center, Raleigh, North Carolina in January 1983.

Guy and Thelma enjoy football, basketball, golf and traveling. They spend winters in their home in Florida, and the rest of the year at their home in Cary, North Carolina. Submitted by Guy S. Parsons

GUY WILLIAM-PEARL (WILLIAMS) PARSONS

Guy William Parsons and Pearl Alice Williams were married November 13, 1916 and set up housekeeping in the Alexis Chapman and Minnie Myrtle Flowers Parsons homestead at Oak Hill. They were farmers and Guy supplemented their income by working for neighboring farmers and on the U.S. 21 highway. Later in life, he did carpenter work, and during World War II, worked at a war plant in Dunbar.

Guy William was forced to quit school at the age of nine, and assumed the care of his family after the untimely death of his father, Alexis Chapman Parsons. Pearl Alice Williams moved with her family from Williams Mountain in Boone County to Salt Hill when she was a small child. The family wanted to escape the coal mining industry and become farmers.

An infant daughter, Birdie, was stillborn in April 1918, and on April 16, 1919, their daughter, Naomi Myrtle was born. Their son, Guy Sheridan, was born March 15, 1922. On January 16, 1933, another daughter, Janet Deloris was born.

Guy and Pearl were hard working frugal people whose main purpose was to assure their children a better life by acquiring higher education. To pursue that end they moved from the farm and purchased a small house in Ripley in 1932, to enable their children to attend the Ripley schools. Naomi entered Junior High School at that time. Naomi graduated from Ripley High School and Charleston School of Commerce, and worked from 1938-1946 in the Bank of Ripley. Guy Sheridan was graduated from West Virginia University in

1948 with a Master's Degree and taught at the University of Tennessee, later moving to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he eventually became Head of Dairy Extension, North Carolina State University. Janet Deloris attended Ripley schools and graduated from Mt. State Business College in Parkersburg. She studied music and served many churches as organist. Submitted by Janet Goff

HANNA ELEN PARSONS

HANNA ELEN PARSONS was the second daughter and third child of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons. She died at the tender age of one year five months and 23 days. Hanna Elen was born December 17, 1851 and died June 10, 1853. She is buried in the Casto-Little Cemetery at Rockcastle. If Hanna Elen was the shortest lived of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons' children it seems appropriate to state that Clara Susan Parsons Ellison was the longest lived and died at the age of 91 years four months and 15 days.

Submitted by Michael Douglas Parsons

HENRY C. PARSONS

HENRY C. PARSONS (1834-1896), son of Travis and Mary Hess-Parsons, married SARAH ANN BOWYER (1839-1910) daughter of Adam Bowyer of Monroe County. Their home address: Reedy, Roane County.

The Henry C. Parsons' had five children, names listed:

Travis Ignatius Clarence-Dr. T.I.C. Parsons (1858-1929) when a young man went to Rockcastle, Jackson County, to teach school; studied medicine and was licensed to practice on September 23, 1881, practiced medicine in Jackson, Putnam, and Mason counties. Dr. Parsons married Emily E. Barnett (1863-1948), of Rockcastle, daughter of Enos and Lucretia Casto-Barnett; George Fleet; Ballard Rossett; Eugene Andrew Fleau; and Mary Ellen.

HENRY C. PARSONS and SARAH ANN BOWYER-PARSONS are buried in the Old Cemetery, at Ripley, as are two of their children: Ballard Parsons and Mary Ellen Parsons. Submitted by Henry L. Vencill

HERBERT BASIL PARSONS

Herbert Basil Parsons was born at Belgrove, in Jackson County, West Virginia. He was one of fourteen children born to Albert Newton and Anna Liza Parsons. Midwife Louise Raines assisted at his birth on July 4, 1906.

On January 17, 1929, Herbert was married to Opal Mae Lupardus. Opal was born December 25, 1911; one of five children born to Ezra and Amma Lupardus of Roane County. Herbert and Opal are the parents of seven children currently surviving and one son who died at age of three due to whooping cough. Names of surviving children are as follows: Violet G., born May 6, 1930; Roma L., born September 7, 1931; Mary A. born January 2, 1933; Romie L., born December 2, 1939; Betty J., born August 22, 1940; Garnet L., born February 7, 1942; and Roberta L., born June 13, 1945.

Due to an unfortunate accident in November, 1944, Herbert Basil Parsons was killed while coming to the aid of a friend. Herbert had taken a gallon glass jar of gasoline Opal had for use in their gasoline-powered washing machine and went to assist a friend whose auto had had the fuel syphoned. (Gasoline was rationed at this time due to World War II). Herbert was struck and killed by a drunken-driver while attempting to push his friend's auto out of the roadway near the town of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. At that time the maximum amount dependents received from Social Security was \$10.96 per month and that was paid to only four children, the widow and other three children received no aid.

The Parsons family relocated to the Aplin

Ridge area of Jackson County for a short time after Herbert's death. Then in 1946, Opal Parsons purchased a parcel of land adjoining her father's farm in Roane County.

Roma L. Parsons, eldest son of Herbert and Opal Parsons, joined the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He went on to win a meritorious award for bravery while stationed in Germany and was the recipient of two purple hearts. He attended elementary school in Roane County and is at the present time living and working in Baltimore, Maryland. He is married to Edna (Lednum) Parsons. They have no children.

Violet G. married Ray O. Fields on September 17, 1946. They have nine living children. Violet and all of the children but one live in Jackson County. A daughter, Dotty, lives in Wood County. Ray Fields died October 27, 1989.

Romie L. Parsons lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He is divorced and the father of two daughters. Betty J. lives in Massillon, Ohio and has two daughters and two sons. Mary A. married John E. Parsons (no relation) of Roane County. They have two sons and two daughters. Roberta L. married Orland Huffman of Roane County; they have one son. Garnet has one son and one daughter. She is married to Hubert "Webster" Walker and they reside near Ripley in the area formerly known as Salt Hill.

Opal Lupardus Parsons (Lowther) was 78 years old on Christmas day, 1989. She has been residing in Massillon, Ohio since 1958. Opal spends her spare time making quilts and blankets for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Garnet was a baby when her father was killed.

Left to Right: Opal Parsons (Lowther), Violet Parsons (Fields), Roma L. Parsons, Mary Parsons, Romie L. Parsons, Betty Parsons (Klar), Garnet L. Parsons (Walker), Roberta Parsons (Huffman). Photo taken in 1984, Herbert Parsons' widow and children.



Herbert Basil Parsons family

Submitted by Garnet Walker

HOMER H. PARSONS

Homer Howard Parsons (1892-1980) was the son of Vitalis S. Parsons (1859-1940) and Minnie Wolfe Parsons (1867-1942). He was born in Roane County near the Jackson County line and near the Lowther Methodist Protestant Church. He was one of a family of seven, with three brothers and three sisters. They were descendants of Charles Parsons, Sr. (1745-1823), Elias Parsons (1797-1849), Charles M. "Little Charley" Parsons (1828-1895) and Vitalis S., known as "Dick". A more complete history of the early family may be found in *A Record of the Parsons Family* compiled by A. Chapman Parsons and others.

Homer Parsons married Eula Elizabeth Board (1896 -) of Frozen Camp, Jackson County. She was the only child of Everett Clinton Board (1863-1950), who was a descendant of Patrick Board, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Details of Patrick Board's descendants are found in this book as written by David Board.

Family of Homer and Eula Parsons:

(1) Edna Irene (1918 -) married Delbert O. Casto (1915-1969). One child, Randy Dean (1946 -). (2) Harry Howard Parsons (1919 -)

married Elizabeth Ann Pfost (1923 -) and had three children: Gregory Post, Donna Elizabeth (Dede) and Patrick. Children of Gregory are Gregory (Chip), Matthew, Michael, Casey and Bernard. Children of Donna Elizabeth are Patrick Scott and Shannon Vaughan. (3) Anita Carol (1921 -) married James Corbin Kessel (1917 -), no children. (4) Ernest Harold (1925 -) married Jacqueline Board (1933-1986) and had four children: Jeffrey Dean, David Bruce, Donald Clayton and Douglas Clinton. Children of Douglas are Emily Ann and Lilybeth. (5) Dorothy Mae (1927 -) married Ray Corbin Hamon (1927 -) and had four children: Carol Lee, Linda Ray, David Corbin and John Franklin. Children of Carol Lee are Bradford and Oren. Linda has one son, Tyler. David has two daughters, Jennifer and Jannah.

Homer was graduate of Mountain State Business College of Parkersburg and in his early adulthood was employed by Goodrich Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio, then as an elementary teacher in Roane and Jackson Counties. He was a veteran of World War I and was an active member of the American Legion. He served as a volunteer member of the Local Draft Board during World War II. Both his sons, three sons-in-law and a grandson have served in either World War II, Korea or Vietnam. For many years he was associated with the Bank of Ripley as a director. However, most of his time was spent as a self-employed farmer and carpenter. In 1935 the family moved to 336 Church Street, Ripley, where his widow still resides.

The 240-acre Frozen Camp Creek farm was purchased from the James F. Watson estate by John Board in 1835 and is now owned by Eula Board Parsons, having been passed to each succeeding generation by John Board, Miles Board and Everett Clinton Board. At the time of this writing the farm is being purchased by the State of West Virginia as a part of a 1,300 acre game and hunting preserve. This will also include a watershed lake. Submitted by Anita Kessel

JAMES E. PARSONS

James Ervin PARSONS, known as "Erv.", was born in March 1844 in Jackson County, Western Virginia. His parents were John and Susannah PARSONS, his grandparents were John and Mary (GREATHOUSE) PARSONS. Great grandparents were Charles and Elizabeth (CHESTNUT or CHESNUT) PARSONS. James served as a private in Company K, 7th Regiment, Union Cavalry in the Civil War. On August 20, 1867 in Roane County, he married Sarah M. HARPER, born June 1848 in Jackson County, a daughter of Stephen Peter and Isabella (GREEN) HARPER, a granddaughter of Indian DEEL and Molly HARPER on the paternal side and David and Sarah (MEADOWS) GREEN of Jackson and Roane Counties West Virginia, on the maternal side. James E. and Sarah M. had eight children: (1) George Washington PARSONS, born June 18, 1867, married Margaret TAYLOR, born January 1872 and had one child; (2) Minerva N. "Sis" PARSONS, born June 15, 1870, married Doctor Franklin JORDAN, November 22, 1886 and had seven children; (3) William Perry PARSONS born April 29, 1873, married Laura Belle ASHBY, April 29, 1895 and had five children; (4) Cynthia Jane PARSONS, born February 5, 1875, married William Wilson JORDAN, February 20, 1892, and had seven children; (5) Elkanah "Cain" PARSONS, born May 19, 1876, married Rachel Leah "Lear" PARSONS, September 11, 1902 and had nine children; (6) Cinia Belle "Sunny" PARSONS, born June 6, 1878, married first April 21, 1896 to A. GIBSON, and second Melvin ASHBY; (7) Joseph Franklin PARSONS, born December 27, 1882, married Inez HACKNEY March 24, 1928 as her second husband, and had seven children; and (8) John Frederick PARSONS, born June 5, 1886, married

Stella Belle Walker, September 31, 1907, and had eight children.

James E. and Sarah M. (HARPER) PARSONS lived at various times in Roane, Kanawha, and Jackson Counties, West Virginia. Sarah M. died March 1, 1916 and James Ervin died July 12, 1916 in Jackson County and both are buried in the Jordan Cemetery at Advent, Jackson County. James E. and Sarah raised Thurman JONES a neighbors child to manhood. They had at least 43 grandchildren known to this researcher.

James Ervin PARSONS had eight younger half brothers: (1) William Ballard PARSONS, born July 5, 1850, married October 14, 1869 Parthena HARPER, had eleven children; (2) John E. PARSONS, born March 1855/58 married Nancy ASHBY; (3) Franklin M. PARSONS, born October 14, 1858; (4) Albert Neuton PARSONS, born February 15, 1862, married January 10, 1884 Annaliza FIELDS, had twelve children; (5) George Mathew PARSONS, born January, 1867, married June 19, 1888 Elizabeth Grizelda MILLER, had eight children; (6) Thomas T. PARSONS, born April, 1869; (7) Aultice S. PARSONS, born 1873; (8) Charles M. PARSONS, born 1875/76, married Mary LEE February 10, 1897. Erv had four younger half sisters: (1) Julianna PARSONS, born 1849/51 married March 28, 1866, Thaddeus SHAMBLIN; (2) Melissa J. PARSONS, born 1852, married Len GREENE; (3) Sarah Margaret PARSONS, born 1854, married Ben COLEMAN; (4) Lucinda J. PARSONS, born 1865. These were children of John and Mary Jane (TRUMAN) PARSONS. Submitted by Tobin Gail Clement

JOHN PARSONS

John Parsons was a Grandson of William Parsons who settled in Queen Anne's County, Maryland in 1725. John's parents were Charles (1745-November 4, 1823) and Elizabeth Chestnut Parsons. During the American Revolutionary War Charles Parsons entered service as a private in the Virginia Militia in the Company of Captain John Harness' Virginia Rangers. John was born in 1778 and died June 18, 1859. He married Mary Great-house (born 1790) on October 23, 1804 at St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio. They were the parents of the following children: Margaret "Peggy" (1805-1871) married Jesse Shamblin; Moses M. (1810-1880) married Mary "Polly" DeWeese; Anna (1812-1877) married Tapley Ganes; Martha "Patsy" (born 1816) married Matthias Rhodes; Charles (1822-1889) married Lucy Ann Truman; Mary Jane (born 1824) married Thomas Raines; Joshua (born 1814) married (1) Joanna Stewart, (2) Susan Ganes, (3) Hannah Redman, (4) Louisa Rollins Raines; John R. (born 1829) married Mary Jane Freeman.

On June 20, 1844 Charles Parsons (1822-1889) married Lucy Ann Truman (born 1833). Their children were: Rebecca Louisa (1848-1913) married George Washington Raines; Minerva (1849-1910) married Uriah Gande; Nancy C. (born 1853) married Asa Jones; Pheoba A. (1854-1936) married George A. Randolph; Mary Jane (1858-1868); Adam Greenberry (1860-1918) married (1) Amanda Ellen Alderman, (2) Rebecca Thompson.

Adam Greenberry Parsons (1860-September 23, 1918) married Amanda Ellen Alderman (January 1, 1857-February 2, 1930), a daughter of Dan and Lizzie Fifer Alderman, on January 24, 1878. Their children were: Arch Asbury (1879-1962) married Cora Bell Gibson; George Thomas (1880-1967) married Virgie Lee Gibson; Lizzie Anna (1883-1903) married Sylvanus Gordon; Dollie Hester (1884-1909) married William Merical; Martha Mae (1886-1908) never married; Daniel Webster (1887-1951) married Nettie F. Casto; Charles Thurman (1890-1947) married Nancy Alice Casto; Adam Roy (1891-1976)

married Virgie Marie Parsons; Infant (1893); Mary Jane (1895-1971) married James Albert Brown.

Adam's second wife was Rebecca Thompson. They had three children: Lillie C. (born 1896) married Holly B. Randolph; Dovie E. (born 1898) married Otma J. Seymour; Walter Warren (1899-1968) married Julie Lyon.

Arch Asbury Parsons (November 30, 1879-April 28, 1962) married Cora Bell Gibson (August 14, 1879-May 23, 1955), a daughter of Alexander and Jane Thompson Gibson. Arch and Cora had fifteen children. They were: Roscoe Leonard (1897-1983) married Ethel Floy Vannoy; Ollie Mae (1901-1988) married (1) Eddie Casto, (2) Milford Harris; Russell Cleo (1903-1984) married (1) Macel Casto, (2) Macie Ray Shouldis; Alpha (1904-1904); Greenberry (1906-1923) never married; Lucy Alma (1907-1975) married Charles Parsons; Esta Louise (1908-1987) married George C. Parsons; Vada Alice (born 1910) married (1) Boyd Hatcher, (2) Orville Lanham, (3) Herbert Smith; Iva Ellen (1912-1969) never married; George Winfred (1914-1985) married Alberta Westfall; Richard (born 1915) married Mamie Casto; Erma Belle (1916-1988) married Thurman Casto; Donald Leon (1918-1918); Wavy Jane (born 1919) married (1) Charles Randolph, (2) Kenna Shields; Verna Lee (1922-1978) married (1) Harlan Casto, (2) George Casto, Jr. (3) John Mangus.

Roscoe Leonard Parsons (April 5, 1897-March 10, 1983) married Ethel Floy Vannoy (born Au-



Roscoe and Ethel Parsons 50th Wedding Anniv.

gust 13, 1907), a daughter of Ephrum and Clara Jane Litton Vannoy on December 11, 1923. Ethel's paternal grandparents were Cornelius and Adaline Vannoy and her maternal grandparents were Henry and Lenora Thomas Litton. Roscoe and Ethel had six children: Mamie Bell (born January 17, 1925) married Herman Dallas Skeen; Clifton Dale (August 22, 1927-September 4, 1931); Mildred Faye (born September 15, 1932) married Carroll Victor Hunt; Monnie Gaye (born September 15, 1932) married Richard Lee Landis; Juanita Ellen (born December 1, 1936) married James Franklin Skeen; Gladys Louise (October 6, 1939-August 25, 1959) married Charles Hamon Jordon. Submitted by Mamie B. Skeen and Monnie Landis. Note: a photo of the Arch A. Parsons family may be found on page 507

JOSEPH PARSONS

Joseph Parsons born 1752/55 in Queen Ann County, Maryland, was an Indian fighter in Revolutionary War. He married Matilda Motts and came to Jackson County, Virginia about 1800. He was a brother of Charles Parsons of Jackson County, Virginia.

The children of Joseph and Matilda (no proof) were: Charles, Joseph, William S., John and Adam.

Adam Parsons' will was probated June 28, 1841, Jackson County, Virginia. He was married May 9, 1803 in Harrison County, Virginia to Susanna Greathouse. A witness on the marriage license was Henry Flesher.

Adam and Susanna had a daughter, Mary born 1810/16 and died in 1880. She was married March

19, 1829 in what is now Jackson County, West Virginia to William Stewart of Mongahela County, Virginia, 1802/6-1889.

See Stewart Family. Submitted by Ramona Stewart

JOSEPH PARSONS

Joseph Parsons, the son of William Parsons I, who came to the eastern shore of Maryland ca. 1725, and the younger brother of Charles Parsons, was born 1755 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. His family went to Rockingham or Augusta County, Virginia about 1763, and later to Buckhannon (Lewis County) in 1776.

Joseph Parsons entered the service of the United States as an Indian spy ca. 1777, and was issued a pension for his Revolutionary War service December 31, 1833.

T. Clayton Parsons has reported that Joseph Parsons was a prominent church leader and it was at his home the first class was organized in the county in 1803 when Rev. William Steel was the pastor of a Methodist circuit that included the Little Kanawha Valley through to the Great Kanawha Valley.

It is reported Joseph Parsons first wife was Matilda Motts. Children reported (no proof) are: Charles, Joseph, William S., John and Adam. Nellie Board Parsons has written that the following named children were born of Joseph Parsons: Adam, George, Charles, Joseph, and William, and that there may have been others.

Joseph Parsons married January 14, 1804 Elizabeth Bush, the daughter of Adam Bush. William (Lowther) Parsons was born 1794 and married Elizabeth Freeland, born 1792, in 1817. Adam Parsons was married May 9, 1803 to Susanna Greathouse and a daughter Mary (Polly) was born of this marriage. She married William Stewart. (See History of Mason County, 1987). Charles' wife's name was Anna — and they had a daughter named Martha. Submitted by Michael D. Parsons

JOSHUA PARSONS

Joshua Parsons born 1815 in Mason County, Virginia was the son of John Parsons and Mary Greathouse. They lived in the Kentuck area. Joshua was married four times, Joanna Stewart, Susan Ganes, Hannah Redman, and Louisa Raines. Joanna Stewart and Joshua were married March 6, 1835 in Jackson County. Children:

1. Allen R. born March 21, 1836 in Clay County married Mary Rhodes.
2. Ann Eliza born September 30, 1837 in Jackson County married Joseph Ganes.
3. David W. born 1839 in Jackson County married Martha A. McCloud.
4. Mary Elizabeth born 1843 in Jackson County married Thomas Warner.
5. George Wilson born March 26, 1845 in Jackson County married Sarah Jane Rhodes.
6. Charles W. born 1847 in Jackson County did not marry.
7. Sarah Janes born 1849 in Jackson County married Simon Newberry.

Joanna died in 1850 or 51.

Susan and Joshua were married November 16, 1851. Children:

1. Adam Benson born 1852 in Jackson County married Harriett Green.
2. Jackson born February 4, 1853 in Jackson County married Delila Burdette.

Susan died November 7, 1856.

Hannah and Joshua were married August 26, 1857. Children:

1. Julia H. born October 21, 1858 in Jackson County.
2. Nancy A. born 1861 in Jackson County.
3. Franklin born August 24, 1867 in Jackson County.
4. Moses G. born April 1866 in Jackson, married Mary A. Ferrell.

5. Taplin born January 19, 1872 in Jackson County, died at the age of four years.

6. Oral died at the age of three months.

7. Anthony born July 1875 in Jackson County, died January 10, 1876.

No children were born to Joshua and Louisa.

Ann Eliza, second child of Joshua and Joanna, married March 10, 1853 Joseph B. Ganes. Joseph was born 1829 in Clay County, one of a set of triplets, to Joseph Ganes Sr. Joseph and Ann Eliza had the following children:

1. Benjamin born April 20, 1855, died young.
2. Angeline born July 14, 1858, died young.
3. Margaret Jane born February 28, 1861, married George W. Nesslerode.
4. Josephine Ann born December 20, 1864. Joseph died November 6, 1864 at Danville, Virginia Prison Camp of chronic diarrhea. He had enlisted in the army at Charleston August 9, 1863 at 34 years of age. He was reported missing July 23, 1864 at Winchester, Virginia.

Josephine Ann was the only one of Joseph's children to have children.

1. Florida M. Ganes born May 20, 1882, married Elias E. Hafer.
2. Alice Margaret Ganes born May 14, 1886, married John D. Sines.

Josephine Ann married June 19, 1892 Hiram L. Parsons, born July 25, 1871, son of George Parsons and Sarah Jane Rhodes. Hiram and Josephine had the following children:

1. Iona Virginia born December 28, 1892, married William F. Still.
2. Carlos Edison born January 7, 1895, married Goldie Clark.
3. Russell Denver born October 2, 1897, married Stella V. Borré.
4. George Dayton born January 29, 1900, married Lillie Casto, then married Margaret.
5. Joseph Clayton born January 29, 1900, married Docha Cottrill.
6. Floy Gertrude born October 17, 1902, married Ora Shrout.

Hiram died May 23, 1938 and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery. Josephine died April 23, 1944 and is buried in Lone Oak Cemetery in Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia.

Alice Margaret Ganes married November 29, 1908, John Delaney Sines, born March 22, 1883. He was the son of Henry Sines and Nancy Cooper. They resided in Mason County after their marriage. Three sons were born to them.

1. Claude Elwood born February 24, 1910, married Eva T. Bostic.
2. Cecil Edgar born March 10, 1913, married Pauline Marcum.
3. Carol Emmet born November 3, 1921, married Jean Plunkett.

John died July 27, 1947. Alice Margaret died January 18, 1962. They are buried in Pine Grove Cemetery at Leon, West Virginia.

Claude Ellwood married October 21, 1939, Eva T. Bostic born March 31, 1921. She was the daughter of James Monroe Bostic and Amanda Mae Oliver Mattox Bostic. Children:

1. Roscoe born May 23, 1940, died at birth.
2. Nancy Irene born July 17, 1941, married Don Darrell Oldaker.
3. Carolyn Ann born August 31, 1943.
4. Claude Alfred born April 19, 1947, married Reva Belle Nibert.

Claude Ellwood died December 29, 1978 and is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery at Leon, West Virginia.

Nancy Irene married May 10, 1958, Don Darrell Oldaker, born January 13, 1939, son of Homer H. Oldaker and Nellis Whittington. Don and Irene have two children:

1. Sharon Kay Oldaker born January 8, 1959.
 2. Samuel Clark born April 16, 1961.
- Claude Alfred married May 18, 1969, Reva Belle Nibert born May 7, 1948, daughter of Willis

Nibert and Hattie Gardner Nibert. Alfred and Reva have three sons:

1. Chad Avery, born March 3, 1973.
2. Corey Amos, born June 17, 1976.
3. Clyde Alden, born April 27, 1977. *Submitted by Nancy Irene Oldaker and Sharon K. Oldaker*

LESTER PARSONS

Lester Allen Parsons was born at the Starcher Hospital, in Ripley, on December 13, 1947. The second son of five children, born to Clyde Edwin and Minnie Geraldine Casto Parsons. Grandson of Boyd Leon and Luella Corfee Parsons and James Thomas and Minnie Samantha Reynolds Casto.

Lester's brother is Larry and sisters are Marlene Lawrence, Vanessa Rothrock and Jaris Cummings.

Reared in Jackson County schools and a veteran from the Viet Nam Era, he served most of his tour of duty at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

June 6, 1970, Lester married Roberta Ann Alfred of Parkersburg, West Virginia. The Alfred family originally from Lewis County and lived in Elyria, Ohio and St. Marys, etc.

Robbie and Lester started housekeeping at Evans; in the house built by Marshall and Dellie Reynolds Long, during the depression and later occupied by Judge Millers' family, and then by Lesters' grandparents, the Boyd Parsons family.

Lester, a barber, and employed at Ravenswood Aluminum and Roberta a registered nurse at Jackson General Hospital, raised four children: Allison born December 13, 1971, Nathan, May 6, 1973, and twins, Daniel and David, September 18, 1976.

Nearly 20 years later, four children and lots of remodeling, the family still reside at Evans. *Submitted by Lester Parsons*

LEWIS FRANKLIN PARSONS

LEWIS FRANKLIN PARSONS was the fourth child and second son born to Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons. He was born October 6, 1852, on Thirteen Mile Creek near Rockcastle and died October 8, 1935, in Ripley at the home of his son Glen L. Parsons. Lewis Franklin Parsons and Sarah Francis Grant of South Webster, Ohio, were married August 17, 1874. She was born March 20, 1852, and died March 15, 1915. They established a home on Parchment Creek near Foster Chapel in 1876 and were prominent members of the community for almost half a century. Two sons, Kenneth G. and Glen L. were born to this union. Their parents are buried at Foster Chapel.

Lewis Franklin was described upon his death as having been one of the good farmers of Jackson County and as one who helped make Jackson County the good place that it was that day. It was said he was an active participant in all worthwhile affairs of his vicinity and was always to be found on the side of the right. *Submitted by Adrian Parsons*

LOVELL PARSONS-STAATS (PART I)

Lovell Minor Parsons (1864-1940) was born on March 31, 1864 on Thirteen Creek in Mason County (Now Jackson), West Virginia and died on March 25, 1940 in Wood County, West Virginia, buried in Shinn (Fairplain) Cemetery. He was the tenth child and sixth son of Alexis Fink (1827-1895) and Phoebe Casto 1830-1919 Parsons who were pioneers in the county and United Brethren (Calvary) Church. His grandparent(s) were William II and Susannah Bonnett Parsons, (William, William L., or William Lowther) and Susan Fink Parsons, Charles and Elizabeth Chesnut Parsons and the beginning was William Parsons, the Emigrant as we know it now.

Lovell Minor first married on March 2, 1885, Cordelia Staats born May 31, 1867 and daughter of William and Emily Jane Casto, grandparent(s) Isaac and Eliza Tolla (Tolley) Staats, Cornelius

Staats, and Abraham and Ann King Staats as I have been told. To this union was born Talmadge Clayton "T. Clayton" married in 1907 Mamie Ethel, daughter of Elias Staats. Their children were Mary Virginia 1908-1908. Starling Staats married Chorlee Taylor, second marriage Euna Harpold. Talmadge Clayton, Jr. married Margaret Criss and they had two sons, Talmadge Clayton III and David Allen. Their last two children, Florence Eleanor 1920-1920 and Lewis Eugene 1926-1936. The second son, Alexis, married Jessie Jane Stewart and they had the following children, and lived in Vienna, West Virginia: Alexis Fink; Hazel Cordelia married Kenneth Wayne Zook; Mary Pauline married George Davis Gardner; they had a son, Gary David; Carl Stewart married Mildred Russi and their children, Paul and Georgette Irene; and Patricia Lenore married Solon Soteris and their children, Alexander, Nickoletta and Anthony. The last three children of L.M. and Cordelia were Quayler Clarence (1891-1899) and the twins Cordelia and Lovell, who died along with their mother when they were born in 1894.

In Lovell Sr.'s younger days, he drove a huckster wagon between Ripley and Rockcastle. The family



Lovell Minor Parsons I

moved to Parchment and he became a well known stock farmer. He purchased the Dennis Kessel farm from his father and he and Corda planned and built a house (present Clyde Lathey farm house). He raised cattle and became a large landowner. *Submitted by Fred Parsons*

LOVELL PARSONS-KING (PART II)

Lovell Minor second marriage was on April 15, 1896 to Mary Hannah King born July 7, 1870,



Lovell M. and Mary Hannah (King) Parsons

died March 13, 1954 at Court Street Home, Ripley, West Virginia, buried in Fairplain Cemetery, a daughter of George Samuel Matson King and Caroline Staats. Here grandparent(s) Samuel R. King and Mary C. Riley, Francis King II and Mary

Richard, Leonard King and Katherine — , Walter King and Elizabeth Pratt, William Alfred King and Sophie Burgess, William King and Judith Peyton Brent, Robert King and Elizabeth Brooks and Francis King I who lived in Stafford County Virginia.

To this union was born a daughter, Matson "Matsie" who married Daniel Manning Dorsey and had the following children: Helen Marie, Minnie Dee, Daniel Manning Jr., Donald Conwell and William Parsons. They had three sons Lovell Minor Jr., who married Nellie Board, daughter of Charles Holly Board and Elizabeth M. Roush and had five sons, Lovell Minor III, Charles Franklin, William Keith, Roger Lee, and Ronald Gene. Warren King married Sarah Madeline Casto, daughter of Virgil Casto and Mollie Skidmore. To this union was born Robert King, Mollie Ann and Nancy Sue. Frederiek Wade Don married Marion Ethlyn Goodman daughter of Clarence Marion Goodman and Edna Mae "Teddy" Vollmer; to this union was born Ethlyn and Frederiek Wade Don "Sunny" II

Mr. Parsons was one of Jackson County's larger farmers and landowners. He was known as a fancier of purebred Hereford cattle which buyers and breeders came from widely separated sections of the country to see and buy herd stock. He owned land from the home place following the road to the present Baptist Camp and on the Given Road towards the Pleasant Hill Church. Lovell was one of the prime movers in the building of Ripley United Brethren (Calvary) Church corner of North and Court Streets. Served as a trustee of the church. Was a leader in roads and erection of a high school building in Ripley, and helped establish and promote the first telephone and electric power lines into his home community.

Soon after the death of his father, who was a charter stockholder in the Bank of Ripley, he purchased the father's stock and was made a director, later Vice-President and after Warren Miller, for many years served as president of the Bank.

After many years on the Parchment farm, Mr. Parsons and his wife, Mary, decided to spend their evening years in Ripley. He purchased the George B. Crow home on Court Street in the early 1920s. His son, Lovell M. Jr., continued with the farm and lived there for many years before moving to Ohio.

Lovell and Mary's home as seen by a grandchild. It was a two story white house with a front porch and a sun room over the porch. There was a porch across the back of the house. This house had a partial basement along with crawl spaces under most of the house. As you entered the front, on the left was the parlor and stairs to the second story, on the right was the library and on down the hall to dining/sitting, bedroom, kitchen and stairways to the upstairs. Upstairs were two bedrooms and an apartment which the Dery family lived in for many years.

As you sat in the rocker on the back porch and looked out over the flower and vegetable gardens



L. M. Parsons house (back)

you could see a small house along Syeamore

Street, behind which was a barn where livestock was kept and the feed was stored in the loft. Behind the gardens was a chicken house and to the right was a corn crib. There were many shrubs and colorful plants around the yard. Beside the house on Court Street still stands a house Mr. Parsons built. Behind the chicken house were three lots on which an Adams-Winter family lived, one where some animals were kept at time and the lot along the creek where his youngest son built a house in the early 1930s. This house and lot is a block from the past and present Court House. *Submitted by Ethlyn Parsons (West Virginia) and Frederick Wade Don Parsons III (Louisiana)*

MARY ELEN PARSONS

Mary Elen Parsons was the third daughter and fifth child of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons. She was born March 22, 1855 and died December 19, 1906. On October 9, 1879, she married Phillip Shatto in the Alexis Fink Parsons home in Parchment Valley.

Four children were born to this union: George, Phoebe Catherine, married Arthur Staats, Benjamin D., and Robert S. Shatto.

Phillip Shatto was born February 15, 1848 and died February 11, 1926. Mary Elen and Phillip Shatto are buried at Oak Hill. *Submitted by Mabel Bibbee*

NELLIE B. PARSONS

This story was written by Nellie Board Parsons in 1973. It tells a story, common to West Virginia as well as Jackson County, of making a living and moving away from the county and state.

Nellis was the daughter of Charles Holly Board and Elizabeth Roush. Elizabeth was the daughter of Levi Roush and Sarah Rebecca Hyre. Charles Holly Board was a grandson of Nancy Parsons Casto Board, a half-sister of Capt. William Parsons who settled at Ripley. Thus Nellie Board and Lovell Parsons Jr. were distant cousins.

Nellie Lee Board was born at Frozen Camp on June 7, 1904.

"I attended High School at Ripley, West Virginia, staying with my uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roush. I graduated May 26, 1922. At that time one could have an elementary teaching certificate good for one year, with graduation from high school and six hours credit on the college level. I, with five other girls from Ripley, went to Huntington and attended Marshall College for a six weeks term. We received our certificates and were ready to teach the following year: 1922-23.

"I taught the home school at Frozen Camp. There were 44 pupils enrolled, eight grades and three of the boys were older than I. Selma (sister) was one of the pupils. My salary was \$75 per month.

"The year 1923-24, I taught at Montana Mines, a mining town about five miles from Fairmont. I was not rehired so I spent the year (1924-25 in school at Huntington). I boarded with Della Brinker, a first cousin of my mother. Since the previous three summers had been spend attending summer terms, I had now accumulated enough credits to obtain a standard Normal Certificate good for five years.

"I taught at Mullens, West Virginia the year 1925-26. This is the southern part of the state at the head of the Guyandotte River. The salary was \$125 which I thought was wonderful.

"That fall, I married Lovell Minor Parsons, Jr.; August 29, 1926) and taught at Parchment Valley School. (Son) L.M., III was born in October 1927, so I did not teach that year. However, the year 1928-29, I again taught at Parchment Valley, making five years teaching in West Virginia.

"Soon our family grew to include five sons and although I renewed my certificate, teaching was impossible. (What is unsaid is the canning of food, farming, raising chickens as well as boys. She did

fill in at Parchment Valley and taught her boys when the school closed early one year.)

"Problems of educating the boys caused the family to decide to move to Ohio in April 1947.

"At that time there was a shortage of teachers. In March 1949, there was a vacancy at Baltimore, Ohio in the first grade classroom. I was asked to finish the year. I obtained an Ohio temporary certificate by sending in my old unused West Virginia one. The temporary was renewable with completion of a 3-hour course in education each year. When there was a vacancy at Thruston in the first grade, I applied. I was hired and taught there for 17 years. I renewed my certificate each year with various extension classes and correspondence courses.

"By 1958 I had accumulated enough hours so that residency was needed for a degree. With much cooperation from my husband, I went to Athens and attended a five-week term in 1958 and a 10-week term in 1959, graduating that summer (summa cum laude). I was very proud. I was 55 years old but I had my degree and had put myself through college.

"After Thurston and Baltimore consolidated the first grades were all sent to Baltimore. I taught one year. Health problems indicated it was time to retire. I had taught a total of 23 years and three months.

"I do not feel old (this was written in 1973). I think I have filled my life full as I could with service to my family and community. I leave a legacy of five fine sons with beautiful families.

"God has been good.

Nellie Board Parsons died May 10, 1978

The sons of Lovell M. Parsons, Jr. and Nellie Board are:

Lovell M. Parsons, III; children: Charles, Susan and Karen.

Charles F. Parsons; children: Duane, Shawn and Craig.

William K. Parsons; children: David, Jackie, Charlotte and Daryl.

Roger L. Parsons; children: James and Ann.

Ronald G. Parsons; children: Brenda, Phillip, Diana, and David. *Submitted by Charles F. Parsons and Lovell M. Parsons III*

OKEY JOHNSON PARSONS

OKEY JOHNSON PARSONS, the 11th child and seventh son of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons, was born December 3, 1867, died June 7, 1959, and is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. He married Nora Casto January 7, 1892. She was born May 5, 1871, died September 2, 1955, and also is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Three children were born of this union: Odie Mae, Clara Ava and Goldie Glenva.

Many men are known by the business that they follow rather than by their name. Okey Johnson was a farmer and owned a farm on Parchment. He visited folks in sickness or misfortune with words of wisdom, ministered to them in time of need, gave them good advice when they sought it, and was a friend to all at all times.

The story was told in 1954 in one of the Charleston newspapers that "Uncle Oke" as a young man rode a horse to Charleston to see a young lady that he wanted to know better. His boyhood friend, O.J. Morrison, kidded him about it as he passed through Kenna. Morrison had opened his first store there a few months before. Upon arriving in Charleston, after 40 miles of mud and his three gaited mare losing two shoes, he put his horse in a livery stable, checked into Charleston's best hotel, the Ruffner, and in due time called on his lady love. For the evenings entertainment they decided to go to a gypsy fortune teller.

As they were leaving the fortune teller, the gypsy's hand caught him to the sleeve. "Kind sir," said the gypsy, "If it be your wish, for one dime I will see that you'll never have a toothache

in your life." Uncle Oke stopped to consider. A dime was a lot of money in those days. It took a lot of hard work on a farm to make a dime. Still, a toothache usually cost more. Well, anyway he thought, why not? This was his first big fling in the city. He gave the gypsy a dime. And the woman, bold and dark, reached over and kissed him on the mouth in a deep embrace. It was almost more than the country boy could take and his arms just dropped to his side while his lady friend stared in horror. Needless to say, despite his pleading, the Charleston belle said she never wanted to see him again.

Uncle Oke road back to Parchment Valley the next day vowing to never again visit Charleston. And he never did!

Time heals all wounds and it wasn't long until Uncle Oke met a pretty country girl named Nora Casto. They had three daughters who are named above. Uncle Oke never visited Charleston again. He said if he could find the young gypsy woman again he would give her a \$50 bill since everything had turned out so well. Because at the age of 87 he had never had a toothache and still had all his own teeth. *Submitted by Charles M. Jones*

ORTON DANA PARSONS

ORTON DANA PARSONS was the 13th child, ninth son, and youngest child of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons. He was born April 13, 1873, died December 26, 1957, and is buried at the East Akron/Greenlawn Cemetery in Akron, Ohio.

His first marriage was to Georgia Unrue and two sons, Harry and Clyde, were born to this union. Orton Dana then married Johnney Dove Unrue. Three children, Orpha, Norman and Willard were born of this marriage. Johnney Dove Parsons was born June 3, 1872, died December 13, 1962, and is buried at the East Akron/Greenlawn Cemetery in Akron.

Orton Dana and Johnney Dove Parsons moved from Parchment Creek to Akron in 1909 taking Clyde, Orpha, Norman and Willard. Orton became a policeman for the Goodyear Rubber Company in 1920, a deputy sheriff in 1926, and began working for Akron City in 1930. He retired sometime in 1946. He had a beautiful voice and could sing and play different musical instruments. It was said he was a good businessman and as a public official never passed up an opportunity to help his fellow man. Orton Dana Parsons died as a result of being hit by an automobile December 22, 1957. *Submitted by Donald H. Graven*

RAYMOND PARSONS

Raymond Parsons (1909-1983) was the second of three children born to Otmer and Lelia (Hyre) Parsons of Frozen Camp. Raised in poverty and hard work, his love for learning began in a one room schoolhouse that was across the road from the Old Mill Creek Baptist Church.

He fought many obstacles to attend high school in Ripley. Because he lived so far away, he moved in with his grandparents David and Sarah Ann (Roush) Hyre. From there, he walked the remaining four miles into town.

In 1927, he began medical school at Athens, Ohio. When the stock market crashed in 1929, he returned home to help his family survive. It was during this time that he accepted a job teaching in a one room school on Joe's Run Road. He remarked once that, before he retired, he had students who were the grandchildren of those first students.

In the late 1930s, he returned to college at Marshall to complete his undergraduate degree. He then moved to Maryland where he taught at the District Training School for who were then labeled "criminally insane children." It was while he was working there that he was called into service in the Army.



Raymond Parsons

Upon his return home to Frozen Camp, he married Bettie Lou Wolfe (1922-1980), daughter of Early Gay and Crystal (Cook) Wolfe. They had four children, Barbara born 1948, Cheryl born 1950, David born 1952 and Lella born 1957.

In 1958, he took a leave of absence from his teaching job and moved the entire family to College Park, Pennsylvania to complete his master degree in Physics at Pennsylvania State University. While there, he surprised neighbors by shoveling snow under his mobile home. They soon discovered that snow was a good insulator, and actually keep the trailer warmer.

Returning home, he settled into his lifestyle of teaching by winter and farming by summer. One summer, however, he accepted a job at Union Carbide in South Charleston. The long drive, high stress, and health problems that followed soon convinced him to return to the teaching profession. For, although, it was less money, teaching was the life he loved.

He remained a teacher at Ripley High School until his retirement in 1974. But he still remained a teacher. People repeatedly sought him out for his advice and opinions. *Submitted by Lella J. Parsons Miller*

RICHARD OLIN PARSONS

The Richard Olin Parsons Family comes from the lineage of Charles Parsons, Sr.: Family History Records of 1745-1823. The first marriage of Charles Parsons, Sr., was to Elizabeth Chestnut of Harrison County, West Virginia, and the first born of William Lowther, aka William L., William, and Captain William Parsons, born July 24, 1769, and died October 10, 1839, and buried at Frozen Camp, Jackson County, West Virginia. He married Susan Fink in 1786 and their last child, William Parsons II born in 1806 and died in 1892 married Susan Bonnett November 1826 and was the first white child born in the vicinity of Ripley. The first child of William Parsons II and Susan Bonnett Parsons was Alexis Fink Parsons born October 13, 1827, at the home on Parchment Creek, married Phoebe Casto, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Shinn Casto March 30, 1848. To this marriage it has been reported that 14 children were born although records only can be established for 13 children. The seventh child being RICHARD OLIN PARSONS, born April 12, 1858, died March 15, 1930, and is buried at Warner Cemetery in Mason County, married Elsie Christina Atkinson on December 16, 1880, who was born January 20, 1860, and died July 21, 1917 and they had 12 children: namely, Alexis Willy, Flora N., Edward Everett, Nannie Pearl, Clara Cordelia, Infant Daughter, James Lloyd, Herbert Fink, Claude Atkinson, Infant Daughter, Elsie Maire, Infant Daughter.

Richard and Elsie were members of the Mt.

Olive United Brethern Church located at Rockcastle, Jackson County, West Virginia, where they lived and raised their family.

Edward Everett, Clara Corda, James Lloyd, Claude Atkinson all moved to the state of Ohio while Herbert Fink and Elsie Maire remained in



Richard Olin and Elsie Christina (Atkinson) Parsons

West Virginia. Herbert Fink Parsons born March 19, 1894, died February 11, 1976, and is buried at Fairplain Cemetery, first marriage was to Grace Barnett, born October 27, 1897, and died September 14, 1960, and is buried at Fairplain Cemetery; and had two children: Edison Julian and Herbert Fink II and who reside in Jackson County, West Virginia. The second marriage was to Erma Westfall born November 6, 1901, and had one daughter, Alberta Lee, who married Jarrett Board of Roane County and resides in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and the third marriage was to Bessie Lee Channels born June 6, 1906, and resides in Charleston, West Virginia.

Elsie Maire Parsons born May 15, 1902, died September 22, 1966, was married to Cloyd A. Painter and had two daughters, Anna Ruth and Betty Jo, two sons, Keith Alvin and one infant son. *Submitted by Judith Miller*

RICK AND JENNIFER PARSONS

My name is Jennifer Dian Parsons and I was born March 2, 1974 at Camp Pendleton, California while my father was in the Marine Corps.

My parents are Frederick Wade Don "Rick" Parsons III and Diane Lynn Raines. Both my parents attended Ripley High School, where my father played defensive end in football and ran track. My father graduated from Ripley High



Rick, Jennifer and Debby Parsons

School.

We returned to Ripley, West Virginia after the Marine Corps and my father attended Parkersburg Community College (West Virginia University, Parkersburg) for a semester. We then moved to Morgantown, West Virginia, where he graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

My father accepted a position with Gulf Oil Company upon graduation in 1981. He moved to Lafayette, Louisiana where he is currently working for Chevron, USA. During his early years with Gulf Oil Company, he married Deborah Less Hewitt from Arlington, Virginia. Deborah graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Finance from West Virginia University.

In 1985 they spent a year overseas drilling oil wells (offshore) in the United Arab Emirates. While they were there my father was the overseer of the production of the oil field. During this time there they took the opportunity to travel extensively in Europe, Egypt, and the Far East.

They returned to Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1986 with Chevron, USA who bought Gulf Oil Company. Rick works on land and offshore in the oil fields. Debby is a Financial Planner. I am currently a sophomore at Morgantown High School, Morgantown, West Virginia, where I am a member of the girls basketball team.



Jennifer and Matthew Parsons

In the picture above is my cousin Matthew Scott Parsons. Our birthdays are on the same month and day. Submitted by Jennifer D. Parsons, West Virginia, and Greg Parsons, Penna

DR. T.I.C. PARSONS

TRAVIS IGNATIUS CLARENCE PARSONS (1858-1929) was born at Reedy, Roane County,



T. I. C. and Emily (Barnett) Parsons

son of Henry C. Parsons (1834-1896) and Sarah Ann Bowyer-Parsons (1839-1910). When a young man he went to Rock Castle to teach school; became interested in and studied medicine, and was licensed to practice medicine on September 23, 1881.

October 12, 1881, Dr. Parsons married EMILY E. BARNETT (1861-1848) daughter of Enos and Lucretia Casto-Barnett (1835-1935), of Rock Castle. Ten children were born to the Parsons; four of whom died at Rock Castle: buried in the Barnett Cemetery: Loola Geneva (1885-1904), Ernest Fleau (1888-1892), Henry Clayton (1890-1892), and an unnamed son (October 18, 1892, died same day).

In 1905 the Parsons family moved to North Street, opposite the Courthouse, Ripley.

MRS. PARSONS was a dedicated homemaker. With her kind and gracious manner, she was a delightful hostess; loved by family and all who knew her.

Research beginning with the 1916 edition of the *West Virginia Legislative Handbook and Manual and Official Register*, through the 1929 edition, Dr. Parsons' record: Jackson County Health Officer, member of the U.S.B.'d Ex. Surgeons, 1919 edition: *West Virginians in the War*, is included in the *Four Minute Men*. Active in politics he was a member of Jackson County, Democratic Executive Committee; also a physician for the B&O Railroad.

Dr. Parsons died February 1929; funeral at the Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, South, burial in Pine Hill Cemetery; Masonic Services.

Announcement from Jackson County Newspaper: PROMINENT RIPLEY PHYSICIAN IS CALLED BY DEATH

Tributes (excerpts) — Dr. Parsons. . . practiced his profession at Rockcastle and to the people of that section of the country. Throughout these years he was advisor, counselor, and friend. Days and nights he rode the hills and valleys of that section to administer to the needs of the sick and dying. . . . no night was ever too dark, no day too cold for him to respond to a call. He practiced in Jackson, Putnam and Mason Counties. To relieve suffering humanity was his delight, and this he did in a marked degree. . . . He was an exceedingly bright man, an exceedingly bright physician and was one of the leading physicians in this section of the state.

He had an extensive practice until a few years before his death. He was survived by the widow, and the following children: Mrs. W.L. (Lola) Lynch; Mrs. C. Hess (Erma) Maddox; Mrs. Howard (Edith) Staats; Mrs. Addison (Gladys) DuBois; A. Londus Parsons, M.D.; and T.I.C. Parsons, Jr. Brother: B.R. Parsons and E.A.F. Parsons.

MRS. PARSONS died in February, 1948; funeral at the Parsons home on North Street; burial in Pine Hill Cemetery. Survivors: Mrs. W.L. (Lola) Lynch, Mrs. C. Hess (Erma) Maddox, Mrs. Addison (Gladys) DuBois, and T.I.C. Parsons, Jr. Brother: Oscar Barnett. Submitted by Thomas I. Maddox

TRAVIS PARSONS

TRAVIS PARSONS (born 1812, died ca 1890) son of Captain William Lowther Parsons and Elizabeth Nancy Walker-Parsons.

Travis Parsons married MARY HESS (PARSONS) on May 6, 1830.

The census of 1870, Census Bureau, Washington, D.C., listed Travis Parsons as 58 years of age, and Mary Hess-Parsons as 58 years. The children listed were: Miriam, Sarah, Asberry.

Another source lists the children of Travis and Mary Hess-Parsons: Henry C. (married Sarah Ann Bowyer), Calvin, Lawson, Ballard, Miriam (married John H. Jewell), and "Sis" (married Wesley Winters).

Mary Hess-Parsons died at the home of the son Ballard. Submitted by Mrs. James W. (Frances Lynch) Vencill

WILLIAM PARSONS I

William Parsons I, it is reported, came to the eastern shore of Maryland about 1723-1725. Years of research by family members have not produced authoritative information regarding his life. Nellie

Board Parsons reported in 1973 that our earliest ancestors in America were three Parsons brothers, Thomas, William and Solomon. We know that Thomas, Sr. had four sons and two daughters. William is believed to have had two sons, Charles and Joseph, who were born in Queen Anne's County, Maryland in 1745 and 1755 respectively.

Although little is known of William's life, posterity has left a few references to his activity. He is shown in *Early Colonists of Maryland* as coming to Maryland in 1723, not 1725 as has frequently been reported. In Magruder's *Maryland Abstracts*, Chapter III, William Parsons teste to the will of George Smith, Sr., Worcester County, Maryland. The will is dated July 27, and proved August 23, 1775. The *Daughters of American Colonists Linage Book* states William Parsons died in 1778, and lists Charles Parsons as his son.

Joseph Parsons, William's son, in his pension declaration made in 1834, states he was born in 1755 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland and that when he was seven or eight years of age he removed to either Augusta or Rockingham County, Virginia and later to Buchannon Fort in Lewis County in 1776, and was living there when he entered the service. It seems reasonable to believe that William Parsons I brought his family to Virginia about 1763 and lived there until about 1776. Years of research has not determined the name of William's wife.

Some family members have reported that William Parsons I came from England. Some evidence exists that this could be true since at least two William Parsons' came to the eastern shore of Maryland about 1725. Another member of the family has published that according to tradition William Parsons left Prussia on account of religious persecution, first came to the Netherlands, and later to Maryland. It has been reported that William I had a third son, Thomas. There was a Thomas Parsons, Sr. who was prominent in pioneer Virginia and he could have been a brother to William but we do not have any proof of the relationship. Submitted by A. Chapman Parsons

WILLIAM PARSONS II (PART I)

William Parsons II was the eldest son of Charles Parsons, Sr., (1745-1823), who was the eldest son of William Parsons I, who it has been reported came to the eastern shore of Maryland about 1723-1725. William Parsons II has by tradition been referred to as William Lowther



Log home (formerly on Parchment), now on Route 34

Parsons, and most of the family records and local historical society journals have used the name William Lowther Parsons. However, the use of the name has not been authoritatively established and he signed his name William Parsons.

William Parsons was born July 24, 1769 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland on the eastern shore, the first born of Charles Parsons and Elizabeth Chestnut. He moved with his father and grandfather to Augusta or Rockingham County, Virginia about 1763 and later to the South Branch of the Potomac River, and still later to Randolph County and Fort Buchannon.

It has been difficult to research this family since few early records were kept, or have been destroyed over the years. Dates of marriages and births and deaths are elusive or non-existent. Many records have been transferred by word of mouth and by traditional family lore.

William Parsons II married in 1786 Susan Fink, the daughter of Henry Fink, a noted Indian fighter. It has been reported that William Parsons II came to Warth's Bottom (1790-1793), with his family, and father, Charles', family. He is thought to have moved to the vicinity of the present site of Ripley about 1801, cleared some land, and built a cabin on the bank of Mill Creek. It has been reported that he and his family lived in a hollow sycamore tree before a cabin was erected. His name first appeared on Kanawha County Tax Records in 1801. It has been written that he moved to Sycamore Creek one mile east of the present site of Ripley. On January 26, 1806 he was granted 92 acres of land bordering the John Swan Grant on Sycamore Creek. On June 11, 1811 he was granted 100 acres on Sycamore Creek which shared a boundary with his father, Charles Parsons. William Parsons was granted other acreage on Parchment Creek and at Frozen Camp.

During his early years in the vicinity of Ripley and Jackson County, it is reported that he may have not owned a horse but may have owned a cow. He raised corn, obtained salt from a site near Charleston and hunted and fished for the balance of the family's food and clothing. During the War of 1812 he recruited a company of soldiers and marched to Norfolk, Virginia where many of his men became sick with cabin fever. William Parsons II gained a Captaincy in the Sixth Regiment, Virginia Militia and a marker was dedicated in his memory July 30, 1977 at his grave site in the Upper Mill Creek Cemetery at Frozen Camp by the Lord Calvert Chapter of the Daughters of 1812. Submitted by Sunny Parsons

WILLIAM PARSONS II (PART II)

T. Clayton Parsons stated in his *Genealogy of the Parsons Family* updated that Captain "Billy" Parsons led a very busy life and was public spirited in the settling of this new frontier. He appointed in 1807 by the County Court of Mason County as one of three persons to help lay out and mark off the Point Pleasant and Clarksburg Turnpike. When the first "Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery" was held in Ripley in 1831 by Lewis H. Summers, Judge, 19th Circuit of the 10th Judicial District of Virginia, Captain Billy was named Tip-Staff and Crier by the Judge since to sheriff had yet been appointed. It is reported that during the decade beginning in 1820, Captain Billy contracted to cut out a bridle path from Letart, Ohio by the way of Ripley, Reedyville, and New California (Spencer), to the mouth of Steer Creek on the Little Kanawha River. This bridle path now is what is known as Route 33.

Captain William Parsons was one of the many daring frontiersmen, who along with his father, pushed into the settlements on the Ohio River after the battle of Point Pleasant, which made the land more safe from Indian attacks. He witnessed the formation of Kanawha County in 1788, Mason County in 1804, Jackson County in 1831, and was an active participant in local, state and national affairs of the day.

William Parsons II (Captain Billy) was born July 24, 1769 and died October 10, 1839. He first married in 1786 Susan Fink, and as near as it can be established, they were parents of seven children: Henry, John Fink, Martha, Hannah, Susan, William III, and Charles, an infant, who along with his mother died at birth. They were both buried at the site of the old settlers cemetery at Ripley. It is reported they were buried in the northwest corner of the cemetery; however, the graves can't be

of the cemetery; however, the graves can't be located.

Captain Billy married second February 28, 1809. Elizabeth Nancy Walker in Harrison County. They were parents of nine children as follows: Mary, Travis, Ann, Jerusha, Elizabeth, George Walker, Caroline, Margaret Jannette and Lafayette.

Henry Parsons, the eldest child, was born at Fort Buchannon. He married June 6, 1823 Lavina Turner, born 1801. Their children were: Washington, born 1824, died 1895, married Margaret Custer; Solomon, born 1826, married Lucinda Deweese; Elizabeth, born 1828; Amanda, born 1833, married January 8, 1857 Samuel Deweese; Evans, born 1835, married first June 15, 1869, Mary Ann Shamblin (a widow), and second December 30, 1882 Ruth Sheets; Emily born 1837, married January 1, 1859 Alfred Deweese; Charles C., born April 10, 1840 and died June 5, 1911, married January 4, 1863 Alice C. Moore, born August 10, 1838 and died April 10, 1918. He was a private during the Civil War. She was the daughter of Andrew and Rebecca Waugh Moore from Pocahontas County. *Submitted by Rick Parsons*

WILLIAM PARSONS II (PART III)

John Fink Parsons, the second child of William Parsons II and Susan Fink, was born August 20, 1794 at Warth's Bottom and died September 10, 1873. He married June 19, 1823 Ruhama Lyons Sayre, born 1804 in Ritchie County, and died August 2, 1877 on Sycamore Creek. They were parents of Alfred, born May 29, 1829 in Mason County and died May 31, 1900. He married March 9, 1854 Emiline Carr, born 1833; Marcus, born 1834, and died February 25, 1880. He married first, March 19, 1868 Nancy Hamon, and second, Loma Ayers; Dock; and Hannah, born 1825 and died September 20, 1895. She married December 13, 1846 Benjamin Rhodes, Madison County, Kentucky born 1825 and died January 1900.

Martha Parsons was born at Warth's Bottom, married 1822 Charles Love, a Revolutionary War Veteran, and moved to Pike County, Ohio. Charles Love received a pension in Ross County, Ohio in 1840.

Hannah Parsons was born at Warth's Bottom, 1801, married John Turner and moved to Bayou Sara, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

Susan Parsons was born near Ripley and died 1826. She was the first person buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery on Parchment Creek.

William Parsons III, the sixth child of William Parsons II and Susan Fink, was born August 20, 1806 and died January 27, 1892. He married November 12, 1826 Susannah Bonnett, born 1807 and died February 7, 1863. The family of William Parsons III is the subject of a separate article in this book.

Charles Parsons, the youngest child of William Parsons II and Susan Fink, was born 1807, died at birth and is buried with his mother in Old Settlers Cemetery, Ripley.

William Parsons II married second February 28, 1809, in Harrison County, Elizabeth Nancy Walker, born 1789. They were parents of nine children: Mary Polly, Travis, Ann, Jerusha, Elizabeth, George Walker, Caroline, Margaret Jannette, and Lafayette.

Mary Polly "Aunt Pop" married March 25, 1846 Isaac Rollins, born 1810; Travis, born 1812 and died about 1890, married May 6, 1830 Mary Hess, born 1812 and died about 1885; Ann, born 1814, married first September 20, 1832 Charles Sheppard, and second December 11, 1853, Zechariah Hickman; Jerusha married October 28, 1846 Jordan Tolley; Elizabeth married November 21, 1840 Isaac Casto; George Walker, born July 11, 1821 and died October 12, 1901, was the last of Captain Billy's children to die. George Walker

Parsons married November 26, 1846 Mary Elizabeth Asbury, born May 15, 1826 and died September 14, 1864. She was a daughter of Nimrod Asbury and Elizabeth Aultz. Nimrod was an early settler in the Pocatalico District in Putnam County, and a descendant of Thomas and Susan Asbury and their son Henry Asbury; Caroline Parsons married January 18, 1842 Joseph H. Miller, who it is reported, was drowned in the Mississippi river near the mouth of the Red River; Margaret Jannette, born 1829, married first, October 8, 1846 Jable Rollins, born 1831, and married second June 19, 1855 William Humphries, born 1820; and Lafayette who lived in Memphis, T.N. and Little Rock, Arkansas, married Sarah Hasten of Kanawha County. *Submitted by D. Mike Hughes*

WILLIAM PARSONS III

William Parsons III was the sixth child of William Parsons II (Captain Billy) and Susan Fink. He was born August 20, 1806 in the vicinity of Ripley and died January 27, 1892. William Parsons III is said to have been the first white child born at the present site of Ripley. He married November 12, 1826 Susannah Bonnett, born 1807 and died February 7, 1863. They both are buried at Mr. Moriah Cemetery off of Parchment Valley Road. Susannah Bonnett was the daughter of William and Barbara Harpold Bonnett, a prominent pioneer family. William Parsons III was a farmer and lived across Parchment Valley Road from Mt. Moriah Church.



Home place on Parchment

William and Susannah were the parents of 11 known children as follows: Alexis Fink (See separate article in this book), Margaret, John Nelson, Hannah, Lydia, Nicholas H., Henry, Louisa Jane, Ruth, Barbara, and Mark. Alexis Fink was the eldest child.

Margaret Parsons, born May 29, 1829 and died 1892, married November 19, 1846 Nathan Casto, born January 24, 1822 and died October 16, 1885; John Nelson, born 1831 and died 1912, married first Emily Barnett, born 1836 and died August 25, ?, and second Nancy Hatfield Stephens; Hannah, born 1833, married January 26, 1854 Stephen Skeen, born 1830; Lydia, born January 26, 1838, married November 23, 1856 John Harrison Hill, born May 1, 1838 and died April 23, 1897. He was a son of William and Olive Hill; Nicholas H. born 1841, married January 5, 1861 Magdalene Casto, born 1844; Henry, born June 20, 1842 and died January 31, 1924, married August 11, 1864 Martha Elizabeth Simmons, born August 28, 1851 and died February 17, 1923; Louisa Jane, born 1845, married George Wesley, born 1842; Ruth, born March 20, 1848 and died May 10, 1920, married February 22, 1866 William Amos Kessel, born June 14, 1843 and died October 27, 1900; Barbara, born February 18, 1849, and died February 27, 1942, married September 28, 1869 Leftridge Bowles, born June 2, 1849 and died February 1941; and Mark who lived in California.

William Parsons III married second December 6, 1866 Nancy A. Hogsett, daughter of John F.

Hogsett, He was called "Little Grandpa" by many of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. *Submitted by Greg Parsons*

REV. WILLIAM BALLARD PARSONS

The Reverend William Ballard (W.B.) Parsons, born July 5, 1850, in Stonelick, Jackson County, was the first child of John (1830) and Mary (Freeman) (1832) Parsons. On October 14, 1869, W.B. Parsons married Parthena Harper, born August 9, 1853, in Roane County. Parthena was the daughter of Enoch and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Harper of Roane County. Of that union, 11 children were born: Artemetia, 1872, Laverne, 1873, Dora, Owens, Mary Jane, 1877, Margaret, 1878, John, 1879, Daniel A., 1880, Ed, 1882, Eva, 1883, and Perry, 1887.

At one time, W.B. and Parthena owned over 220 acres of land in Kenna, Jackson County. In 1916, W.B. founded and dedicated the Hickory Grove M.E. Methodist Church in Kenna. Rev. Parsons donated property, financing and supervised the building of the church. There is a story that before the church was completed, he preached under the hickory trees on the site where the church now stands.

W.B. died July 20, 1920 and is buried in the cemetery behind his church. His marker reads, Rev. W.B. Parsons, July 5, 1850, to July 20, 1920, Founder and Builder of HICKORY GROVE CHURCH. Parthena lived on for some 11 years, and in later life she was crippled by arthritis and spent her time in a wheelchair. She followed W.B. in death on April 19, 1931. W.B.'s descendants are filled with the same spirit and determination he lived. His granddaughters Ezzil (Smith) Gregory and Cumi (Smith) Payne were instrumental in assuring that the Hickory Grove Church would continue to be a source of comfort and history to his descendants and the community he served.

Submitted by Ezzil S. Gregory

WILLIAM AND CHARLES PARSONS

The General Armory, by Burke, page 778, found in the Archives and History Library, The Cultural Center, Charleston, West Virginia

WILLIAM PARSONS came from England to the Eastern Shore of Maryland about the year 1725; married and had two sons. Records also show that he had three sons: Charles, Thomas and Joseph. WILLIAM PARSONS French and Indian Wars, in Pennsylvania. Record in the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Division of Archives and Manuscripts. The son, CHARLES, came to Buckhannon Fort and then to Jackson County.

CHARLES PARSONS (1745-1823) Virginia Scout, Revolutionary War, Indian Wars; see Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution (1775-1783) by John H. Gwathmey, page 606 (Virginia State Library and in Archives and Historical Library, Charleston, West Virginia).

The name: CHARLES PARSON(S) is listed on the Romney and Winchester Payrolls, Capt. Harniss' Company

The Ravenswood Chapter NSDAR placed a marker, supplied by the Veterans Administration, National Cemetery System, in the Baptist Grove-Frozen Camp Cemetery, near Ripley, in 1970.

The Wilson Cary Nicholas Chapter NSDAR, of Summerville, placed a plaque at the site in October 1976. The plaque has a NSDAR Emblem and other information.

The children of Charles Parsons' first marriage (1764) to Elizabeth Chestnut, of Maryland, were: William, John, Elias, Mary (Polly), George, Hannah, Margaret (Peggy), and Elizabeth.

In Harrison County, Virginia, May 3, 1797, Charles Parsons married Nancy Ann Fleisher-Sleeth, a widow, children: Martha (Patsy), Nancy, Charles, Sarah (Sallie).

CHARLES PARSONS and son, William (Lowther) Parsons, were among the early settlers (1799-1801) at what is now Ripley, Jackson County.

Among the many direct descendant of CHARLES PARSONS, listed are a few known to have become members of the NSDAR: Mrs. Jason W. (May Parsons) Board (deceased), Mrs. C. Hess (Erma Parsons) Maddox, Kathryn W. Lynch, Ph.D. (deceased), Mrs. Carl (Orpha Parsons) Morrison, Mrs. James W. (Frances Lynch) Vencill. Submitted by James Vencilli

WILLIAM K. PARSONS



Bill and Hilda Parsons

It was a hot day, August 13, 1932, and it was my father's 32nd birthday. Mother was going to have fried chicken for dinner for my dad, and she was busy taking care of my two older brothers, Lovell M. III and Charles Franklin. Mother went into the chicken yard to pick out two chickens that dad would kill and then she would prepare a great dinner. I know the dinner would have been great, because in the coming years, she cooked many great chicken dinners, but on that day, a chicken dinner had to be postponed because that was the day I first came into Jackson County. In the years to come Dad and I celebrated our birthdays together on our farm, and two other brothers followed me, Roger Lee in 1936 and Ronald Gene in 1937.

The five of us grew up on our Parchment Valley farm and went to a one-room school until the ninth grade and that year we moved to Ohio. I have many happy memories of our farm and the fun we had going to Grandmother's and Granddad's in Ripley. (Mary King Parsons and Lovell M. Parsons, Sr.) and Granddad (Charles Holly Board) and Grandmother, (Elizabeth Roush) home on Frozen Camp.

After moving to Ohio and finishing high school and attending Ohio University, I went into the U.S. Army and spent two years on the west coast, but the memories of Ripley and Parchment Valley still remain.

Mother did a history of our family (*Genealogical History of the Lovell Parsons Family - 1745-1973*) and my roots are deep in Jackson County. She did a lot of research and much love went into our history. She had a unique way of adding family stories that made the dates and ancestors real.

My family record was continued in the *Family Record of Alexis Fink Parsons and Phoebe Casto Parsons 1982*. This was printed for the 150th birthday of the town of Ripley, West Virginia, and we saluted our fore fathers.

In 1955, I went to Havre de Grace, MD, for the wedding of my brother, Charles to Christine Montville, and at that time I met Hilda Marie Tarbert. In December 1956 Hilda became my bride. We have four children: William David, Jacquelyn Virginia, Charlotte Marie and Darryl Hamilton. All four are married, David to Robin Bickett; they have one son, Danny; Jackie to Garry

Shields, Jr. They have two sons, Garry, III and David; Charlotte to Frank Wood III. They have two daughters, Amanda and Carolyn; Darryl to Sandra Erickson; no children to date.

At this time, I live in Highland, Maryland with my wife, Hilda, and I work for the Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C. and as time will allow I go "home to Jackson County."

As my mother said, "God has been good."

Submitted by Hilda T. Parsons

WILLIAM LOWTHER PARSONS (1765-1839) CAPTAIN, WAR OF 1812

THE AMERICAN FLAG (1795-1818):

15 white stars on a blue field and 15 stripes (8 red and 7 white).

This flag figured in many stirring episodes, and inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Lord Calvert Chapter, NSUSD of 1812, Charleston, dedicated a Bronze Marker, supplied by the Veterans Administration, National Cemetery System, and a NSUSD of 1812 Emblem in the Baptist Grove-Frozen Camp Cemetery, near Ripley, July 30, 1977. The NSUSD of 1812 Emblem was provided by Mrs. Vencill and her sister, Kathryn W. Lynch, Ph.D., direct descendants of the soldier.

The stately granite monument in the cemetery bearing the names: George Walker Parsons and Capt. William Lowther Parsons, was placed there by children of George Walker Parsons and Mary Elizabeth Asbury-Parsons: The Honorable Judge William Asbury Parsons, Dr. Alexander Ruthven Parsons, of Spencer, and Mrs. Mary Parsons-Parish. (Information supplied by a researcher).

William Lowther Parsons was one of the early settlers in Jackson County; first married (1786) Susan Fink, daughter of Henry Fink. Parsons came from Buckhannon Fort around 1800; first lived at Warth Bottom; about 1801 he built a cabin "on the bank of Mill Creek." Here his wife and infant died in 1807 and according to researchers, were the first persons buried at Ripley, in the Old Cemetery-Ripley Graveyard.

The children of William L. Parsons' first marriage to Susan Fink-Parsons: Henry, John Fink, Martha, Hannah, Susan (Susannah), Charles, William and the un-named infant.

In 1809 William Lowther Parsons married Elizabeth Nancy Walker, of Walker's Creek, Harrison County; lived on Sycamore, then moved to Frozen Camp. By this marriage the children were: Mary, Travis, Ann, Jerusha (Jena), Elizabeth, George Walker, Caroline, Margaret Jeannette, and Lafayette.

Captain Parsons "... took a prominent and leading part in the proceedings leading to the formation of Jackson County in 1831." "... "was also a leading spirit in the incorporation of Ripley into a town in 1832.

See: *West Virginia Historic and Scenic Highways Marker*

in front of the City Building, Ripley, which states in part: "RIPLEY ... near here lived Capt. William Parsons who was active in the early life of Jackson County."

After an active life spent for his County, State and Nation, he died on October 10, 1839 and is buried at Frozen Camp.

Nancy Elizabeth Walker-Parsons is also buried in the Baptist Grove-Frozen Camp Cemetery.

Members of the Lord Calvert Chapter, NSUSD of 1812: Mrs. Jason W. (May Parsons) Board and Mrs. James W. (Frances Lynch) Vencill. Submitted by James W. Vencill, Jr.

WILLIAM QUINCEY PARSONS

WILLIAM QUINCEY PARSONS was born December 28, 1848. He was the first child and first son of Alexis Fink and Phoebe Casto Parsons. He was born at home on Parchment Creek and attended Mt. Moriah Church. William Q. married Minerva Jane Sayre April 11, 1866 and they changed residences many times during their married life but always in the general vicinity. They had homes on Eighteen Creek, Wolf Creek and lived on the Charlie Kessel place on Parchment Creek close to the Mt Moriah Church. This was their last home.

Their family was born at different locations. The youngest daughter, Georgie Alice, was born in the last home on Parchment.

William Q. was a good farmer and owned a threshing machine which he also used to grind wheat to make flour for his family and others. He was of average size and medium height and it is said he and his fourth son, Hollie Howard, looked very much alike.

It was told that William Q. always voted the Republican ticket, the reason being, he said was because you always had to hide the horses from the Confederate Army. It is also said that the only two Republicans of Alexis Fink's family were William Q. and Alexis Chapman. I am told that this caused some pretty hot family political arguments over the years.

William Q. and Minerva Jane were the parents of nine children: Nancy Jane, Joel Weston, Dora Malinda, Dallas Walton, Alexis Asbury, Irene May, Hollie Howard, Mary Dove, and Georgia Alice. Several of these children were teenagers when their father died on Parchment Creek June 6, 1906 at the age of 57. He is buried at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Submitted by Eloise Parsons

BARBARA ANN (ADAMS) PELLICO

My brother probably saved my life even before I was born. But first, let me tell you who I am, where I've been and a little bit about what happened to me while I was there.

I was born Barbara Ann Adams on November 24, 1945, at Kaylong, Mason County, West Virginia. My great, great, great grandfather was Christian Plants, born in Germany in 1762. My great, great grandfather was Jacob Plants, Sr., born in Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1803. My great grandfather was John Plants, born in Mason County in 1830 and my grandfather was Theodore Hayes Plants, born in Mason County, West Virginia, in 1876. My mother is Avis Carol Plants Adams, born June 7, 1915, Mason County, and my



Barbara (Adams) Pellico

father was Raymond O. Adams, born in Mason County on May 10, 1905. The events surrounding my birth were traumatic to the say least.

On September 7, 1945, just 78 days before my birth, my sister Tharon Elaine Adams, born January 6, 1938, was struck and killed by a car on Route 62 in Mason County. She is buried in Suncrest Cemetery in Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia. My mother being in the latter months of her pregnancy started up the highway after learning that Tharon and her brother Jimmie, born February 20, 1935, were involved in an accident. As Mother left the yard, my brother Tommy, born December 28, 1943, and less than two years old, began crying for her so loudly that she turned and came back in the yard to care for him. Her suffering in the days ahead told her family she could not have continued her pregnancy had she gone on up the highway and witnessed the death and carnage that was there. So, it just may be that my brother's crying for his momma and bringing her back into the yard helped her to continue to carry me warm and protected so close to her heart until that cold and windy November morning when Dr. E. R. Keig said to my parents, "You have a daughter." My mother has often told me of her love for me, her only daughter, in a family of three children. I grew up in a household that was always filled with warmth and caring. My father was a barber in Pt. Pleasant and I can remember as a child visiting his shop and watching with great interest how well he did his work. The cost of a haircut was about 50 cents. The cost was 25 cents when my parents were married in 1933. Mother has told me that bread at that time was five cents a loaf and white beans were three pounds for a dime.

My first year of school was at Central Grade School in Pt. Pleasant. My teacher was Genevieve Butler. She taught us many things that were not in school books. One lesson was kindness to all living creatures. She made the lesson very plain to us by saying "If you must kill a bug of any kind, do it quickly, so it will not suffer." My schooling in Mason County ended when my father died of a heart attack on February 21, 1959, and my mother, Tommy and I moved to Jackson County where she was working at the Kaiser Aluminum Plant. My older brother Jimmie had graduated from West Virginia University and was working for the Social Security system.

I graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1963 and the following fall enrolled in West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, West Virginia. Before the term was over, I married Robb Ritchie Williams from Jackson County and on November 5, 1964, we were blessed with the honor of being parents with the birth of a beautiful, sweet-natured little girl, Robin Risha. She filled our days with joy and was a delight to the lady she calls Granny, my mother, Avis (Peggy) Plants Adams Handley. Robin and I have always felt that Granny has been a guiding light in our life. She never failed to point out to us all the good there was in life and helped us to be strong in the face of some of life's reverses. Church and Sunday School were as important to us as was the food



Mrs. Daniel Cahan and Brittany

we ate and the clothes on our back is just one example of Granny's true teachings. She had received just such training from her mother, Mary Susan McKinney Plants, born in 1876 and Mary Susan had received it from her mother and especially from her grandmother Nancy Hicks McKinney, born 1831.

As a young girl in Pt. Pleasant I attended Trinity Methodist Church and as a young adult in Jackson County I attended the First Methodist Church in Ravenswood. I agree with Abraham Lincoln — a lot of what I am today I owe to the early Christian training I received from my parents.

From that cold, wintry day November 24, 1845, in Mason County, until today as I reminisce sitting in the sunshine of Miami, Florida, where I live with my husband, Eugene R. Pellico, I am grateful for my West Virginia roots. My husband and I often share our family histories with each other and though we come from very different backgrounds and countries, the basic tenets of our forefathers are very similar — love of God, family, and country. Gene was born in Oriente, Cuba, in 1930. His father and mother were from northern Spain and his father worked all his adult life in sugar mills. Gene came to the United States in 1952, served in the United States Army, and became a naturalized U.S. Citizen in 1961. While he longs for his native country where he has a brother and friends living still, he says the United States is his home, his Cuba is no more. He adamantly prefers the democracy of America! We who have been born and raised in this country should be thankful and ever-watchful lest we suffer the fate visited on other folks' homelands.



Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pellico

Many events have taken place which space does not allow me to include. Just as with all my forefathers from 1762 until 1989, a total of 227 years, I find experiencing life with its joys and sometimes its sorrow, I am still proud and confident because of the rich heritage left me by those, who centuries ago, went before me sowing seeds of kindness toward each other with caring and love for their families and devoted patriotism for this country. If we look and listen carefully, we can see footprints and hear echoes of the past, which if we're sensitive can guide our paths today as well as tomorrow. Submitted by Barbara Ann Adams Pellico and Darlene Plants Freistuhler

SHIRLEY AND RITA PETTY

Shirley Sullivan Petty, son of Irvin and Emily C. Milhoan Petty, was born July 10, 1895 in a log home near Belleville on the Jackson-Wood County line. Shirley had nine brothers and sisters: Birchard Hayes, Earl B., Charles, Loren Tackett and Kendall

L.; sisters were Louella, Rose, Anna and Clara. Shirley was a large baby and was named for a prize fighter, John L. Sullivan. Shirley lived longer than anyone in his family. He was a student at Cherry Grove grade school when students did not use knives or forks. Lunch was taken to school by the student. After the first day of school he was asked, "How did you like school?" His reply, "Just fine! Only we didn't have any knives and forks." As a young boy he played baseball and in the winter liked to ice skate. In the evenings the family made popcorn balls and ate apples from their farm, which had been covered by straw or buried in the ground. He would help his parents with the farm work.

Shirley went to Akron, Ohio to work and got a job with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. When war erupted, he came home to be with friends and go to France. Just before he was to leave, on May 16, 1918, he married Rita Kathryn Anderson. Also going to France was a cousin of Shirley's, John Petty. He was killed on the battlefield in France. They both served in the 32nd Infantry. Shirley was going near the front lines when he became ill and was taken to the hospital. He was grateful to be alive and back in West Virginia.

Shirley was a dedicated veteran and a member of World War I Vets, American Legion Post #118 of Ravenswood, Disabled American Vets and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1212 Parkersburg. He held offices for West Virginia War Vets, was Commander of the West Virginia Department and also held office in National World War I Vets. He was very patriotic and carried his large flag for miles. He was given a key to the city and made an honorary citizen in Chicago, Illinois, Dallas, Texas, Valley Forge, Virginia and Houston, Texas. The folks of Ripley looked forward to seeing him march in the 4th of July parade. He also marched in the Ravenswood parades and was honored in the Homecoming parades at Belleville in the 1980's, carrying his flag, "Old Glory." The folks there had a lot of love and respect for him.

Shirley and Rita had three children: Norma I., Donald Ray, and Robert "Bob" C. Norma was a World War II veteran. Don enlisted in the Marines, however, he had bad ear trouble. Robert is a retired National Guard Sergeant, was in the Korean War and served in Germany and the United States.

Shirley was a farmer, rural mail carrier, owner of S.S. Petty's General Merchandise at Belleville, West Virginia and assistant postmaster at Belleville for many years. He worked on the B&O Railroad in the 1940's. He was a long time member of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, but in later years attended Ravenswood Baptist Church.

As an honored citizen, Shirley and Rita went to Florida to see the space ship which went to the moon. They were invited by the Washington, DC Space Administration to the Cape in Florida.

Shirley was ill and death took him on Tuesday, June 28, 1988, following Rita's death in 1984. At the end of his life he could not attend any more parades, but was given a full military funeral with many friends at his final resting place in the Ravenswood Cemetery. He enjoyed being an American with a lot of courage and love for his country and as a bright star his life was surely — "Let our lives shine." He lives in our hearts beyond the sunset.

Rita Kathryn Anderson, older child of Thomas (d. 1944) and Hannah Mills Anderson, born September 18, 1899 at Belleville, West Virginia. Rita had two brothers, Raymon and Rufus Anderson, died in the early 50's. A sister, Rachel, and a newborn sister died in February 1917. Rita was a great-granddaughter of Peter Anderson who served in the Revolutionary War and a granddaughter of Otis B. Anderson, a soldier in the Civil War. Peter had lived in Maryland and came to Belleville,

Virginia in 1789. He became well-known in the area where he made his home.

Rita was a very good student in school and was given a teacher certificate in grade school at sixteen years of age. Certificates were usually not given until eighteen years of age. Being younger than some of the young men, her father thought best for her to go to business school which would earn her a business job. In 1918, she married Shirley S. Petty. When Shirley came back from France they lived in Akron, Ohio until Rita got homesick for West Virginia. Shirley was given a job by the post office as a rural mail carrier. Their daughter, Norma, was born January 1920. At the age of twenty-one Rita became ill with polio. She could not walk until she could be outside, so Shirley bought the Bailey farm near his parents. At that time she had a young son, Donald Ray. She improved in 1923 but it took a long time to get well enough to take a clerking job in Parkersburg, West Virginia post office. She worked at night to get experience and finally on February 4, 1931 was appointed postmaster at Belleville, West Virginia. She retired in 1968. During these years she had a third child, Robert Carol, in March 1933.

Rita wrote articles for newspapers and speeches for veterans to be given on special days. She was a member of the DAR, World War I Veterans Auxillary and the Army Mothers Auxillary. She traveled to state and national conventions many times with the postmaster and the World War I Vets. She gave humerous readings on programs in New York and Washington, D.C. She served as judge advocate for the Department of West Virginia Veterans.

Rita was gifted in arts and crafts and enjoyed fine needlework. She made rugs from bread wrappers and a hat from plastic materials. She could paint and studied family histories. She was a member of Belleville South Church.



Shirley S. and Rita K. Petty

It is a small wonder that one lady could find time to be an active hero when unable to move about in earlier days. She died January 10, 1984 and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. At the end of her life she had outlived all of the Anderson members of the family. "We are like the flowers, we live, die and then go away", quoted Raymon Anderson in the 1940s. So we keep the faith and "Let our lives shine." Submitted by Norina Irene Petty and Don Petty

PFOST

When Valentin Pfof (1740-1800) of Hardy County, (West) Virginia made his German will in 1800 he named his wife, Barbara, and seven children: Barbara, Elizabeth, Martin, Abraham, Susanna, Glori, and Isaac. After the death of Valentin his widow, Barbara, and most of his children crossed the Allegheny Mountains to then Harrison and Randolph Counties, (West) Virginia. The two youngest children would later settle in that part of Mason County which is now Jackson County.

Glori Pfof (1788-1859) was born in Hardy County. On 28 April 1807 in Harrison County, she

married John Crites, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Henkle) Crites. In 1808 John Crites with his brother, Abraham, purchased 100 acres on the east side of the Buckhannon River then in Harrison County. Abraham Crites had married Susanna Pfof, an older sister of Glori. In 1817 John Crites and his wife, Glori, sold their interest in the 100 acres then in Lewis County to Abraham and Susanna (Pfof) Crites. The land is now within Upshur County. John then moved his family to now Jackson County. Glori's mother, Barbara Pfof, moved there with them.

In 1824, 1826, and 1827 John Crites received land grants on Moses Fork and Mill Creek of then Mason County. He was a member of the first grand jury of Jackson County. In 1842 he was assessed on 200 acres on Grasslick. He made his will just before he died in 1847. After his death, Glori lived with her son-in-law and daughter, Abraham and Rebecca (Crites) Casto. John and Glori (Pfof) Crites as well as her mother, Barbara Pfof, are probably buried in unmarked graves in Casto Cemetery at Fairplain. Children of John and Glori (Pfof) Crites: Isaac, born 1807; Elizabeth, born 1809; Martin, born 1811; Abraham, born 1814; Susanna, born 1817; Barbara, born 1820; Mary, born 1823; Catherine, born 1826; Rebecca, born 1829.

Isaac Pfof (1791-1853) was born in Hardy County. On 2 April 1809 he married Elizabeth Wetherhold (1788-1858). In 1810 he bought 47 acres in Randolph County from Peter and Christianna Wetherholt. In 1817 he added 329 acres to his land in Randolph County. In 1825 he sold both parcels of land then in Lewis County to John Strader Jr. The land is now within Upshur County. Isaac then moved his family to now Jackson County.

In 1827 he received a land grant of 130 acres on Grasslick, Mason County. He served on the first grand jury of Jackson County and in 1835 he was appointed as constable. Isaac later received land grants on Grasslick Fork of Mill Creek increasing his land holdings in Jackson County by several hundred acres. He wrote his will in 1853 a few months before he died.



Jacob Pfof

Children of Isaac and Elizabeth (Wetherholt) Pfof: Abraham (1812-1854) married Elizabeth Rader, daughter of Catherine Roush and step-daughter of Michael Rader Jr., 3 May 1832; Aaron (1815-1865) married Margaret Harpold, daughter of John and Rachel (Sayre) Harpold, 14 Dec. 1837, settled in Caldwell County, Missouri; Christena (1817-1851) married first Harrison Fisher, son of John and Lucretia (Harrison) Fisher, 11 Jan. 1838, married second Wilson Koontz, son of George and Ona (Hendrick) Koontz, 24 Oct. 1839; Jonathan (1819-1886) married first Elizabeth Wetherholt, daughter of William and Hetty

(Pringle) Wetherholt, 8 Mar. 1845, married second Florence L. (Graham) Parsons, 11 May 1882; Dorothea (1823-1896?) married Adam Given Cleek, son of Peter and Elizabeth (McGuffin) Cleek, 8 Mar. 1845, settled in Bates County, Missouri; Isaac (1826-1852) married Elizabeth Foglesong, daughter of John and Mary (Fox) Foglesong, 21 Dec. 1851; Jacob (1831-1890) married first Melissa Koontz, daughter of George and Ona (Hendrick) Koontz, 8 Nov. 1849, settled in Bates County, Missouri, married second Lydia Margaret (Shirley) Neal, 16 Oct. 1883. Submitted by Doris P. Poinsett

H.F. PFOST

H.F. Pfof, a well known business man in Ripley, at the time of his death May 2, 1936, was president of the Bank of Ripley. He organized that bank with Judge Warren Miller and Enoch Staats. The Mountaineer, a weekly newspaper published in Ripley said, "Mr. Pfof's name was so closely associated with the Bank of Ripley that for many years to mention him was to think of the bank . . . He was one of its mainstays as an official and as a major stockholder. Mr. Pfof was a quiet, unassuming business man. His outstanding characteristic was a sympathetic heart and a generous hand for those that met with the reverses of life."

Mr. Pfof was born on Grasslick on Dec. 21, 1861, the son of William Marion and Cloah Koontz Pfof. He came to Ripley as a young man to work in the drug store owned by a Dr. Kidd. He and his brother, Dr. John Pfof, later bought the store and operated it until he sold it to J.R. Lester. (The store became J.R. Lester and Son; the son being Harry Lester). Mr. Pfof served one term on the State Board of Pharmacy, appointed by Gov. William G. MacCorkle.

Mr. Pfof was one of the organizers and a director of the O.J. Morrison group stores. He was a leader and great supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church South (now Epworth United Methodist Church in Ripley).

April 17, 1895, he was married to Flora Lorene Crow. She died Oct. 21, 1915, after a lingering illness. A son, William Marion Pfof, was their only child.

Mr. Pfof married Blanche (Bess) Miller Nov. 29, 1919. They had three sons, Joseph Fielding, John Justice and Francis Miller Pfof.

Mr. Pfof was a charter member of the Ripley Rotary Club and during World War I served as chairman of the Liberty Loan Drives in Jackson County. He also was one of the largest land owners in the county. Submitted by Greg Parsons

JONATHAN PFOST

Jonathan Pfof was born Aug. 18, 1819 in Lewis County, (West) Virginia, and died June 23, 1886. He was the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Wetherholt) Pfof. Jonathan married in Jackson County March 3, 1845, Elizabeth Wetherholt born May 16, 1828 in Lewis County and died Oct. 5, 1880, daughter of William and Hetty (Pringle) Wetherholt.

Hetty Pringle born about 1805 was the daughter of William and Nellie (Rollins) Pringle. Nellie was the daughter of Barney Rollins. William Pringle was the son of Samuel and Charity (Cutright) Pringle. Samuel Pringle along with his brother John lived in a hollow sycamore tree near Buchannon about 1764.

Jonathan Pfof owned approximately 600 acres in the Fairplain area. The Fairplain Cemetery is on the ground he once owned. In 1867 he deeded a lot at Fairplain to the Board of Education. Jonathan and his family, with the exception of two children, are buried on the home place. The cemetery in the last few years has disappeared, and if not for the Jackson County Cemetery Book there would not be a record of this cemetery.

Their children are: Margaret J. Pfost (1846-1873) married June 8, 1867; James Elliott; George W. Pfost (1848-1869); Louisa C. Pfost born about 1851, married Feb. 3, 1867; William M. McCoy; John Wilson Pfost (1853-1879); Warrick B. Pfost, born about 1857 and settled in Kentucky; Isaac F. Pfost born in 1859 and died in childhood; Mary D. Pfost (1862-1885) married Dec. 8, 1878, Samuel Fred Shinn; Jacob "Jake" Pfost (1864-1934) married Jan. 24, 1885 Avah Belle Staats.

After the death of Jonathan's first wife, he married May 11, 1882, Florence L. Parsons. Submitted by Gary Hall

WILLIAM MARION PFOST

William Marion Pfost, only son of Henry Floyd and Flora Crow Pfost was born May 12, 1896 at Ripley, West Virginia. He was united in marriage to Vaun Reley Young, daughter of O.F. and Neva Young, on November 24, 1920. Two daughters were born to them. Elizabeth Ann and Flora Jean.

Marion Pfost was educated in the public schools of Ripley and attended Morris Harvey College.

He was a veteran of World War I. At the conclusion of the war, he returned to Ripley and entered the electrical field. Soon followed the construction of a power plant in 1923 with Ray Shinn as his partner. They wired the first houses in Ripley and the Community was served by this plant until 1928 when it was sold to the Appalachian Power Company.

He then became interested in road construction and organized a partnership with W.L. Pinnell of Cottageville known as Pinnell and Pfost Contracting Co. They also operated a lumber and building supply business under the same name. It is now known as JCo Lumber Co.

As a hobby, he grew plants and flowers at his home green-houses which finally developed into the Pfost Greenhouses on Cedar Lake Drive that became a major business in the community. He was also associated with E.M. Reynolds, J.B. Vail and others in the production of oil and gas in Jackson County.

During most of these years he was a director of the Bank of Ripley and was elected to the Presidency in 1933. He held that office until his death. He served as City Councilman of Ripley and was influential in helping obtain the FFA-FHA Camp site at Ripley. William Marion Pfost died September 30, 1953 at age 57. Vaun Pfost died Jan. 1976 at age 75.

A. Elizabeth Ann, better known as Betty, married Harry H. Parsons in 1946. They lived in Ripley and have three children: Gregory Post, Dona Elizabeth, and Patrick Marion Parsons.

Gregory, a pharmacist, lives in Ripley and has five children.

Donna, better known as "Dede", married Martin V. Saffer, an attorney, and lives in Hillsboro, West Virginia. They have two sons.

Patrick, single, lives and works in Charleston, West Virginia.

B. Flora Jean (Flo) married Harry W. Boggs in 1958. They have three sons: Mark Warren, William Scott and Andrew Bryant Boggs. They all reside in Keyser, West Virginia. Submitted by Harry Parsons

C.W. PHILLIPS

My great grandfather, Cyrus Wesley Phillips was born in New York in 1830, married to Lavina Chrisman (born Aug. 1831). Cyrus Wesley died in 1879 and no date on Lavinas' death. Buried somewhere around Gay, West Virginia. Eleven children were born to this union. They were: Sophronia, born 1854; Cyrus Elbert, born June 7, 1855 in Armstrong County, Pa., married to Mary Ellen Carder Oct. 12, 1876; Katherine, born 1858, married June 2, 1892 to James Mesner; John, born

1859; George, born 1860, Claraisea, born 1862, married Dec. 24, 1881 to Daniel Evans; Benjamin Lincoln, born Jan. 1864, died Aug. 12, 1941, married Jan. 1, 1891 to Nellie Cunningham; Perry Alexander, born Oct. 1866; Mary Elizabeth, born Aug. 1868, married Dec. 25, 1889 to Del Pen-nybacker; Louisa, born 1871, married to James Moore Aug. 10, 1893; Delia, born 1873, married to Okey Cunningham May 27, 1890.



Cyrus Elbert Phillips family

My grandfather was Cyrus Elbert Phillips. He came to Jackson County and settled on Coon Run close to Duncan, West Virginia. He married Mary Ellen Carder Oct. 12, 1876, died Nov. 7, 1920. He was a farmer and preacher. To this union ten children were born. They were: Jefferson Taylor, born Aug. 25, 1877, married to Minnie Harmon Sept. 7, 1899, died April 9, 1956; Henry Chilton, born Nov. 5, 1880, married Cora Wright Dec. 19, 1904, his second wife was Julia A. Stahl; John, born Feb. 7, 1883, and died Oct. 15, 1893; Warren, born Aug. 4, 1885, married Mattie Wright. He died Feb. 22, 1957; Minnie, born Nov. 19, 1887, married Will Ed Snyder Sept. 14, 1911; Minda L., born Nov. 19, 1887, died July 31, 1908; David Monroe, born March 20, 1890, married Cordelia Snyder Nov. 1, 1912, died Oct. 4, 1982. Cordelia died April 1954; Hattie, born May 1, 1892, married Nelson Bice April 2, 1914, died Aug. 1981; Ephrian Elbert, born Oct. 28, 1894, married Nora Rake Oct. 15, 1916, Ephrian died Feb. 19, 1988 and Nora died July 1989; Mary G., born Dec. 12, 1896, married Chilt Stanley May 1954, both deceased.

Jefferson was a farmer and broom maker. Henry was a fireman on the railroad. Warren was a farmer. David Monroe was a blacksmith, oil field worker, built rigs.

Ephrian was a farmer and welder for mining company in Virginia.

My father was David Monroe Phillips. He married Cordelia E. Snyder Nov. 1, 1912. To this union nine children were born: Elva Pauline, born Oct. 24, 1913 married to Henry Newlon, six children; Mildred Ulala, born Jan. 5, 1915, married to Denzil Westfall, two children; Emma Esta, born March 6, 1917, married to Frances Ball, one child; James Edward, born March 27, 1919, married to Alice Kurtz, three children; Eileen, born Jan. 5, 1921, married to Russell Gumm, from this union, one child. Second marriage was to Orville Hunt; David Monroe Phillips Jr., born July 15, 1923, married to Mary Campbell, two children; Della Elizabeth, born April 7, 1925, married to Edwin McVay, five children; Dola, died at eighteen months, Nov. 1929; Wretha Clystia, born Dec. 5, 1929, married to Rex Pursley, six children.

I have lived in this county for forty two years, no other place like it. My husband Denzil, was a cabinet maker ten years for JCO Lumber in Ravenswood, carpenter for several years, helped build Sandyville United Methodist Church and Parsonage before he died Nov. 15, 1975. Submitted by Mildren Phillips Westfall

PICKENS

James Madison Pickens (1850 to 1-6-1928) married November 4, 1874, Eliza Hartley (1856-died after 1886). Their children were: Jefferson Taylor (8-24-1875); Holly Rufus (my father)(9-16-1879); Ott E. (7-3-1881); Everett C. (10-28-1883); Birdie (12-13-1886). Two infants Samuel T. (d. 11-1878 1 yr. 6 mos.) and female (d. 2-5-1886 3 days).

Parents of James Madison Pickens were Samuel Pickens (b. 1815-d. 4-8-1870) and Rhuami Wright Pickens (b. 1821-d. 1888). Both are buried in the Pickens Cemetery.

Parents of Eliza Hartley Pickens were Thomas Hartley (b. 1825 d. 5-12-1894), son of Thomas and Mary Hartley, married February 4, 1845 to Susan Carder (b. 1823 d. 6-3-1880). They are buried in the Liverpool Cemetery.



Holly Rufus Pickens and Florence L. Wertz

Holly Rufus Pickens married Florence L. Wertz November 21, 1907 in Long Point, Illinois. They are buried in the Erie Cemetery, Whiteside County, Illinois. All except Florence Wertz lived in Jackson County. Submitted by Rita Pickens Gilman

PICKENS

In the early days of Jackson County, while still a part of Mason County, records show that several families by the name of Pickens were already established and owned land in Jackson County. They were among the many families that migrated to the State of West Virginia, from their home in Meigs County, Ohio, in the early 1800s.

One of these early ancestors of Jackson County, was a John Pickens, who was of Irish decent. He was born 1752 in Northern Ireland, in the county of Antrim, Bellamony Parish, and migrated to Sherman Valley in Cumberland County, 17 miles from Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1774, in time to fight in the War of Independence. He was a substitute, 1st call, July 28, 1777, for the 7th Battalion. He moved to Fayette County, Pennsylvania in 1796 with five son's and his wife. The names are as follows: James, born 1775-76; William, born 1776-78; David, born 1780; Thompson, born 1784; Robert, born 1784; Samuel, and John born 1786. About 1812 he moved to Gallia County, now Meigs County, Ohio.

The first son of John Pickens, who was James, married in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, he had five sons who are as follows: John, born June 10, 1805; James Jr., born 1800-10; William, born March 10, 1811; David, born June 1812; and Andrew Jackson, born July 30, 1815. He fought in the War of 1812. He then moved to Meigs County, then to Mason County, where Andrew J., was married to Ruth Ann Derenberger, on August 23, 1838.

Another son John, born June 10, 1805, married at Racine, Meigs County, on May 3, 1827, to Mary Ann Lawrence, who was born June 8, 1808, at Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York. In Jackson County, he joined the Union Army. He served as a private in Company D 13 infantry, was mustered in October 8, 1862 was wounded in

action and discharged because of disability at Pt. Pleasant on September 10, 1863. He died March 30, 1876 near Addison, Gallia County, Ohio. Mary A., died in Ravenswood, on March 28, 1904, and is buried there. A daughter, Samantha F., born June 13, 1844 in Meigs County, was married on September 4, 1862 to Edward M. Greathouse in Jackson County, a son of John "The Prophet", of Roane County. They had two children, Mary Ann, who died at birth and Leondias Bonaparte. Also another daughter Elizabeth Jane, married a Andrew Jackson Adams, who was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on September 27, 1849. Andrew was a hardware merchant in Jackson County. They had one child, Philip Curry, who married on June 27, 1886 a Mollie J., daughter of Hezekiah and Jemima Miller.

Andrew J. was a 1st Lieutenant in the Jackson County Guards at the age of 27, March 16, 1862. He was mustered in the Union Army at 35 as 2nd Lieutenant, and on May 5, 1863 was made 1st Lieutenant, and on February 15, 1864 a Captain, in Company B 3rd CV, April 20, 1865 was mustered out in June 30, 1865.

Another son, Calvin Pickens, was born June 1844, at Applegrove, Meigs County. He was married three times, first on October 30, 1864 to Julia Almira Sayre, daughter to David and Tabitha Sayre. She died in child birth with daughter Calmenia T., in Letart Falls, Letart township, Meigs County, Ohio, on July 1, 1865, both are buried at Fairview cemetery #1. He was second married to Mary Elizabeth Watters, in Gallia County, on July 25, 1870, too which two children were born, the first was Lewis N., born August 14, 1871, and the second died at birth. She died in Gallia County, about 1876. His third marriage was to Martha Beaty, on May 30, 1878, in Jackson County, a daughter of Rachel (Cain) Beaty, they had one child Reuben R., born March 14, 1879, in Meigs county. Lewis N., married 4, 1898 to Mary M. Murry, they lived in Wood County. Ruben R., married September 16, 1907 to Jessie Parsons. Calvin was a private in the Jackson County Home Guards in Captain Abraham Bibbee's Company. He mustered in at Cottageville, July 19, 1863 at age eighteen.

Simon Melvin Pickens, a son was born January 1, 1832 at Buffington Island, Jackson County. He married twice, first to Julia Ann Lee, daughter of John and Matilda (Hall) Lee at Great Bend, Meigs County, Ohio. To this marriage was born 12 children: Henry H.; Martha A.; Ella J.; John H.; James Napoleon; Simion Melvin Jr.; William M.; Ralph Emery; Lenora; Effa May; Luetta; Winchester. Second marriage was to Mary C. Stanley on February 5, 1893 at Ravenswood. All three died in Milton, Van Buren County, Iowa. Simon, May 31, 1917, Julia A., November 2, 1891, and Mary C., March 22, 1924. Simon and Julia left Jackson County in 1865 for Milton, Iowa.

Besides the children mentioned so far of John and Mary A. Pickens, the others born to this marriage were: Henry H.; David; Riley Andrew, who died in Parkersburg, Wood County, on January 15, 1924; Melissa; Adelia; Amanda Victoria, who died in Middleport, Meigs County, Ohio, on July 3, 1929. Submitted by William D. Pederson and Marie Gollehon

JAMES PINKERTON

The family of Pinkerton has very deep roots in West Virginia. The parents of James Pinkerton lived in Ripley before 1944. James had five half-brothers and two half-sisters. They moved to Wyoming County where James was born March 20, 1944.

James' father, Leonard, was an oil and gas field worker and water well driller. James' mother Lula, whose maiden name was Adkins was from West Hamlin located in Lincoln County, West Virginia.

James Pinkerton graduated from Pineville High School in 1962. Also an oil field worker, James served in Viet Nam in 1967, became a truck driver, and finally a United Methodist Minister. James and Conita have one son, James Jr. who is 19 years of age at the time of this writing. In 1989, Anne Tretli, an exchange student from Norway lived with us one year.

Conita Pinkerton, who is James' wife, is the former Conita Thompson. Her family was from Acme, West Virginia. Conita had five brothers and two sisters. Her father's name was Coy Thompson and her mother's name was Pansy Thompson. They lived in a coal mining community which embraces Cabin Creek hollow. Coy Thompson worked at Kayford, West Virginia, beginning at sixteen years of age for Bethlehem Steel. Conita graduated from East Bank High School in 1967, Arch Moore Vo Tech in 1987. She is now a Dark Room Tech at Jackson General Hospital.



Jimmy and James Pinkerton,
Conitta Pinkerton and Anne Tretli

At present, James is a full time local Pastor, along with his wife Conita, son Jim, and exchange student Anne Tretli, at The North Jackson County Charge of the United Methodist Church. Submitted by James Pinkerton

LLOYD PINNELL (PART I)

Our Pinnell line originated in Normandy, France, with various spellings of the name Pinnell (Pennell, Pannell, Pinel, Parnell, and Purnell) where there are records dating as far back as 59 AD. In the Roman occupation of Gaul, under Julius Caesar, the legions of Rome established a walled city near the present city of Poven, France. The fortified place was on top the highest ground in that city, and the Romans called it "Pinnellium", which in Latin means "on the peak", or at the top. They occupied the place for seven years before being driven out in 58 AD by the Franks, and their leader was known as the Duke of Pinnellium, later shortened to Pinnell, and still later to the French spelling of Pinel. Our name is mentioned in the Bible (Genesis, Chapter 32, Verse 30). Six members of the family are listed in the first volume of the Domesday Books, and extend back to William the Conqueror. This information was researched by Royall E. Pinnell in the "History of Pinnell and Royall Families".

Great-grandfather William H. Pinnell was born in 1818, in Maryland, and shortly before 1865 came to Mason County, Virginia, (now West Virginia) with wife Lavinia (1819-Maryland), and worked as a hatter. Their children were: Eliza (1837); Meredith Aurelius; Mary S. (1846); *William Perry; and Alcander C.

Meredith Aurelius Pennell (1842-1914, Mt. Moriah) married 3/13/1872 Minerva E. Harpold (1851-1876) daughter of William and Nancy (Kay) Harpold, and in 1880 census had a daughter Mary M. (1873). His second wife was Letha A. Sterne, married 4/08/1887.

Alcander C. Pinnell (1854-10/10/1923) married Dora Kessel, and were the parents of: Mary



William Perry Pinnell and Czrena A. W. Lloyd

Stella; Frederick Meredith, Lillie May Lewis; William Perry; Paul Mason; Walter A.; Otis Harpold; John Minton; and, Charles Delmer.

*William Perry (1852-1932) was a farmer when he married (1884) Czrena Alwilda Williamson Lloyd (8/27/1851-12/25/1936, Blaine Memorial), daughter of John W. Williamson (11/10/1810-12/14/1893, Hopewell) and Isabella I. Ankrom (Ankum) (2/09/1820-1/24/1920, Hopewell) and widow of Henry Charles Lloyd. Czrena was one of eight daughters. In her widowhood, Mother Isabella lived with them and died sixteen days short of her hundredth birthday.

Their children were: Owen Roseberry Lloyd (1/30/1870-12/1953, Blaine Memorial); and, William Lloyd Pinnell (1/15/1888-9/21/1967, Blaine Memorial). Owen and Lloyd were half-brothers. (See Pinnell, Lloyd, Hoffman, Kiser).

Submitted by Joann Hoffman

LLOYD PINNELL (PART III)

William Lloyd, Jr., (6/20/1913), married (12/24/1936) Eunice Josephine Coleman (6/22/1917), daughter of Thomas Granville and Laura Bell Stephens Coleman, who was from Mason County. "Bill" graduated from Union High School and attended Shenandoah College. He worked highway construction as foreman, and was in partnership with his father and brother-in-law in Pinnell and Pfof Construction Company. He retired from Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp., and he and Eunice owned the B&E Trailer Court in Ravenswood, where they still reside. Their children are: William Robert (12/15/1937), who graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Aero-Space Engineering, and from University of Dayton with a MA degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has been at Wright-Patterson in Dayton, Ohio, since 1960, where he has been lauded for his work and patents in aircraft safety. He married (12/18/1959) Sally Syputt (2/15/1938) who substitute teaches and travels with him to his many seminars. They are the parents of: Brenda Kay, Beverly Jo, and William Bradley, who married (10/8/1988) Margaret Frances Hudock, and has a son William Ronald born 1/06/1990; Brenda Anne (10/14/1939), Clarksburg, married (11/23/1960) Gary Claude Skeen (2/05/1937), son of Claude Wilson and Regina Brotherton Skeen. Brenda attended WVU and Mountain State Business College; and is employed by the Harrison County Board of Education. Gary is Vice-President of Celina Financial Corporation. Their children are Gary Todd; and, Stacy Anne; Henry Burke (12/26/1947) graduated from WVU with a degree in landscape architecture. He lives at Marysville, Tennessee, and is owner-partner of Hickory Homes Construction Company. While at the University, he was on the National Rifle Shooting Team, and spent two years in the US Army touring Europe as a member of their rifle team. He married (1/21/1978) Lczah Fisher Buckley, a stock-broker in Knoxville, and their

children are: Carrie Buckley; Tripp Buckley; and, Benjamin Pinnell.

Virginia Kathryn Pinnell Hogsett (1/02/15) is a retired Jackson County teacher and lives in Ripley. She graduated from Union High School, attended Marshall College, WVU, and received her degree from Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston). She is a fifty-year member of Order of Eastern Star, Cottageville Chapter, #16. She married (4/24/1943) Marion Eugene Hogsett of Beaver, PA (6/26/1910-6/14/1967, Jackson Memorial Gardens), in Memphis, Tennessee, while he was stationed there with the US Navy. He had special training in Underwater Ordnance Special Weapons Program and served in this capacity in the United States and Bermuda. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Frances Blanche Sayre Hogsett, both buried at Otterbein. Their children are: William Franklin (6/13/1946), who served in the US Air Force as an Intelligence Officer in Denver, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada, as a First Lieutenant. He received Doctor of Jurisprudence from WVU, and practices law in Cleveland, Ohio. He married (10/10/1968) Elizabeth Anne Snider (1/09/1947), daughter of Mark and Margaret Snider, of Harrisville, WV. Anne is a free lance writer, and they are the parents of John William (12/01/1978). They reside in Shaker Heights, Ohio; Virginia Kathryn (2/01/1948) graduated from WVU with a degree in Nursing, and received basic training with the US Army in San Antonio. She served at Tripler Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii, and left the service as a Captain. She married (6/14/1974) Chester Arnold Shorts (7/27/1945) of Erie, PA, a nuclear engineer. She owns a gourmet dessert company, and they live in Hummelstown, PA.

Olevia "Dude" Beckwith Pinnell Cunningham (5/30/1918-1/15/1974, Otterbein) graduated from Union High School and was a homemaker involved in community services; she was a member of Order of Eastern Star, Cottageville Chapter #16. She married (10/05/1942) Charles "Wink" Cunningham (1/07/1916-8/07/1988, Otterbein), son of Charles and Margaret Sayre Cunningham, who served with the US Navy during WWII. They resided in Evans, West Virginia, with their children: Charles Von (12/24/1947 who attended WVU and served with the US Navy. He was stationed in the Mediterranean ports of Rota, Spain, and Naples, Italy as Loadmaster Supply Personnel C2A's. He is a construction worker, and pilots his own single-engine Beachcraft. He married (6/24/1988) Anna Carol Casdorph Chapman (12/14/1944), a teacher in Jackson County schools. They have one daughter, Jennifer Chapman (9/01/1966); Codetta Anne (12/23/1949) graduated from WVU with a degree in Journalism. She worked for the Charleston Daily Mail and is now a territorial manager for a personal products company and owns her own printing company. She married (5/24/1975) David Lee Lake (5/01/1947) South Charleston, co-owner of the printing company.

Roger Owen Pinnell (7/14/1921-7/28/1979, Jackson Memorial Gardens) was a construction worker and farmer. He served with the US Navy Seabees in WWII, stationed in the Philippines. He married (5/09/1941) Julie Gail Kiser (12/03/1917), daughter of William Dennis and Clara Artha Kiser. Their children are: Roger Ivan (2/16/1943, US Army Inf. retired, Lt. Colonel with 21 years of service, 101st Airborne Division, Viet Nam. He was stationed throughout the US, Panama, Germany and Vietnam. He served as an exchange officer at the Air Force Academy, and his last assignment was with the US Space Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He earned his BS degree from WVU in Journalism, MA degree in Political Science at Jacksonville State University, Alabama, and PhD in communication at University of Denver. He is now an Assistant

Professor and head of the Public Relations Department at WVU. He married (8/21/1971) Margaret Monroe Housholder (9/05/1947), an educator in civilian and military schools, and they have one daughter, Rebecca Lynn (8/17/1972); Latricia Anne (2/09/1951) married (7/26/1974) Roger McCoy (11/18/1948), son of Arthur D. and Flossie Jane Devalt McCoy (of Mason County). Roger graduated from Ft. Pleasant High School and is employed at Ravenswood Aluminum Corporation. "Trish" is a homemaker and hairdresser, and is active in arts and crafts as an artist. Their children are Stacy Lynn (7/29/1978), Julie Diane (10/11/1980) and Samatha Jane (7/05/1985).

Joann May Pinnell Hoffman (12/09/1931) married (3/25/1952) Robert Frederick Hoffman (2/21/1932), son of Frederick Raymond and Frances Louise McClure Hoffman. Their children are: Lloyd Pinnell (born and died 12/29/1960); Kathryn Susan (4/24/1962); Cynthia Anne (3/31/1964), married Timothy Dalton Merritt, 1982, marriage dissolved. *Submitted by William F. Hogsett and Brenda Pinnell Skeen*

LLOYD PINNELL (PART II)

William Lloyd Pinnell (1/15/1888-9/21/1967) (called Lloyd) had his schooling at Brown and Cottageville schools. He remembered his father taking him, when he was nine years old, to the last public hanging 12/16/1897 in West Virginia. He left home when he was sixteen years old to go to Pittsburgh with a cousin, Will Thornton, where one of his first jobs was ticket taker on a streetcar. The two headed for Uncle Henry and Aunt Anna Rand's home in Kansas City, Kansas. Lloyd, as a young man, was known as a fancy dresser, down to spats and cane, and he and Will worked in one of the large department stores as window dressers. Their Uncle Henry was a building contractor, and Lloyd became a master carpenter under his guidance. His future into building and highway construction was begun.

Lloyd married (1/09/1912) Olevia May Beckwith (9/23/1890-5/02/1976, Blaine Memorial), daughter of William Lewis Beckwith, (son of Lewis Beckwith and Sarah Deen Grancil Stewart of PA) and Lenora Ellen Sayre (daughter of George W. Sayre and Mary Jane Lewis — a direct descendant of General Andrew Lewis, Civil War, who is buried near Salem, Virginia).

Lloyd was a building contractor in Kansas City, Topeka, Detroit and Chicago, and built the first all-concrete building in Chicago. While he and his family were on vacation in Jackson County, he won the contract to build the UB Church in Ripley (now Calvary United Methodist), in 1925.

He was an avid sports fan, and his lifelong interest in baseball unfolded as a player and owner, then manager and umpire of post WWII Cottageville Club when adult county baseball was in full swing. As a young player, Dr. Roy Kessel remarked that Lloyd was the only man he ever saw who could hit a ball as hard as Babe Ruth.

Lloyd and Olevia and four children returned to Cow Run about 1927, and in 1932 moved into the new house (he designed and drew the blueprints) overlooking Cottageville, after the birth of their youngest child. It was the first house in Cottageville to have an indoor bathroom, and the first bathroom in the County to have colored, vitreous china fixtures.

Lloyd ventured into highway construction again, and formed a partnership with Marion Pfost in a lumber mill operation and construction company — Pinnell and Pfost. They did road work all over the State, a portion of Kanawha Boulevard, the grading of Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, and the grading of the Airport at Salisbury, Maryland. The construction part was sold in 1946, and the lumber business continued. Still later, Pinnell bought out Pfost, and son, William, and son-in-law, Marion Hogsett, joined

him in the Company. Still later, the entire business was sold to JCo Lumber.

His activities took him into Hereford and swine farming, acres of corn and hay, and some of the most extensive strawberry fields in the area. Olevia grew the first boysenberries in the State. That, along with the strawberries, were trucked to markets in Charleston, Beckley, Akron and Columbus. Special packaging of prime berries went to Reeves Market in Charleston.

Coming out of the depression and into the war years, Olevia added to the family finances by raising thousands of chickens from the incubation stage to the adult birds, caponization of males, selling to the Charleston market. She also dressed birds for Reeves Market in Charleston, and for various customers in Ripley during the WWII meat shortage, when meat ration stamps had been exhausted.

During the war, Lloyd would raise the American flag every morning, and a service flag with three gold stars honoring their son and two sons-in-law who were serving in the US Navy.

Olevia had attended Brown school, Lee Normal School in Ripley, and Marshall College. She taught school in Wadestown and Hundred. She was a charter member of Order of Eastern Star, Cottageville Chapter #16, and attended the United Brethren Church. Her blonde curly hair wasn't touched with grey until she was nearly seventy, and she was noted for her graciousness and her beautiful flower gardens.



William Lloyd and Olevia Beckwith Pinnell

In the summer of 1952, Lloyd and Olevia honored their friends, neighbors and relatives by hosting the first annual pig roast and picnic, which evolved into the largest private gathering in the County. Each member of the family, from the youngest to the oldest, invited their guests. Olevia prepared gallons of iced tea and lemonade, and Lloyd provided the succulent pig from his herd of swine. The guests provided pot-luck "vittals" and it was a feast and fellowship fit for kings! The little girls, in their fancy dresses, tried to master the hula-hoop, and the boys played rough and tumble football in the front yard. The event was never rained out. The roasting work-party the evening before was managed by the younger crew, and was a happy prelude to the "big day". The whole hog, complete with the big red apple in its mouth and purple grapes for eyes, was roasted in huge cast-iron ovens at the farm of Margaret Cunningham, "Dude's" mother-in-law, and required all-night vigil. A bushel of tiny, new potatoes were boiled, scraped, and browned in butter and drippings. Charledean Cunningham Hutchison and husband, Carl, were part of the enterprise. It was reminiscent of the old-time play parties. The first pig was two hundred pounds of pure eating joy, and as the years progressed, and the crowds grew larger, so did the pig. In 1958, the guests numbered 250+. The picnic was discontinued in 1959. It is truly a grand and glorious memory.

Lloyd was a Master Mason, member of Order of Eastern Star. He will be remembered for his timeless efforts in getting a County hospital built

— the Jackson General Hospital. He served as President of the Board of Directors, and Ripley City Council named a street at the facility for him. At an age when most men retire, in 1959, Lloyd and Olevia turned one of their prime farms into a housing development to accommodate the numbers of people flocking to the County to work at the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Plant, and named it Evergreen Hills Community. They were well respected in their community and county. They were good, responsible and considerate parents who loved their family and were loved and honored by their children: William Lloyd, Jr., (6/20/1913); Virginia Kathryn (1/02/15); Olevia "Dude" Beckwith (5/30/1918-1/15/1974, Otterbein); Roger Owen (7/14/1921-7/28/1979, Jackson Memorial Gardens); Joann May (12/09/1931). (See Lloyd, Beckwith, Hoffman, Kiser) Submitted by Latricia Pinnell McCoy and Codetta Cunningham Lake

JACOB PLANTS

Christian Plants was born in Germany in 1762 and sailed for America about 1784. He settled in the hills of Washington County, Pennsylvania, perhaps choosing that site because the rolling hills, thick with virgin timber and lush green meadows, reminding him of his homeland across the sea. He fathered a family of ten children, but we only have genealogical outlines and family history on one, i.e., Jacob, Sr., the pioneer, born in Washington County, PA, in 1803 and died in Mason County in 1880. He and about sixteen members of his family are buried on a hillside overlooking Ten Mile Creek. This family burial ground is a part of an original track of land consisting of 500 acres that this great pioneer bought in 1849. In 1966, several members of Jacob's family, of which we have genealogical outlines on nine of his children, gave of their time and money to erect a large marble stone to mark the resting place of Jacob, Sr., and some members of his family. Mrs. R.L. Handley of Jackson County and a great granddaughter of Jacob heads up a family group that, for the past several years, have spent a day on portions of this 500 acre track visiting this burial ground as well as the birthplace of one writer of this article. Mrs. Handley's son, Thomas Adams, is a videographer and he has a great deal of family history to be shown on TV as members of this "talk and trek" group relive the days of their childhood and reminisce about stories that have been handed down through generations about the great pioneer, Jacob Plants.



Jacob Plants Sr

Much can be said for the patriotism of the children of Jacob. He saw five of his sons go to the battlefields of the war between the states. All

were Union soldiers. Of the five who left for battle, only three returned. Jacob, Jr., died of fever near Memphis, Tennessee. Francis Marion, a very young man, was killed in action at Fisher's Hill in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. John, the grandfather of the authors of this sketch was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864. The other two sons, Christian and George, returned home unscathed. Thus, love of country was exemplified, just as was love for God, an outstanding trait among the fifteen children fathered by this great pioneer, Jacob. This fact is upheld by our knowledge of one son, our grandfather, John Plants, who sold his last milk cow to finish paying off an indebtedness on the local Methodist Church, Eddy Chapel, so it could be dedicated debt-free.

The purchase of such a large track of land, 500 acres, in 1849, as mentioned earlier, shows us this great pioneer was also perhaps a good businessman who saw the worth and value of the hillsides of deep, dark forests of hickory, white oak, poplar, ash, and pine trees. The fresh and clean waters of Ten Mile Creek that flowed through his acreage provided water for the stock he raised in meadows that were lush and green as he cleared the land.

He and his children felt a kindred spirit and had close binding ties as evidenced by the fact that as the children grew to adulthood and married, quite often land was cleared on this 500 acre track and they built their log house nearby, living and raising their families almost within the shadows of this great pioneer, Jacob Plants.

John, our grandfather, Jacob's third son, born in 1830, built the family homestead only two miles up Ten Mile Creek from his father's cabin. There he made his home and fathered twenty children, having three marriages. Theodore Hayes Plants, our father and grandfather, was one of the sons born there in 1876. His mother was Sarah Catherine Hoschar. Grandfather John was born July 10, 1830 and died December 7, 1896, and is buried in Eddy Chapel Cemetery.



Nathan and Nancy (Hicks) McKinney

We are a proud people, who for 224 years have walked with pride and dignity as we realized the blood of our forefathers still courses through our veins. From Christian Plants, born in Germany in 1762, to this great pioneer, Jacob Plants, Sr., and throughout a span of time covering eight generations in our family, we have felt the cause to rejoice because of the good heritage left to us by those whose footprints were left in the sands of time as they traveled the road of life ahead of us. Submitted by Owen Plants and Gordon Plants

MARY AND DORY PLANTS

Her name is so right for her. She was born Mary Susan McKinney on November 10, 1876, in Mason County, West Virginia. Mary was indeed a merry child with snappy black eyes that reminded one of the black-cyed susans that grew along the roadside near her birthplace. "Dory," the pet name she always called her husband after their marriage on September 29, 1894, was given the birth name of Theodore Hayes Plants, born October 15, 1876,

also in Mason County. They "set up" housekeeping in a little log cabin near both the McKinney and Plants homesteads. Dory wrote one of his daughters, Avid Plants Adams Handley, and told her of the first meal his Mary had prepared after the wedding, describing in detail the fact that their table was a wooden box and their chairs were also wooden boxes, but before eating, they each bowed their heads and Dory asked a blessing on their food and on the life that was ahead of them, quite



Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Plants and family

noteworthy for two 17 year olds.

Little did they realize that 49 years of married life lay ahead of them, along with six sons and six daughters. Their Plants garden must have looked empty in those early times of their marriage, but soon some Plants were seen sprouting and on May 2, 1895, Dell D. Plants was born. He is remembered for his many good deeds as he worked in later years with the American Legion. In World War I, he was wounded in the severe battle of the Argonne Forest before he returned home to marry Bertha Edwards and settle near "Mary and Dory's garden of Plants" to raise his own family.

One little boy seemed lonely in the garden and soon Wilber E. Plants was born on December 1, 1896. A sensitive and caring young man, his greatest ambition was to secure an education. This he accomplished in spite of a lack of finances by firing the furnace for the president of West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon to earn money toward his college tuition. We're certain his clothes sometimes showed patches as Mary plied the needle and thread late into the night to make her "college son" look presentable. In addition to teaching in elementary schools and being a railway mail clerk, after retiring he taught school in Pt. Pleasant as a substitute teacher. He was married to Opal Gorrell.

A garden with only two Plants! "Never," said Mary and Dory. On April 7, 1899, Owens was born. He was a farmer, construction worker and very active in church work and Republican politics.

A fourth little boy sprouted in this garden and they named him Russell Lee, born June 29, 1901. Russell was a kind and tender-natured child who at an early age became a Christian and felt the call to become a foreign missionary. In November 1928, he sailed for Egypt, the land of the famous Nile River, the mighty Sphinx and pyramids. Boasting only an eighth grade diploma from Eagle School in Mason County, he studied the Arabic language so he could speak to the people. Even yet today at the age of 85 years and a bed patient the past five and one-half years, he sings us beautiful hymns in Arabic. Russell married, on April 17, 1933, the former Grace Smith of Cortland, New York.

Mary and Dory were pleased with their garden of four "boy Plants" but yearned for a daughter and so on December 22, 1903, Adelia Marie was born and just so she'd have a playmate, Beulah Mae was born on May 23, 1906. Adelia Marie was not a real strong child and often suffered from illness, but being their first "girl Plants" and born

so near Christmas Day, she was the "apple" of her four brothers eyes as well as Mary's and Dory's. When Beulah Mae was born, Adelia had a playmate. Beulah had a strong belief and faith in God and as a young woman found herself engaged in Home Missions work and was affiliated with the Pt. Pleasant Mission under the leadership of Miss Ocie England.

Their father, Dory, having been born into a family of 20 children, as well as Mary Susan, felt the desire and resulting happiness of rearing a large family.

On June 8, 1908, Virgil Ray was born and as a playmate for him, Mary's sixth and last son, Paul John Wilson, was born February 25, 1910. Virgil, lovingly nicknamed "Buzz" was a construction worker who, as a young boy, was shy and seemed happiest when roaming the hills near his home with his dog named Loud. Paul was a handsome lad with the snappy black eyes like Mary Susan and in later years was an insurance agent and realtor.

By now the garden was growing a little "lopsided," six "boy Plants" and only two "girl Plants." Mother Nature has a way of fixing everything just right and so four more "girl Plants" were added to the garden and Mary and Dory now had an even dozen Plants. These last four little girls added to the family fun as they romped and played in the shade of a giant sycamore which still stands today on the site of Mary's and Dory's garden of Plants.

The ninth Plants in the garden was Creota Iris, born January 11, 1913. She is lovingly nicknamed Sally. She attended Pt. Pleasant High School but graduated from Hebron High School in Hebron, Ohio and later attended Olivet College in Illinois. Avis Carol (we call her Peggy) was born June 7, 1915. She grew up fun-loving and free in the garden of Plants down on Ten Mile Creek. She now lives in Jackson County with her husband, R.L. Handley, on a site overlooking the Ohio River where they can view a broad valley where in times gone by the Indians hunted the buffalo. This fact is evidenced by the many arrowheads found on their land. Bernice Valeda, born on June 16, 1918 was the 11th Plants in the garden and she was named for a French nurse who nursed brother Dell when he was wounded in France. On April 25, 1920, a very tiny, frail baby girl was found growing in the garden. She was Mildred Catherine weighing only 4 1/2 pounds and Dr. B.F. Sommer of Leon was called in to assist in her birth. The other 11 were delivered by a Mason County midwife, Emma Love. All of Mary's and Dory's Plants had lived until adulthood, but in 1946, Mildred died in childbirth at the age of 26. There are living today, six of the 12 Plants: Owens, Russell, Beulah, Creota, Avis and Bernice.

For 49 years, Mary and Dory traveled the road of life together teaching their children by both

precept and example, making certain they had "tended" their "garden of Plants" well. Mary and Dory lie sleeping side by side on a hillside at Eddy Chapel Church. Their Plants garden numbers more than 150. They left their footprints across the United States as well as in some foreign countries.

Submitted by Christian Adams and Nathan Plants

MARY SUSAN PLANTS

Mary Susan McKinney was left motherless even before she became of school age. She had a good stepmother, Martha Hoschar, whose mother was Rhoda Plants Hoschar, a daughter of Jacob Plants, the pioneer. Thus, Mary Susan had good teaching and training from her kind stepmother and her father, Wilson McKinney, a minister of the gospel. Mary Susan married young and with her husband, Theodore Plants, raised a large family and thus she learned how to "make a lot from a little" and to do it with so much love and caring that her family didn't seem to notice that they were a poor family and sometimes deprived. It has been said that Mary could make enough biscuits and gravy for Grant's army. In this home, there were times when, because of sickness or death in the neighborhood or an extra load of work at Dory's sawmill, Mary would extend her table and arrange extra sleeping quarters. One winter she cooked three meals a day for 17 people and bedded 16 of them. All this was accomplished with a merry heart often singing some hymn as she worked.



Mary S. Plants on Eagle Ridge

Married in 1894, she seemed always to be busy and was happiest when she felt she was needed and could help someone. When she was 88 years old, she was still making quilts and often putting on patches for some member of the family. As she came into these later years of her life, she had to figure out some way to thread her needles with a certain amount of ease. At such an advanced age she still did not wear glasses except to sew and to read. Mary Susan had an ingenious spirit and could always seem to overcome every difficulty.

If you would go into the home of her daughter, Avis Plants Adams Handley, in Jackson County, today, you would find a medium-sized square glass jar with a lid on it filled with an assortment of items that had to do with Mary's everyday life. There are single-edged razor blades for snipping a thread, small scissors that fit in her apron pocket, and many useful buttons, never knowing when she might need them. Most touching, most ingenious of all, was a square of parafin that she would draw her thread across in order to stiffen it a little so it would go through the eye of the needle a little more easily. The marks in the parafin are more than many, showing how capable she was with a needle and thread. Those snappy brown eyes that first saw the light of day on November 10, 1876, were beginning to fail to the extent that on dark, cloudy days Mary had difficulty threading her needles. But, here again, her ingenuity came forth and on bright, sunny days she'd thread many, many needles with both black and white thread, each one carefully stuck into a cloth ready for use when she needed them.



Mary S. Plants

But, there did come a time when Mary Susan no longer needed her needles. On April 29, 1970, she closed her beautiful brown eyes never to awaken on this earth. For 93 and one-half years she had lived a good life, being all that epitomized a good neighbor, a loving wife and a beautiful mother. Each time we examine the contents of the square glass jar, we are reminded of her staunch and sturdy character and even when death came, we learned how she had persevered often in difficult times and planned ahead for even small work-a-day activities. Yes, as small a task as threading a needle was handled in a manner so like this great lady.

We learned, after her death, that this great lady (we call her Grandma Plants) had been prepared for work and helping others when we discovered that "she left her needles threaded."

Much more than "threaded needles" were left to her posterity. Anyone touched by her life, even in the smallest degree, were felt to be a better person for having known her. The consistent Christian life she lived and the love and care she gave her children all point up the true beauty of this great lady. The square glass jar of useful household items and especially the many needles she had threaded on bright, sunny day, spell out vividly her foresight and optimism about life and, to us, are a symbol of her enduring presence in our life when we see and remember that she "Left her needles threaded." *Submitted by Rhea Ann Buchanan and Betty Jean Taylor*

POWELL-LOGSTON

Jacob W. Powell (Feb. 28, 1840-Dec. 5, 1918), son of John and Catherine Powell, married Elizabeth Shutts (June 4, 1846-Sept. 7, 1912). She was born in Monroe County, Ohio, daughter of William and Catherine (Harmon) Shutts. They lived in Monroe County, Ohio before moving to Grant District, Jackson County in the early 1880's. They are buried in the Willowdale Cemetery. Their children: 1. William Powell (1865-?) married Mary Ellen Cross, daughter of Robert and Rosana Cross; they moved to Michigan. Their children: John, Ada, Edna, Nellie, Audrey and Florence. 2. John Powell (1868-1935) married Levina Conner (1871-1959), daughter of Joseph and Nancy (McCullough) Conner. They lived at the head of Little Pond Creek and Cavin Fork. They are buried in the Willowdale Cemetery. Their children: Bertha and Nancy. 3. Harvey Powell (1871-1941) married Louisa Logston (1874-1955). (See information in the Logston history). 4. Laura Powell (1871-?) married Philip Sollberger and moved to Ravenna, Ohio. Their children: Charlie, Jim, Ethel and Grace. 5. Katie Powell (1875-1950) married Frank Conner, son of James and Ursula (Montgomery) Conner. They lived on the Little Sandy Road. They had no children but raised a foster grandson, Charles Conner. 6. James Powell (1878-?) married Lulu Hill, daughter of Phelix and Joanne (Powers) Hill. They moved to Moundsville, West Virginia. Their child: James Worley. 7. Izina Powell married Samuel Ferguson. They moved to Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania. Their children:



Christian Theodore Adams



Cleve, Jim, Katie, Harvey, John, Will, and Jake Powell

Mamie, Charles, Mildred, Eugene and Hettie. 8. Cleveland Powell (1885-?) married Estella Archer, daughter of Alfred and Miranda (Archer) Archer. They lived on Little Pond Creek. Their child: Clay.

Joseph Logston (1846-1912) married Eliza Ferguson (1856-1945), daughter of James and Mary Jane (Boso) Ferguson. Eliza was the oldest daughter from a family of 17 children and the granddaughter of Charles Boso, who settled on Little Pond Creek in northern Jackson County. The Logston family was originally from Marshall County, West Virginia. Joseph and Eliza are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Grant District. Their children: 1. Alfred Logston married Lyde Swain and lived at Chester West Virginia. Their children: Dana, Virgil, Harry, Melvin, Homer and Goldie. 2. Charlie Logston (1872-1953) married Sarah Ellen Calvert and lived on New England Ridge in Wood County and later moved to Ohio. They are buried at Lubeck in Wood County. Their children: Gail, Helen, Charles Jr., Carlton, Doris, Melvin and Marlin. 3. Louisa Logston (1875-1955) married Harvey Powell and lived on Little Pond Creek in Jackson County. Their children: Sybel and Hazel. 4. Jim Logston (1883-?) married Ellen Hayes and lived at Newell, West Virginia. Their children: Esther, Albert and Iris. 5. Effie Logston (1877-1952) married Nathan McBride, son of Samuel and Jane (Archer) McBride, and lived at Medina in Grant District. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Mart, Bird, Myrtle and Murhl. 6. Lydia Logston (1880-?) married Willie Keefe and lived at Little Washington, Pennsylvania. Their children: Opal, Aubrey, Sara, Elsie, Carl, Howard and Bernice. 7. William Logston (1889-1963) married, first, Myrtle Mills (1889-1919) and had two daughters, Grace and Eleanor. He married, second, Orena Delaney, and had two sons, James and Roger. William lived at Toppins Grove in Grant District and is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. 8. John Logston (1891-?) married Marietta Smith and lived at Philo, Ohio. Their children: Doris, Robert, Helen and Margie. 9. Everett Logston (1902-1974) married Mary Pifer



sitting: Harvey and Hazel Powell;
standing: Louisa (Logston) and Sybel Powell

and lived at Rockport, West Virginia. He is buried in the Limestone Cemetery, Wood County. Their children: Howard and Zane.

Harvey and Louisa (Logston) Powell lived in the Willowdale section of Little Pond Creek. They attended the Willowdale Baptist Church. After the death of William Logston's first wife, Harvey and Louisa raised William's daughter, Eleanor. They had two daughters: 1. Sybel Powell (1896-1956) married Earl Boice and lived at Elizabeth, West Virginia. They had no children. They are buried in the Beulah Cemetery. 2. Hazel Powell (1909) was born at Newell, West Virginia. She married Richard Conner (1900-1971), son of Frank and Missouri (Joseph) Conner. He was born at Cuba, in Grant District. Richard and Hazel had a daughter, Wanda Marie. Hazel lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Wanda Marie Conner was born Dec. 15, 1936, at Sherman, West Virginia. She married Donnie Flinn and lives near Lee Creek at Belleville, West Virginia. Donnie was born Feb. 3, 1931, at Belleville, son of Donald Alexander and Isabelle Ellen (Staats) Flinn. Donald Alexander Flinn was born March 22, 1909 and died Oct. 4, 1973. Ellen Flinn was born Feb. 30, 1913, daughter of Ershel and Effie (Williamson) Staats. Donnie and Wanda have five children: 1. Shelia Gale Flinn (Nov. 15, 1957) married Wendel Ayers and lives at Parkersburg, West Virginia. They have no children. 2. Deborah Kaye Flinn (Nov. 25, 1958) married Richard Frank Bonar and lives at Belleville. Their children: Eric Ryan Bonar (July 6, 1981), and Lori Kaye Bonar (April 10, 1985). 3. Michael Alan Flinn (July 21, 1960) married Debra Mae Meadows and lives at Belleville. Their children: Nicole Marie Flinn (Mar. 23, 1984) and Carrie Renee Flinn (Dec. 8, 1986). 4. Brenda June Flinn (Nov. 4, 1961) married David Lowel Smith and lives at Bridgeport, West Virginia. Their children: Brandon David Smith (Sept. 23, 1987) and Ashley Danielle Smith (Dec. 16, 1989). 5. Gregory Todd Flinn (Nov. 10, 1965) lives with his parents. Submitted by

Hazel (Powell) Conner and Wanda (Conner) Flinn

POWERS

Through early family lines, kinship links are established with English kings and the Emperor Charlemagne, and with John and Priscilla Alden, Mayflower passengers.

In the middle of the 17th century, two Powers brothers migrated from Cork County, Ireland and settled in New England. Later, descendants moved to Hagerstown, Maryland and thence to Virginia.

William Powers (later Captain) was born in Frederick County, Virginia, November 9, 1765, but early settled at Powers Fort, Bridgeport, Harrison County. As Justice of the Peace, he was a member of Harrison County Court in 1800. He had served in the American Revolution and was later given a Revolutionary grant near the town of Jane Lew, Virginia. He was a farmer, Indian Scout, and once served as Sheriff of Lewis County. He was pensioned in April 1841 for his services. He died in 1856 and was buried in Broad Run Cemetery of Lewis County. (Recorded in: *West Virginia in the American Revolution* by Ross Johnston. William left a diary of his scouting era, and legend has it that this record was the basis of *Chronicles of Border Warfare* by Alexandra Withers.

A son of Williams Powers, Thomas, married Pamela Hart on Feb. 14, 1820. She was the granddaughter of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. In 1842, William and wife sold 165 acres on Polk Creek to Thomas and Pamela for \$10.00, and they lived there until about 1856. Thomas was a farmer and millwright. Prior to the Civil War, he moved his family from Lewis County to Jackson County, buying approximately 800 acres. A portion of this original track is now covered by water from Watershed Dam #13 on

Tug Fork, near Staats Mill.

The story is told of Thomas coming home one night with a large ham. He heard blood-curdling screams behind him, gradually coming nearer, and knew it was a panther. He moved faster and faster, the screams came closer and closer. Finally attack was apparent, so he flung the ham over his shoulder and ran home. Luckily, the panther preferred the ham, and the family survives to tell the tale.

According to the 1850 census, Thomas and Pamela had eight children, all born in what was then Virginia. They were: Elihugh, Daniel, Margaret, Roanna, Hannah, Rachel and Sarah.

The oldest child of Thomas and Pamela, Elihugh, married Charlotte Davis 3/4/1841. They lived in Doddridge County, later moving to Jackson County with his father. He was a millwright, stonecutter, and farmer. He cut the stone which supported the mill and covered bridge at Staats Mill. The bridge now sits at Cedar Lakes Camp, near Ripley.

Elihugh and Charlotte had ten children: Elmer, Claudius, Katherine, Gustavus, Ida, George, Guy, and Isaiah — all born in Doddridge County — and Thomas and Flora, born in Jackson County.

Thomas was born 10/3/1859. He was a carpenter, Baptist minister (circuit rider) and farmer. He played a mean flute, told fantastic tales — always in the proper dialect — and was counselor to the area. His ways of travel were horseback, horse and buggy, and the jerkwater train from Ripley to Mt. Alto. Churches he served were: Ephesus (near Plum Orchard); Grass Lick at Kenna; Mt. Carmel at Rocky Knob; Harmony Baptist at Harmony; Mt. Alto; Meadowville and Sherman. He married Mollie Flinn and they had four sons: Rev. Lloyd Powers, Marshall, Okey and Hoyt — all now deceased. The family lived on a portion of the 800 acres originally purchased by Thomas and Pamela (Hart) Powers.



Rev. Thomas O. Powers with horses. Minn and Roxy

Lloyd married Vesta Casto of Fairplain. Their children were: Paul, Ruth, Mary and Martha. Marshall married Orma Wright of Ripley. Their children are: Kent and Robert. Okey married Grace Alma. They had one child, Nancy. Hoyt married Pauline Casto of Fairplain. They had two children — Lucille and Keith.

After his first wife's death, Thomas married Laura Fields (born April 4, 1892) of Fletcher, on June 26, 1913. They had three children: Hiram, Grace and Carl. Thomas died 12/22/1946.

Hiram married Valeria Brotherton 2/26/40. Their children are: Mary Rebecca (1942) and David (1944). A step-daughter, Diane, is married to John Suchanoff of Bridgeton, New Jersey. They have one daughter: Pauletta, Orlanda, Florida.

Rebecca married Scott Donat III (7/1/1962). They reside in Ripley. Two children: Scott IV (1966), single, (Ripley) and Laura Beth (1968). Laura Beth married Anthony Riddle in 1987, and they live in Denver, Colorado.

David married Shirley Parsons (1962) — residing in Jackson County. Two children: Sheryl and Jeffrey. Sheryl married William Webb of Ripley. Their two children are Ashli (1986) and Jeremy (1988). They reside in Wood County.

Grace married Norman Madan of Mt. Vernon, New York. (6/1/44). They now live in Coral

Gables, Florida. Children: Richard (1950) and Karen (1952). Richard, single, lives in Miami, Florida. Karen married James B. Strickler III, of St. Petersburg, Florida in 1982 — one child: Laura Beth (1988). They live in New York City, on Governor's Island.

Carl now lives in Spring Hill, Florida. He married Willa Lee McElwain, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia in 1945. Three sons: Thomas (1946); Jack (1949); and Paul (1954). Carl and Willa Lee raised their family in Akron, Ohio, and Miami, Florida. Tom married Shirley Smith, Akron, Ohio. They reside at Jupiter, Florida. Two children: Scott and Shannon. Scott, married, resides in Miami, Florida. Shannon, single, is a student at the University of Alabama.

Jack married Mary Ann Neider of Akron, Ohio — where they reside. Two children: Martha Ann (1975) and Bothany (1980).

Paul married Laurie Washuta (1981) and they reside in Orange Park, Florida. There are four children: David, Sarah, Leigh Ann and Aaron. Submitted by Grace Madaw Powers and Samuel Hiram Powers

JOHN WESLEY POWERS

John Wesley Powers (Twin) was born 15 Sept. 1852 on a farm located on the Ohio River near Ravenswood, Jackson County, West Virginia. He was one of 10 children born to Joseph J. and (Jennie) Jane (Farley) Powers.

Joseph J. Powers was born 21 Jan 1814 in Virginia; died 15 Feb 1854 in Jackson County, West Virginia. His parents, place of birth, or burial is not known. He married 15 Jan 1835 in Monroe County, Ohio to (Jennie) Jane Farley born 7 June 1814 near Wheeling, West Virginia; died 11 March 1875 Ravenswood, West Virginia, buried in McGee's Chapel Cemetery, at Independence, West Virginia. She was one of 10 children born to Andrew and Sarah (Farley) Farley of Washington County, Pennsylvania and Monroe County, Ohio. Sarah was a daughter of David Fairley, Rev. War Soldier of Virginia and his wife Mary Aiken, (Hampshire County, West Virginia; last in Monroe County, Ohio) Andrew was a son of Captain Andrew Fairley, Rev. War Soldier and Captain of Militia Washington County, Pennsylvania and his first wife Barbara C. Combs.

Joseph J. and (Jennie) Jane (Farley) Powers had 10 children, some of them were born in Monroe County, Ohio and before or by 1846 the family was located on a farm on the Ohio River near Ravenswood, Jackson County, West Virginia where other children were born. Their children in order of their births: Sarah A. Powers, b. 20 April 1836, Ohio; d. 21 Jan 1882; m. 5 Aug 1855 to George W. Rodgers/Rogers b. 7 Jan 1835 Monroe County, Ohio, d. 26 July 1904 . . Civil War Vet. (Union). They had six known children and perhaps others. They lived and died at or near Sandyville, West Virginia; Ezekiel Powers b. 3 Jan 1838 Monroe County, Ohio; d. 29 Sept 1863 Civil War (Union); m. 8 Sept 1859 in Jackson County, West Virginia to Isabella B. Baker . . (No children we know of); Margaret Druscilla Powers b. 10 Feb 1840 Monroe County, Ohio; d. 22 March 1924 Silvertown, Jackson County, West Virginia supposedly buried there. m. first to Andrew Farley Baker 1836-1873, born in Monroe County, Ohio, died of wounds suffered in the Civil War (Union). Seven Baker children. She married second 6/10/1877 in Jackson County, West Virginia to James Ashford McGlothlin 1821-1912 (his third wife). They had one son, Oda Lee McGlothlin born 26 March 1878. Elizabeth E. Powers b. 2 March 1842 in Ohio; d. unknown, m. 7 April 1874 Jackson County, West Virginia to James F. Evilsizer (no information). Hannah Powers b. 26 Jan 1844; d. unknown (not in any Census). Mary Jane Powers b. 15 Jan 1846 Jackson County, West Virginia to Ezra D. Anderson; a Civil War Veteran. (Union). Not named born and died 1 March 1848 Jackson

County, West Virginia. William Z. Powers b. 25 Jan 1849 near Ravenswood, Jackson County, West Virginia; d. 27 Oct 1934 Elkins, Randolph County, West Virginia buried there. He married Sarah Ann Booth, was said to be a granddaughter of General Booth, War of 1812. Three daughters and one son. Joseph Hill Powers (Twin) b. 15 Sept 1852 on a farm near Ravenswood, Jackson County, West Virginia; d. 5 Feb 1935 Montana or Wyoming. He married first 3 Jan 1877 in Jackson County, to Mary T. Carney, her age 19, his age 24 (divorced). Was said Mary was a red head with a temper to match . . They had one child that lived to adulthood . . Lewis Powers b. unknown; d. unknown; married Dora and had Lawrence, Harold, Edith, Stella, and Jean . . They lived somewhere in Pennsylvania . . (No other information of them). Joseph Hill Powers m. second 1905 in Carthage, Missouri to the widow Ada (Osborn) Palmer of Sarcoux, Missouri . . They had Fred and Karl born 1906 and 1907 in Carthage, Missouri. John Wesley Powers (Twin) 1852-1936 married 16 March 1976 in Jackson County, West Virginia to Susan Caroline Young born 18 July 1856 near Mt. Ephraim, Seneca Township, Noble County Ohio; died 25 May 1932 rural Carthage, Missouri. Both buried in Park Cemetery, Carthage, Missouri. She was one of 10 children born to James T. and (Sallie) Sarah M. (Brown) Young who lived 1860 and 1870 in Seneca Township, Noble County, Ohio and in 1880 was living in Jackson County, West Virginia, Grant District . . Sarah M. (Brown) Young was a native of Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York. One of eight children born to Jeremiah Batemen Brown (Scotch-Irish) native of New York and served in the War of 1812 there. His wife was Nancy Gillotte. His 1864 will is recorded in Center Township, Noble County, Ohio; she died in 1885.

John Wesley and Susan Caroline (Young) Powers had ten children. Five born in Jackson County, West Virginia; one son born 1887 in Salina,



back: Ern, Jo, Maylon, Esther, Jack
front: Roscoe, John W., Caroline, Laura

Kansas and before 1890 the family was in Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri where four more children was born. Listed in the order of births: (Lora) Lorinda 1877-1928; Eliah W. 1879-1880; James D. 1880-1881, Edna Josephine 1882-1966; (Jack) John Logan Powers 1885-1930; Mahlon G. Powers b. 1887 Salina, Kansas; d. 1935; Roscoe Irving Powers, Sr. 1890-1958; Not Named born and died 1891; Earnest Victor 1892-1962; Esther May Powers 1896-1970.

Tradition: Joseph J. Powers died when the twins John and Joe were 1 1/2 years old. They were raised by their grandfather (Andrew Farley up to 1860). He was described as a big man, red-faced Scotch-Irish and he saw to it that they had some education. They had nine months schooling. After the death of Joseph J., his widow Jane went on doing spinning, weaving, and sewing for people to support the family still at home, until she lost her eye sight, even then, she continued to do her own house work with the aid and assistance of a cousin. John and Joe went to work when very young and supported their mother for as long as she lived.

What John and Joe lacked in education, they made up for it in profession, they became master carpenters/builders and cabinet makers.

Note: A *History of Roane County, West Virginia* shows that Mary Jane Powers who married Ezra D. Anderson was a daughter of Elihue Powers . . . However: Elihue and Charlotte (Davis) Powers did NOT have a daughter named Mary Jane . . . A descendent of Elihu Powers had claimed their lineage was Scotch-Irish . . . Where as, my grandpa had once told my half-sister that our Powers was English-Irish. Submitted by Roscoe Powers, Jr.

JOSEPH AND JANE POWERS

Joseph and Jane (Farley) Powers settled in the vicinity of Sandyville and Independence. Joseph J. Powers was born January 21, 1814, in Virginia. He married Jane Farley on January 15, 1835, in Monroe County, Ohio. Jane was born June 7, 1814, near Wheeling, West Virginia, to Andrew and Sarah Farley.

They had the following children: Sarah A, b. Apr. 20, 1836 — d. Jan 21, 1882, married George W. Rogers; Ezekiel, b. Jan. 3, 1838 — d. Sept. 29, 1863, married Isabella Baker; Margaret Druscilla, b. Feb. 10, 1840 — d. March 23, 1924, married Andrew F. Baker, and then after his death, James Ashford McLothlin; Elizabeth E., b. March 2, 1842 — d. unknown, married James Evilsizer; Hannah, b. Jan. 26, 1844 — d. unknown; Mary Jane, b. Jan. 15, 1846 — d. unknown, married Ezra D. Anderson; William Z., b. Jan. 25, 1849 — d. Oct. 27, 1934, married Sarah Ann Booth; Joseph Hill (twin), b. Sept. 15, 1852 — d. Feb. 5, 1935, married #1 to Mary T. Carney, #2 to Ada Palmer; John Wesley (twin), b. Sept. 15, 1852 — d. Dec. 20, 1936, married Susan Caroline Young.

According to the 1850 Census of Jackson County, Joseph was a farmer and was born in Virginia. The story told of Joseph was that he drowned in the Ohio River. Jane died March 11, 1875, in Ravenswood, and is buried in the McGee Chapel Cemetery in Independence. Submitted by Penny Ginnery

PRESLEY

On a beautiful fall day, October 1, 1900, George Neely Presley, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Skeen Presley, and Nancy Ann Rhodes, daughter of Bentine and Mary Casto Rhodes, were married. They lived in Harper District near the Jackson and Roane County line, first on Second Creek above Second Creek School near Fletcher then later on the ridge above Second Creek on what is now the Parsons Farm.

George was a farmer. He loved the outdoors. He had five children: Leo (9-26-1903), Lovell (9-9-1906) were his sons; then he had three daughters: Leva (3-27-1909), Lula (5-5-1913), and Lona (8-23-1915). Leo married Vivian Elisabeth Halstead in 1929. Lovell married Hazel Edna Fisher in 1929. Leva married Okey Alvin Jones in 1938. Lula married Jewel George Cunningham in 1934. Lona married Woodrow Parker Page in 1947.

When Leo was around 16, George saw a future in Kanawha County. He found a beautiful big farm with a lovely big house at the head of Frog Creek around 1919. Moving in a wagon pulled by two Morgan horses, he brought sheep, horses, ducks, chickens, turkeys, and 13 Hereford cows. They were two years getting moved. Leo stayed at the old farm until the last load was moved. George lived there until he died, July 11, 1946. He was buried on the farm about a half mile from his home on a point overlooking Front Creek. He had two grandchildren already buried there, Andrew 22 months and his sister, Winoa four months old. They were Leo's children.

George and Nancy had two foster daughters,

Genevieve and Nancy Kapp, who came to live with them when they were 11 and two years old. They made their home with them for several years. Nancy was put to rest beside George, November 9, 1961.

Leo and Lovell have kept the farm going and are both in their 80s. George and Nancy have 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. The Presleys came from Russell County, Virginia to Jackson County in the early 1800s.

Lula was buried at Emma Cemetery, Route 34, July 20, 1985. Leva was buried at Haven of Rest at Red House, August 27, 1989.

Leo and Vivian's other children are: Donnie Ruth Presley (9-8-1933), Donald Lee Presley (7-6-1939) and Otis Doyle Presley (12-29-1947).

Donnie married Luther Adams Staats in 1955. Their children are: Craston Adams Staats (7-27-1956) married Deborah Burdette 1988; Jimmy Leon Staats (12-14-1957) married Delores Jordan in 1977, a son Jamie Curtis Staats (4-11-1981) and a daughter Stacy Nichole (3-22-1984); Glen Allen Staats (12-9-1961) married Tama Turner in 1987, one daughter Jessica Rashelle (7-9-1989).



Luther and Donnie Staats; sons, Craston, Glen, and Jimmy, 1985

Donald was in the Army in the early 60's in Korea. Otis was in the Army during the late 60's in Vietnam. Both are sons of Leo. Otis Doyle married Charlotte Phillips in 1971 and has a daughter, Mandy Ann (2-21-1978) and a son, Tony Doyle (2-15-1984). *Submitted by Donnie Staats*

PRESLEY-PRICE-TUCKER-HARPER (PART I)

Joseph Presley and Rebecca Jane Neeley were married in Russell County, Virginia 1837/1838 and were there in 1840. In 1850 they were in Jackson County. Joseph was born 8 Jan 1817 in Russell County; Rebecca, Apr 1817, possibly in Ohio. Rebecca was the daughter of William Neely of Virginia and Van Dyke who was born in Holland. Rebecca had brothers Richard, John, Albert and William, who were also in Jackson and/or Roane Counties. Joseph was the son of James Presley (1783/1870+) and Bridget "Biddy" Hatfield. James was a farmer, and, we've been told, came to Russell County from North Carolina where he married Biddy Hatfield (a collateral ancestor of the Hatfield-McCoy fame) born about 1792 in Russell County. Their children were: William (-1810), married Sarah Stilner 1849 Tazewell County, Virginia; Joseph; Andrew (1818) married Elizabeth Harris; twins James (1821) married Susan Elliot; and Ephriam (1821/1848?) married Margaret Colley; Joshua (1830) married Emerilla Dillon; and Jane (1820) married William Hess; possibly another daughter. In 1870 James Presley was living with is daughter

Jane Hess in Russell County.

Joseph and his brother, James, were in Jackson County, Virginia 1850; Andrew was living in Russell County 1880; Joshua was in Tazewell County, 1872.

According to an informal history by M.A.C. Hopkins, Joseph and Rebecca Presley came to Jackson County area about 1846, the Jackson-Roane County line ran through the Presley farm. Joseph and Rebecca had 11 children: Celia (1839) married 24 Jun 1858 John E.F. Fields (1838); George Neely died age 19 1/2 in 1860; James died age 19 in 1865; Margaret Jane; Elihue Kiser (1849/1908) married 15 Mar 1871 Elizabeth Ferrell Jones (1852); Andrew (1851/1939) married 15 Feb. 1873 Elizabeth Skeen (1849/1937); John (1854-/1900) married 27 Nov 1877 Martha J. Lowe (1859); Joseph died age nine in 1865; Rebecca (1858/1886) married 27 Dec 1876 Franklin Ferrell (1850); Joshua (1861) married (1) 7 Apr 1887 Adeline Lowe (1867/1907) and (2) 30 Jun 1910 Emma Fields (1878); and Mary Elizabeth (1864) married 15 Jan 1884 John Richmond (1859). The Presleys are in Roane County, 1860. However, the above deaths are recorded in Jackson County. Joseph Presley died 11 Jul 1881. He and Rebecca are believed buried in Ferrell Cemetery, Roane County.

Freda, widow of Maxwell E. Young (1923 Falling Rock, West Virginia, 1969, Titusville, Florida) lives and works in Titusville. *Submitted by Fred I. Harper Young*

PRESLEY-PRICE-TUCKER-HARPER (PART II)

Margaret Presley born 25 Apr 1845 Russell County, Virginia died 20 Feb 1898, Boyd, Roane County, West Virginia, married Jackson County 3 Jan 1867, John Wesley Price born 10 Oct 1836 Russell County, Virginia died 9 Oct 1902 Roane County, West Virginia. It is said she died in the winter and the funeral could not be held until spring when the preacher came.

John Price, with his mother, Lavina (1804/1865), brother, James Harvey (1842/1928), and sisters Elizabeth (1839/1922) and Mary Jane (1846), had followed his brother, William (1830/1861), to the Kanawha County area in about 1855. Brother Richard (1828/1914) had settled in Washington County, Virginia. Samuel Price (1834) and sisters, Rachel (1827), and Rebecca (1824), remained in Russell County for some time. Rebecca married John Chapman. They were in Roane County by 1880. Rachel married Henry Dye.



John Wesley, James Harvey and Richard P.A. Price, and John Chapman

William was murdered in Oct 1861 at the beginning of the Civil War and his wife (married 15 Dec 1853 Russell County, Virginia).

Mary E. Hart Price (1835-36/1886) took their children and moved to Kentucky, later to return to Jackson County. John and Harvey joined the Confederate Army and served in Company B 16th Virginia Calvary during the Civil War. Mary Jane

married Martin Gibson, John Harper, Rev. John Smith and a Mr. Bolden. Elizabeth had married Andrew Jackson Harper (1839/1864) 17 Nov 1857. Jackson was a younger brother to Thomas W. Harper (1816/1874?) Jackson died in the hospital at Annapolis 21 Dec 1864. He was a Union infantryman, captured at Lynchburg and held prisoner of war. Elizabeth married 16 Jul 1868 Alexander Gibson.

Lavina Price died in 1865. James Harvey Price went back to Russell County for some time and there married 18 Aug 1871 Mary E. Barger (1846/1907). They returned to Roane County and raised a large family.

John was a farmer and held a fair amount of property. He and Margaret had ten children: Joseph Presley (1867/1960) married 1889 Katherine Smith (1861/1940); Rebecca Jane (1869/1947) married 22 Sept 1892 James Anthony Robinson (1868/1951); Mary Lavina; William E. (1874/1888); Cecilia Saphronia (1876/1960) married 12 Apr 1903 Levi E. Smith (1872/1939), a teacher. John Wesley (1878/1958) married (1) 12 Oct 1899 Virgie Jarvis (1876/1904) and (2) 2 Mar 1906 Esta Lee Shafer (1884/1970); George Neely (1880/1965) married 25 Sept 1907 Blandis Gandee (1885/1981); Stella Margaret (1883/1929) married (1) 4 Jan 1900 Samuel E. Lowe (1876/1907) and (2) Sherman Hinkle (1887/1954); Roy Kenna (1886/1969) married 13 Oct 1907 Elva J. Gandee (1890/1955); Rachel Elizabeth (1892/1989) married 14 Feb 1911 William Ransom Rothwell (1889/1950). (See article "Presley-Price-Tucker-Harper" Part III.

Marietta married Richard B. Barrett and is a retired bookkeeper for the F.W. Woolworth Co. *Submitted by Marietta F. Harper Barrett*

PRESLEY-PRICE-TUCKER-HARPER (PART III)

Mary Lavina "Viney" Price was born 28 Apr 1871 Boyd, Roane County. She married Charles William Tucker 1 Jan 1891 in Roane County. Charlie was born in Wood County 10 Dec 1870, a son of George M.D. (1850/1885) and Mary A. Kaufman Tucker (1854/1885). His lineage includes William Radcliff who married Deborah Hughes, sister of Jesse Hughes. Charlie and Viney lived for some time in Jackson County; three of their first four children being born there. Charlie farmed, timbered, and raised stock cattle in Roane, Jackson, Mason, Boone, and Kanawha Counties. He took his sawmill from place to place and would spend many months cutting and sawing timber. Sometimes the whole family would move, other times just Charlie and the mill hands with older children to "help out". The older girls would go along to do the cooking.

In about 1902, after a particularly bad winter there was an explosion at the mill and one of the mill hands was severely burned. The mill was completely destroyed, and the family's finances along with it. Viney's father, John Price, helped all he could. They moved into an old house on his farm, fixed it up and lived there until Charlie was



Mary Lavina (Price) Tucker, 1940's

able to obtain more equipment and was back in business. The mill hand recovered, and Charlie enjoyed many successful years with his sawmill. Charlie and Viney had 11 children: Cora Gertrude (1892/1965) married 1 Jan 1910 William Bruce Young (1884/1983); Maude Margaret (1893/1980) married Joseph Frank Lyons (1892/1952); Icy Pearl (1895/29 Sept 1989) married 1 Jul 1916 Alla Joseph Jackson (1893/1974); George Wesley (1897/1983) married (1) Nora Lee Waybright (1899/1934) and (2) Goldie Snodgrass; Celia Lee (1900/1940) married Howard Bird; Elva Mae (1902/1980); Charles Worthy (1904/1964) married Dovie Moffitt; Elsie Gay (1906/1906); Thelma Faye (1907/living 1989) married 4 Feb 1932 Grady Rehberg; Hazel Richmond (1910/living 1989) married 24 Dec 1931 Walter W. Cassell (1911/1986); Robert Bruce (1912/1986) married Patricia. Viney Price Tucker died 20 Nov 1949, and Charlie died 8 Oct 1937, at Clendenin, West Virginia.

Elva Mae Tucker was our mother. She was born 16 Apr 1902 at Cicerone, Roane County and died 25 Feb 1980 Titusville, Brevard County, Florida. She married our father, Holley Edward Harper, 17 Sept 1923 at Clendenin, Kanawha County, West Virginia. Holley was born 13 Feb 1900 Valley Fork, Clay County, and died 14 Feb 1970, Titusville, Florida, the son of Alexander Z. Harper (1869/1955) and Amanda Elicia Fitzwater (1877/1947) and grandson of Thomas W. and Paulina Taylor Harper. There were six children born to Holley and Elva at Clendenin, West Virginia, before moving to Florida in 1945. Freda Irene (1924); Holley, Jr. (1927/1982); Marietta Fay (1933); Jimmy Lewis (1936); Jackie Ray (1938) married Joan E. Mulley; Gloria Dawn (1943/1943).

Jim is retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer. Married (1) Barbara Anne Bartley, (2) Marjorie Amelia Partridge. Submitted by Jim L. Harper

PRINGLE

Captain White, Jesse Hughes, Ellis Hughes, John Cutright, Samuel Pringle, and a few others' joined General Lewis' Company; they were bivouaced at the "Point" (Pt. Pleasant) on the Virginia side. In spite of the belief of the General that there were no Indians on the war-path in that area, they were attacked the next day. The fire of the Virginians was very fierce and deadly. The battle was over at end of the day; the bordermen had only half won at fearful cost.

Samuel and Jacob Pringle designed the boats used by George Roger Clark's Expedition 1778. (*Horner Papers*)

Samuel Pringle served in the Revolution under Captain Booth as an Indian "Spy" with a Company of Rangers from Virginia. (*Record from Virginia State Library*)

John Pringle is listed, as having settled in Jackson County in 1818; he came from Upshur County near Buckhannon. He owned and operated a grist mill and made furniture at the foot of Old Salt Hill. He was married to Rhoda Casto sister of David Casto. John Pringle was the son of William Pringle and Nellie Rollins, daughter of Barnaby Rollins. William Pringle was son of Samuel Pringle, and Charity Cutright. Samuel Pringle and his brother John are of the Sycamore (Pringle Tree) fame. John moved to Kentucky.

John Pringle and Rhoda Casto's children were: Gilbert married Martha Skidmore; Miles married Rachael Board; he was wounded in the Civil War; Samantha and Delilah both married Rhodes.

John Pringle second wife was Isabelle Stewart, married February 27, 1834. Children of this marriage were: George married Elizabeth Crites; their children were: James (Bub) married Cordelia Parsons; Isaac never married; Elza married Wesley; Martha married Pres Casto. Other children

of John and Isabelle Stewart were Melton and Sandusky who died young; Elvira and Elizabeth never married; Jane married James Dixon. Roxie married Taylor Perkins; John G. married Mazilla (Druzilla) Rhodes in 1861. John Pringle's third wife was Margaret Johnson Rhodes and they had one daughter Isabell who married William Myers.

John G. and Mazilla Rhodes children were: Artimisha married McClennan Staats; James married Jennie Hammrick; Fredrick never married; Rosetta married Henry Southall; Hanna, Arthilia, Carrie, and Mary died in infancy; Frona and Flora died young; Edgar married a Brown. Their children were: Harold and Russell. Second wife Euna Kelly; they had a daughter Onnalee, Ethel Pringle never married, Effie married James A. McMaster who was a well known Veterinarian in Jackson County from 1907-1946. They had two children, William who married Mamie Beidler; he served in WWII in Europe and is buried at Allentown, Pennsylvania and a daughter Madalene married Karl Crum, a son of James A. and Anna Sayre. He was a Veteran of World War II; he was in six campaigns and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was injured while clearing mine field in France. Madalene also served in Womens Army Corps during World War II. She was first stationed at Ft. Wright on Fishers Island nine miles out in New York sound. Ft. Wright guarded the Submarine Base at New London, Connecticut; she was also with first troops to be stationed in Berlin, Germany after the close of war. Submitted by Madalene McMaster Crum

PRINGLE

John and Samuel Pringle were soldiers stationed at Fort Pitt doing garrison duty. In 1761 they left the Fort, proceeding up the Monongahela River to the Youghiogheny River which they ascended to its head waters or what is known as Glades. Here they were employed by John Simpson, a hunter and a trapper. They remained here until 1764 as the game was depleted. They moved farther West.

While journeying through the wilderness and crossing the Cheat River, a quarrell arose between the Pringles and the Mr. Simpson and they separated. Mr. Simpson proceeded westward until he came to the West Fork River, where he established his camp, now Highland Park, West Virginia, near Clarksburg. He remained for several years until he sold his land rights.

In the meantime the Pringle Brothers went up the Tygaret Valley until they came to the Buchannon River, then on to Turkey Run, near the present city of Buchannon. Wild game was aplenty. Their decision to establish at least a temporary residence here was climaxed by the discovery of a large hollow Sycamore tree which looked inviting for their future home. When they were ready to execute their plans of moving into their new place of abode, they discovered that the tree was already occupied by another family, a she-wolf. They remained here for more than three years; their sole diet being fish and meat. Their supply of ammunition became so low that only two loads remained.

Late in the year of 1767, John Pringle packed a bundle of furs and took his gun, but leaving two loads of ammunition with Samuel, that he might replenish his meat supply, and departed for the South Branch.

Before his departure they had an understanding, that if something should happen to Samuel, two notches were to be cut in a nearby sapling if it became essential for him to leave on account of hunger. And one notch if attached by Indians. When separated in the woods the two brothers had always used the signal of two long wolf howls, followed by a short one to acquaint the other of their whereabouts.

When John Pringle set out on his mission, he without road, danger lurked at every turn; being

highly trained in woodcraft, he reached the settlement and having secured the supplies, he hastened to make his return, which was affected without mishap. His glowing description of the Buchannon Valley was given, and many decided to set out for themselves. In 1768 a permanent settlement was made.

Among the early arrivals were Captain William White, John Jackson with his two sons, George and Edward. Jessie Hughes, John and William Hacker, Ales, Tom Sleith, William Radecliff, John Brown and Ben Cutright.

John Pringle married Rebecca, daughter of John Simpson. In 1780 moved to Chaplins Fork, Kentucky, Samuel Pringle married Charity Cutright, and their first married life was spent in the Sycamore tree. They had three sons John, William and Samuel, two daughters Elizabeth and another, who married a Mr. Wolfe and settled at Letart Falls, Ohio. William Pringle married Nellie, daughter of Barney Rollins, and they were the parents of 15 children; Hetie, wife of William Weatherholt; Siani married Christopher Cutright; another daughter married Abraham Crites; Alma, wife of I.W. Simmons; Mohela, wife of Jacob Crites; Susan wife of George Cutright; Rachael, wife of Hiram Rollins. John married Roda Casto, sister to David Casto; James married Mary Ann Weatherholt; Isaac married Ester Rogers; David and Silas; Young Gilbert died in infancy; Joel married Elizabeth Montgomery. Chancy married Melvina Olive Crites, daughter of Jacob Crites. John Pringle, the second son of Samuel Pringle married Mary Cutright, a sister to Andrew Cutright. Their children were Barbara, wife of John Hunt; Catherine, wife of House; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Philips; Christena, became Mrs. Elisha Curney. Fanny and Andrew never married. Miles married a Miss Brown.

Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of Samuel Pringle, became the wife of Andrew Cutright. Barbara Crites, daughter of Abraham Crites, married John Hyre.

The older Mr. Crites came to what is now Upshur County about 1790 with is father, Abraham Crites. Also came his brother Michael, Leonard, Phillip and James, a sister Mrs. Silas Bonnett.

Isaac Pringle, son of Andrew Chaney Pringle, grandson of William and great-grandson of Samuel, who lived in the Sycamore tree, was born April 3, 1865. His mother's maiden name was Melvina Crites; his brothers and sisters were as follows: R.H. Walker, A.D. Tavner; Eli M. Edward, and Barbara Ann wife of Greely Phillips.

In 1884, this volume shows the following; Aaron, son of James Pringle was born in Upshur County, Virginia, but came to Jackson County in 1842. He married Mary J. Rayburn, who was born in Mason County. They were married Sept. 12, 1845. Their children were James C., Caroline, Ellen, Martha, Sauna Aaron F., and Margaret F., George W. and John J. They lived in the Fairplain locality. Rev. Frank Pringle, son of Aaron, married Eliza Green; they resided at Given, West Virginia.

John, son of William and Nellie Rollins, married Rhoda, daughter of William Casto, and settled in Jackson County. He had three sons, Gilbert, George and Miles, and three daughters, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Elizabeth Crites and Mrs. Board. George Samuel, son of John and a descendant of the third removed. He had two daughters; Eliza, who became Mrs. Wesley Lewis. Isaac and Albert never married, James Evertt married Cordelia Parsons.

James E. Pringle was born Feb. 10, 1868-June 24, 1957 married Cordelia Parsons on August 26, 1896. She was born Sept. 22, 1876-May 4, 1958. To this union, were born five children. Ruben Freer Sept. 22, 1897-Jan. 7, 1898; Hoyte Monroe July 20, 1902-Sept. 30, 1976; Erma E. Jan. 28, 1904-Oct. 17, 1985; George Evertt June 21, 1908-April 30, 1985; Iva Marie Jan. 14, 1914; Miss Iva is the



James Everett and Cordelia Pringle

only one left; she resides on Klondyke Road, Ripley, West Virginia.

Hoyte married Dixie Harrison, and one son was born to this union, James Ray April 1, 1929; he resides at Given, West Virginia. He married Hilda Eileen Casto, now deceased, and to this union were born two lovely daughters, Dixie Lee and Kathy Rae. Ray is now married to Wanda Horne of Ripley, West Virginia. George married Freda Casto of Evans; she now resides at Charleston, West Virginia. Erma Elizabeth married Fred D. Stone of Ripley. Five children were born of this union. James Marion (5) (1-28-1925); Isabelle E. (7-18-1928); she married James L. Sargent (Santa Claus) of Rockcastle, West Virginia. To this union one daughter Elizabeth Ann (7-27-1956). She married Gary Riggs of Sandyville, West Virginia. Of this union we have a son Gary James (10-21-1975), and a daughter Carrie Elizabeth (7-3-1977) were born. They reside at Sandyville, West Virginia. Ann's mother was a devoted teacher of 37 years.

Bonnie M. (3-22-1938) married James Cremeans, of this union one son David Cremeans. They reside at Little Hocking, Ohio. Charles F. Stone (11-20-1939). He married Donnie Dailey; they have three sons. They reside at Little Hocking, Ohio. Also, Ruth Ann Conley Nutter (3-25-1941). She has two sons, Breck and Criss. They reside at Coolville, Ohio. *Submitted by Iva Pringle and Ray Pringle*

MAJOR CHARLES HENRY PROGLER

Major C.H. Progler was born on the 13th day of Sept. 1829 of Swiss parents, at Aix le Baines, then a possession of the Kingdom of Sardinia, now a department of France. His father died and his mother soon thereafter returned to her native Switzerland. From there, in a short time, she migrated to the United States of America where she believed she would have a better opportunity to provide for her five children.

The family having arrived in New York were met by relatives who had preceded them to this country, and the Major, then a small boy, soon found employment thereby, assuming at an uncommon early age, the duties and responsibilities of a useful and industrious life, which, without cessation of activity, continued until the tenth day of January, 1913, when he was eighty three years, three months and 10 days old.

While in New York City, the widowed mother married a Mr. Mills and in 1848 the family moved to a small farm which they had previously bought on Sycamore, in the neighborhood of Ripley, Jackson County, WV. Hence it was in Ripley and vicinity that the children grew to maturity, and the mother passed away at Ravenswood at a good old age, honored and beloved by all that knew her, in August 1904. The surviving children of this Lady are: Mrs. Fannie Sence of Cincinnati, and Mrs. George Fleming of Ravenswood. Of the surviving members of the Major's immediate family there are Julia A. (Mrs. D.W. Greer), John R. and Harry S., all of who are well known to the

community. Of the grandchildren there are Henry P. and Mayme Jess, children of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Greer, H. Smith and Margurite Elizabeth, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Progler; and Harriet Isabelle, Julia Celestine and Charles Robert, children of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Progler.

Mr. Progler's business career was varied as that of but few men in our community, and it took him into many states. He was, at different times of his life, a news vendor, an errand boy, an instructor in French, a carpenter, a lumberman, a United States coast surveyor, an oil operator, an Inn Keeper, a woolen manufacturer, a contractor, and a builder.

He had quite an unusual amount of inventive genius and was in several instances a patentee, though he never prosecuted very vigorously the manufacture and sale of his invention. For many years he operated the planing mill in Ripley and probably built more churches than any other man in Jackson County. On most of such contracts he seems to have lost money. As a business man generosity took the form of weakness. He was generous to a fault.

As a literary character, Major Progler was a delightful surprise to all who acquired his education, and amassed the fund of information which he stocked his mind. With only a few months actual schooling, he became profound in mathematics, extensively versed in history, well informed in science and philosophy, and above all these acquired a literary style that rivals that of eminent scholars. This literary ability was doubtless in a large measure inherited. His mother's sister was a traveling companion to the family of James Fennimore Cooper while in Europe, and the Major, himself while a mere lad when he could scarcely write his name, had the remarkable conversational powers to hold a position of tutor in French to the children of an English family in New York. Beyond his literary ability and excellent taste for good association, he inherited the sensibilities of refinement to a high degree.

The Major's good humor, cheerful disposition and warm affection were always in evidence. In his writings, some of his most exquisite touches of sentiment relate to his mother to whom he was most inordinately devoted. After a lapse of seventy years of speaking of his mother's farewell to her beloved Switzerland, friends and family, he wrote: "Poor dear mother, how often in after years have I realized the great sacrifice you were making to your helpless little ones. How often have I wondered at your courage and fortitude to bear the pangs of that parting. God bless you, dear mother."

The Major, very feelingly, referred to his domestic relations as the most pleasant and inspiring of his experiences in life, and the sweet memory of his departed companion always seemed to temper the stormy winds as the frosts of many winters crowned his head with the glory of old age.

Major Progler was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in New York in the year 1847, from which time to his death he was in full communion with the church.

Major Progler's home was a very beautiful one of Main Street in Ripley. It has since been remodeled to become "The American Legion Hall." (no longer there)

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Progler had three children: Harriet Isabelle (Issy), Julia Celestine (Jude), and Charles Robert (Bob). Harriet Isabelle married James Hinkle and had two daughters, Dorothy Jean and Betty Jane. Dorothy (Dot) married Wayne, and Betty married James White and had one daughter, Melissa. Julia Celestine married Carl A. Zerby and had no children. Charles Robert married Gertrude Jane Weekley and had two daughters, Patricia Lou (Patti) and Mary Frances.

Patti married Guy Landon Hersman and had two sons, Guy Robert and Randall William Hersman. Guy Robert Hersman married Brenda Kay Boggess and had three children, William Ray,

Benjamin Lee, and Sally Beth. Randall William married Sherri David and had no children.

Mary Frances married Eugene Paul Straley and had four children, Paula Suzanne, Julie Celeste, Leland Scott, and Gene Kent.

Paula married Blaine Ellis and had three children, Amanda Michelle, Adam Paul, and Andrea Blaine. Julie married Robert L. Winebrenner and had no children. *Submitted by Pattie Progler Hersman and Mary Frances Progler Straley*

DWAYNE A. PUGH

(1-10-1990) I, Dwayne Arthur Pugh, through the prodding of those friends around me, and by some means that remotely bears a semblance to support, have been hereby requested to include in this document an explanation to my existence in Jackson County. I will begin with the union of my parents. On July 20, 1962, Grover Arthur Pugh took Mary Oda Lawrence (both being natives of Kanawha County) to be his wife.

In May of 1963, Arthur and Mary Pugh moved to Ravenswood, but were obligated to return to Kanawha County in February of 1965, which was two months before the birth of my sister, Melissa Dawn Pugh. Melissa was born April 16, 1965. On the glorious morning of September 19, 1967, I came into being at McMillian Hospital, and was given my father's middle name of Arthur. Our family resided in Kanawha County until March of 1976.

In March of 1976, my family moved to Jackson County for what was to be my parents second time, but a first for Missy and myself. We moved onto a farm on Beech Grove Road, which is the Evans entrance to Cow Run. The road is located at the top of John King Hill in Evans, and our farm was exactly two miles down Beech Grove Road.

In October of the year of 1985, my family moved to the other side of Ripley, into the community of Sandyville. Arthur and Mary Pugh, Melissa and myself now reside on Sarvis Fork Road, which is located one mile past Gilmore Elementary School in Sandyville. Sarvis Fork Road has the only covered bridge in Jackson County that is still in use since the Staats Mill Bridge was taken out of public service and reconstructed at Cedar Lakes.

Grover Arthur Pugh is a supervisor at Appalachian Power Company, Point Pleasant location. Mary Oda Pugh is a first grade teacher at Gilmore Elementary School in Sandyville. Melissa Dawn Pugh is a Seventh Grade Teacher of special education at Ripley Middle School in Ripley. I, Dwayne Arthur Pugh, am a student at WVU — Parkersburg, Jackson County Extension, and am a wonderful cook at Ripley's finest and only McDonalds.

This is the history of the Pugh family here in Jackson County, and expressly, the qualification for my having any rights to call myself, Dwayne Arthur Pugh, a native of this territory. As I have spent the better part of my so-far-short life here in this county, I consider it very much my home, and am proud to contribute this meager offering to the preserving of it's heritage. May these insignificant and dusty words be recorded for all of posterities sake, and somehow contribute to the betterment of all mankind. *Submitted by Dwayne Pugh*

R.E. PULLINS

Robert Emmett (son of Allen Thomas "Tom" and Rachel [Smith] Pullins) was born Nov. 28, 1896 in Mason County, West Virginia.

Susan Frances (daughter of Richard Thorton "Thornt" and Matilda [King] Wyant) was born August 12, 1899 in Jackson County, West Virginia.

On February 6, 1916 Emmett and Frances were married and began their life together in Putnam County, West Virginia.



Emmett and Frances Pullins

In 1918 they moved to the Flatwoods community of Jackson County. Emmett worked cutting timber and firing an old steam engine at the saw mill which was owned by his uncle, Matthew Flowers. Later, Emmett and Frances began farming and raising a family. They had six children.

In 1944 they moved to the Hemlock community where they continued to farm and run a dairy for a number of years.

Their children were: Raymond, born in 1917 — married Ella Mae Roliff and had four children: Elaine (deceased), Barbara, Annita, and Robert. Raymond and Ella reside in Arcadia, Ohio; Velma, born in 1919 — married Perry Hager and had six children: Veldena, Arlena, Perry Dean II (deceased), William, Richard, and Lucille. Perry died in 1983. Velma resides in Inwood, West Virginia; Irene, born in 1921 — married B.A. "Bud" Humphreys. Three stepchildren: Roberta, Dale and Nancy (deceased). Irene and Bud reside in Greenfield, Ohio; Arlie, born in 1923 — married Kenneth Hager and had four children: Kenneth II, Rena, Bruce, and Melvin (deceased). Arlie and Ken reside in Coolville, Ohio.

Reverend Loris, born in 1926 — married Faye Mattox and had three sons: Ray (deceased), Reverend Chuck, and Dr. Dennis. Loris and Faye reside in Lindsie, West Virginia; Avelee, born in 1928 — married Darrell Spohn and had one daughter, Tesa. Avelee and Darrell live in Somerset, Ohio.

In January 1973, because of illness, Emmett and Frances went to live with their daughter, Irene in Chillicothe, Ohio. Frances died there on March 1, 1973 at the age of 73.

Emmett continued to live with Irene who moved to Greenfield, Ohio in 1983. Emmett died there on January 29, 1988 at the age of 91. Both Emmett and Frances were buried in Creston Cemetery in Mason County, West Virginia. *Submitted by Raymond Pullins and Irene Humphreys*

RADER

Jackson County was formed from Kanawha, Mason and Wood Counties by an act of the State of Virginia, March 1, 1831.

The western part of Virginia broke away from the South and formed a new state in 1863.

A militia from Jackson County, 141st, served in the Civil War. Among the men were: Solomon Harpold, Charles Harpold, Sandusky Harpold, Edward Hart Rader, Michael Rader. Michael Rader had been a captain of the minutemen in the War of 1812, and an Indian Scout under Daniel Boone. After the War, these men were given a land grant of 400 acres.

Great grandfather Rader was English, great grandmother was German. Both came first to Roanoke, Virginia, thence to Lewis County, West Virginia, where they married, thence to Jackson County with his brother, Hart Rader. They had four children, one boy, Green, Mom's grandfather, three girls; he married Harriette Rhodes; one girl married Jim Johns; one married Henry Parsons; one married Dave Cox, father of Will, Ben, Charlie, George, Vicki, Sarah, Newt Harpold's first wife, Emma, who married Evans Keebaugh, and John,

who married Della Bradley, and was Bessie's father; so she and our real grandmother were second cousins.

George married Annie Edwards; they had Opheelia. She later married our grandfather; (Winter)

Dave Cox II married Martha Harpold, our grandfather's sister; they had Russell and Rudy; after he died she married Perry Casto.

Green Rader's children were: Anna Liza, our grandmother, Clark, James, Dora, Elvira, Mary, Inga, Della.

The Raders had large land holdings and owned slaves at one time. However, during the time of runaway slaves, their home was part of the "underground railway" used to help slaves escape to freedom. *Submitted by Elaine Calhoun*

MAJOR MICHAEL RADER

Adam I and Catherine Taubert Rader came to America around 1724, from the Palatine Region of Pfalz, Germany, near the town of Mutterstadt. They settled in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Adam II (1690-1773) moved to Timberville, Virginia. He married Anna Barbara Bender Painter and lived on a plantation, which consisted of over 2,000 acres. On this land was a lead mine which was the principal source for shot in the Revolutionary War. They along with others deeded land for the Rader Lutheran Church and cemetery in 1765.

Adam III and Margaretha Marie Rader lived in Shenandoah County and died in Augusta County, Virginia in 1783, are the parents of Michael Rader.

Michael Rader (1750-1839) was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, and on December 25, 1769 he married Catherine Long (1750-1840).

He was a Major in the Revolutionary war, and was a Justice of the State of Virginia, having been sworn in by Patrick Henry on June 9, 1778. He was a Justice of the Peace of Mason County, then Kanawha County, Virginia.

Michael enlisted as a Private in the volunteer battalion of the Shenandoah and was later made a Captain. He reenlisted and his uncle, Captain Anthony Rader, his brother Captain Adam Rader and Captain Abraham Lincoln (grandfather of President Abraham Lincoln) and formed two more companies of volunteers. Michael was a part of Dunmore's troops at the time of the march to Point Pleasant in 1774. On April 30, 1778 Michael was advanced to Major. He was quartered at Fort Pitt on more than one occasion. He left Fort Pitt and Wheeling, Virginia on orders of General Hand to take command of Fort Carnes on Deckards Creek near Morgantown. Captains John Rausch and Abraham Byrd served under him.

Michael Rader and his family came to Greenbrier County, Virginia with his uncles around 1790. They settled in Rader Valley near Lewisburg and Donnelly's Fort. His oldest daughter, Elizabeth Holman, was the first grave in the Old Stone Churchyard in Lewisburg, West Virginia. The grave is unmarked but registered on a card index file there. His son, Abraham, is also buried there.

Michael subsequently moved to present Jackson County around 1800. He owned over 1,000 acres in the Gay Road-Elk Ford area, east of Ripley, West Virginia. He maintained a large home and owned as many as 15 slaves. It is believed he and his wife are buried there on the farm. His military monument is located in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Gay, Road.

Children of Michael and Catherine Long Rader are: Elizabeth (1771-1789) married Andrew Holman; Catherine (1773); Susanna (1776) married Michael Koontz; Abraham (1779-1858) married Jennifer Howell; James (1782-1839) married Hanna Allen; Phillip (1784); Mary "Polly" (1786-1821) married James Rayburn; Michael Jr. (1788-1867) married Catherine Roush; Joseph (1790-1890) married Martha Rayburn.

Ref: Rader Family in America and Rader Family Descendants Honor Early Settlers by William M. Rader. Submitted by Buddie Hall

BENJAMIN RAINES

Benjamin Raines (May 24, 1876 - Sept. 3, 1963) was born at Stonelick, Kenna West Virginia to George Washington Raines (Nov. 10, 1842 - 1912 or 14) and Rebecca Louisa Parsons (1842 ? - 1912). Benjamin was married four times. First to Mary Hackney, then to Minnie Ryder, Belle McCoy and Mary Lydia Deatrice Slaughter (Oct. 25, 1893 - Nov. 18, 1986). Ben and Mary were married May 20, 1912 in Ripley. To this union were born the following children: Elaine Millie (Aug. 30, 1914 - Nov. 17, 1986) married Lester Rowley; Doris Eileen (Nov. 22, 1915) married Rufus Randolph; Blair married Inabel Kay of Texas; Delcie Augusta married first Clyde Sheriff, then Bill Davis, then Pete Aylor; Martha Ellen married Gene Hamon; Irene (Nancy) married Charles Sheriff; Benjamin Clair married Belle Stover; Floyd Clyde married Elsie Crider; Starling Ray married Dorothy Kay of Texas; Carleton Glenn married first Lora ? in Germany while there in the U.S. Army, then Barbara Walker, then Shiela Asbury; George McKinley Raines was Mary Hackney's child. George married Vada Smith. Louisa was Belle McCoy's child. Louisa married Floyd Combs.

The brothers and sisters of Ben Raines were: James (b. Aug. 1, 1866) married Sarah Fields; Sarah Canna married George Maricle; Joseph (b. Jan. 30, 1874) married Jane ?; Martha E. (b. Sept. 4, 1879) married Issac Anderson; Garfield (b. Oct. 18, 1881); Abraham (b. Jan. 22, 1884) married Bertha Casto; Nancy (b. May 6, 1886) married Austin Livingston.

Mary Lydia Deatrice Slaughter's Father was Festus Augustus Slaughter born at Belgrove. Her mother was Ella Doolittle also born at Belgrove.

George Washington Raines parents were Robert and Elizabeth Hinzman Raines. Elizabeth Hinzman Raines was born in Hacker's Creek, Lewis County.

After the death of George Washington's first wife, he married a widow, Martha Fields. *Submitted by Faye Skeen*

RANDOLPH

My grandfather, James Christopher (09/04/1899-07/17/1963), was born in Advent. He was a coal miner and retired factory worker. His father, Everet Smith, was born in Jackson County 07/05/1872. He married 01/09/1896, Nancy Ellen Short (04/13/1878-01/21/1904); their children: Hazel Ellen (10/09/1896-1978) married Elmer Mullins; Charles Edgar (10/09/1897-09/01/1899); James Christopher married 01/10/1922, Gracia Clarice Darlington (08/26/1900-03/28/1977); Myrtle Malisse (03/25/1901-12/05/1905); Delcie Anna (01/16/1903-12/20/1988) married Lydia Mildred Higginbotham (01/27/1921-); Orvil Othio (09/14/1911-03/28/1985) married Cynthia Lu-



Everett Smith Randolph

cille Kerwood (07/28/1916-01/19/1984); Marion Smith (07/19/1921-) married Thelma Marie Johnson (11/14/1925-), then Diane Lee Hissom; Eula Maxine (01/04/1924-10/31/1964) married Herman Meadows (04/23/1918-06/09/1988); Everett Junior (01/25/1927); Rosalie Henrette (11/08/1928-) married Howard Woodrow Bowling; Ida Massel (09/11/1931-04/21/1932); Edgar Richard (02/18/1937-02/18/1937).

In 1942, Everett married Louverna Deel Edens (06/26/1884). He divorced her in 1945; they had no children. During his life he was a farmer and owned two sawmills. He died 07/26/1949 from a cerebral hemorrhage at Thomas Memorial Hospital in Charleston, Kanawha County.

Everet's father, Christopher Smith, was born 01/18/1841 in Gay. He married 08/07/1862 in Harmony, Anna Gandee (05/01/1846-02/26/1932). Their other children: William Riley (11/24/1863-1949) married Emma Emeline Cox; Cora Isabell (05/27/1866-) married George Madison Wolfe; Margaret Anna - (03/28/1869-) married Perry Carpenter; Virginia Florence (05/06/1875-) married William Jones; Minerva Jane (07/01/1877-04/10/1974) married John Hammond; Martha (06/22/1880-04/06/1893); Charles Washington (09/21/1883-1963) married Lucy Johnson; Onie (03/05/1886-03/06/1886); Elmer (07/01/1887-07/21/1887); Lona Pearl (06/08/1896-06/08/1896).

Christopher was a farmer, stone mason and Union soldier in the West Virginia Cavalry Co. B. He resided in Gay, Kentucky and Fletcher. He died 08/23/1927 and was laid to rest in Kaiser Cemetery, Fletcher, where Anna joined him upon her death.

Christopher's father, William Riley (1818-05/09/1863) married Martha Ann Rhodes (04/1817-02/03/1902) in Jackson County. Their children: John (08/09/1839-07/19/1921) married Nancy Ann Reed; Hiram Thomas (06/01/1843-) married Minerva Westfall; Margaret (08/06/1846-03/1913) married Alvin Reed; Melvina (12/09/1848-04/09/1855); James Addison (10/17/1849-) married Nancy Cobb; William Riley (03/08/1852-) married Sarah Green; George Alexander (06/05/1854-10/04/1936) married Phoebe Ann Parsons (10/21/1854-10/04/1936); Virginia Elizabeth (06/15/1856-) married William Martin; Matthew (03/28/1860-09/12/1861).

William was a farmer, stone mason and Union soldier; he died in Winchester, Virginia from typhoid fever at Sherman's Camp Military Hospital. He resided at Elk Fork and Reedy. William's mother was Anna Carney-Staats; we have not traced his father's first name yet.

My father, Russell Edgar (04/26/1925-) married 11/19/1948, Delores Maxine Higginbotham (02/21/1935-). He is retired from the military and the State of Virginia. Russell's brothers and sisters are James Smith (04/30/1923); Valena Ellen (07/16/1927); Veda May (05/17/1930); Jennings Christopher (12/20/1932); Robert Lee (12/30/1935-03/15/1936); Hazel Pauline (03/27/1937); Josephine Jewel (03/12/1940); Richard Charles (06/13/1943); Gladys Delcie (11/25/1945).

I'm the youngest of four children, Russell Edgar Jr. (12/24/1949); James Christopher (10/11/1951); Danny Eugene (07/14/1953); and Delores Yvonne (06/18/1956). I'm a police officer of twelve years. *Submitted by Delores V. Randolph*

HOBERT AND FAYE RANDOLPH

Hobert Smith Randolph was born on March 25, 1916 in the Jackson County area of Fletcher. He was the eighth child of Charles Washington and Lucy (Johnson) Randolph. Hobert attended the Second Creek School until the eighth grade.

He is an army veteran and served during the second world war. After the war he settled in the Second Creek area after buying a farm that he restored into working order.

In April of 1952 Hobert married Rosa Faye Rhodes. Faye was born on November 1, 1935 in the Roane County area called Vicars. She is the daughter of Delbert and Edith (West) Rhodes. Delbert and Edith moved from the Vicars area to Gandeenville in the early 60s. In 1968 Delbert was killed in a hunting accident. Edith still resides at Gandeenville.

Hobert and Faye also moved to Gandeenville in 1964. They were proprietors of Randolph's Gulf Station in Speed for a few years until they leased and eventually bought a service station in the Gandeenville community. Originally a Texaco franchise, they still operate the station today under the name of Randolph's Exxon.

Hobert and Faye's first child was a son born on February 10, 1953, whom they called Randy Mikeal. "Mike", as he is called, graduated from Walton High School in 1971. He married the former Alberta Garrett from Reedy in December of 1972. They have two sons, Christopher Mikeal, born July 3, 1978, and Randy Edward, born November 10, 1983. Mike and his family also reside in Gandeenville. Both sons are currently students at Walton Elementary.

Their second child was a daughter named Connie Dianne born on August 8, 1954. Connie had severe medical problems at birth and only lived until October 13, 1955. She is buried in the Kiser Cemetery in Jackson County.

The third child of Hobert and Faye's was another daughter, Debra Sue, born on November 29, 1955. Debra graduated from Walton High School in 1974 and Glenville State College in 1978. Debra taught in the Roane County School system until 1986. She completed her M.A. Degree from the West Virginia College of Graduate studies in 1985. Currently, Debra teaches in the Cabell County School system at Barboursville Elementary and resides in Huntington.

The youngest child of the family was also a daughter. Patricia Jo was born on May 28, 1958 in Ripley. Patty graduated from Walton High School in 1975. She married Rickey Knight of the Clio area in August of 1974. They lived in the Clio area for a short time after marrying, but now are residence of Gandeenville. Patty and Rick have one daughter, Amanda Michelle, born on April 12, 1978. Amanda is a student at Walton Elementary. Patty is currently pursuing a degree from West Virginia University through the Parkersburg Community College. *Submitted by Debra Randolph*

THOMAS MILTON RANDOLPH

Thomas Randolph was born 1882, the son of Hiram and Minerva Westfall Randolph. He was the grandson of William Riley Randolph who was born in 1818 and served in Co. G, West Virginia Infantry, Union Army. William Riley was married to Martha Ann Rhodes, daughter of Christopher Rhodes who served in the War of 1812. They lived in Mason County which later became Jackson and Roane counties.

Thomas married Alma Miller in 1905. She was the daughter of James Cornelius and Mary Francis Miller who lived at Belgrove. Thomas dropped dead in 1922 at City Hospital in Spencer while walking to the X-ray room. His death is believed due to a tumor pressing on his heart. He was highly regarded in the community and left seven small children, the youngest one year old. Alma took in washings and did cleaning jobs to support her family and was well known for her gardening ability growing any kind of vegetable she could find. Every year a cane patch was grown and sorghum made in the fall. Alma remarried in 1925 to Charlie Lanham. They lived at Wilding for several years. The younger children attended

school at Klondike and later Wilding. Alma died March 1, 1934, at age 48 years and is buried at Wilding.

Thomas and Alma were the parents of nine children. Two sons died in infancy. Cozie Alice, born February 1906 and died 1957, married Clyde Haynes and lived at Sandyville and is buried at Independence. Burnice, born March 1908, worked as a heavy equipment operator in strip mines and died in Kentucky in October 1973. He married Pearl Jones and Annette Mericle. Chessie, born December 28, 1912, was married to Roy Cline, divorced and married Joe Anderson. She died May 20, 1988.

They are buried at Wilding. Tressie, born August 15, 1914, married Harmon Jones, brother of Pearl Jones. He died in 1950. They lived on Allen Branch. Later she moved to Detroit and married George Hoover. Lessie, born July 7, 1916, married Lloyd Bonnet at age 13, and was mother of nine children. One daughter died at three months. Lloyd died in 1973 and is buried at Gates Ridge beside the daughter. Lessie lives at Rockport and attends the Senior Citizens Center at New Era.

Wademan "Wade", born June 10, 1918, served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and is a retired electrician. He is married to Virginia Riffle and lives in Point Pleasant.

Clyde "Steve", born April 23, 1921, worked on dairy farms in Jackson County. He built oil derricks in the Cottageville area and Kanawha County. He married Alma Thornton in 1948 and moved to Canton, Ohio. He is retired and raises feeder calves on a small farm at Point Pleasant. *Submitted by Clyde Randolph and great-granddaughter, Pamela June Haynes*

WILLIAM RILEY RANDOLPH

William "Riley" Randolph was born ca. 1818 in Mason County, near Elk Fork, now West Virginia. He married Martha Ann Rhodes on 27 May 1838 in Jackson County. Martha is the daughter of Christopher J. and Patience R. (Tolley) Rhodes. William, I believe, is the only son of John and Anne (Carney) Staats Randolph. William and Martha had ten children: John Wesley, Christopher Smith, Hiram Thomas, Margaret, Melvina J., James Addison, William R., Jr., George Alexander, Virginia Elizabeth, and Matthew S. I am descended through their second son, Christopher. William, a corporal (Co. "G", 9th Reg. Inf.) in the Union Army, died of typhoid fever May 8, 1863 in Winchester, VA. Martha died March 29, 1902.



Christopher S. and Ann (Gandee) Randolph

Christopher S. Randolph was born Jan 18, 1841 in Gay, Jackson County, West Virginia on August 7, 1862 he married Annie Gandee, daughter of George and Mary E. (Hyre) Gandee. Christopher and Annie had nine children; William R., Cora Isabell, Margaret R., Everette S., Virginia E., Minerva J., Martha L., Charles W., and Omic E. I am descended through their second son, Everette S. Christopher, who was also in the Civil War, with Co. "B", 7th West Virginia Calvary. He died August 23, 1927. Annie died February 26, 1932 at Advent. Both are buried in the Kaiser Cemetery at Fletcher, Jackson County, West Virginia.

Everett Smith Randolph was born July 5, 1872 Jackson County. On January 9, 1896 he married Nancy Ellen, daughter of James Christopher and Eleanor F. (Comer) Short. Everette and Nancy had five children: Hazel Ellen, Charles Edgar, James Christopher, Myrtle Mallise, and Annie Delcie. I am descended through their second son, James C. Nancy died January 21, 1904. Everette then married his cousin, Bertha Gertrude, daughter of Charles and Ella (Wiseman) Gandee. They had 11 children: William Averal, Orvil Ohio, Martha Mildred, Addie Virginia, Glenal Marie, Marion Smith, Ula Maxine, Everette Jr., Roselle Henretta, Eda Massel, and Edgar. Bertha died in 1938. Everette married a third time to Louverna (Deel) Edens, a widow. There were no children from this marriage. Everette died due to strangulation for a nose bleed on July 26, 1949. He is buried at New Antioch Cemetery in Putnam County, West Virginia.

James Christopher Randolph was born September 4, 1899 in Jackson County, West Virginia. He married Gracia Clare, daughter of John Smith and Valena Victoria (Morris) Darlington, on May 28, 1922 in Fayette County, West Virginia. James and Gracia had ten children: James Smith, Russell Edgar, Valena Ellen, Veda May, Jennings Christopher, Robert Lee, Hazel Pauline, Josephine Jewel, Richard Charles, and Gladys Delcie. I am descended through their second son. James was a coal miner, moonshiner, factory worker, and a farmer. He died July 17, 1963. Gracia died March 28, 1977. Both are buried at New Antioch Cemetery in Putnam County.

Russell Edgar Randolph Sr. was born April 26, 1925 at Kanawha Falls in Fayette County, West Virginia. He married Delores Maxine, daughter of William Herbert and Blanche Evelyn (Kirk) Higginbotham on November 19, 1948. They have four children: Russell E., Jr., James Christopher, Danny Eugene, and Delores Yvonne. Russell was in the Navy for two years, then with the Army for 22 years. He now resides in Virginia.

I am my father's oldest son, born at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina on December 24, 1949. On February 28, 1969, I married Mary Angela, daughter of John Anton and Margaret Ann (Scott) Holzschuh. We have three children: Regina Ann, Russell Edgar III, and Rachel Marie. I am currently serving with the Air Force at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Submitted by Russell E. Randolph Jr.

RARDIN

Rardin's are of English, French and Irish descent and through the years different spellings are noted in records - Raredon, Rairdon, Rardon, Rardin, etc.

John Raredon served as Revolutionary soldier from Fort Pitt, Virginia territory, later Pennsylvania. As glowing reports of abundant game and fish, fertile lands and rolling hills along the beautiful Ohio River valley reached the soldiers from the exploring surveying parties, John and Hannah Woodruff Raredon decided to bring their family to the early settlement at Marietta, Washington County, Ohio. Their children were: Jane, William, Samuel, Thomas, Moses, Henry, David, John W., Mary and Betsey Raredon.

Jane, born 1783, married Thomas Coleman 8-18-1800, pioneer farmer of Muses Bottom, Virginia, and son of Michael Coleman, early settler killed at Cottageville by Indians in 1793. Their eldest daughter, Margaret, married Alexander Alkire and they had two daughters. Jane married Robert Skillinger, famous boat builder at Murraysville, had one daughter, Kitty, who was the wife of Dr. J.C. Elder, dentist. The other daughter, Rebecca, married Joshua Staats, and their children were Coleman, Alkire, Joshua and Mary.

William married Jane Vandeventer November 15, 1807. Thomas married Polly Ray 12-24-1800, and he along with others settled near Forked Run,

Olive Township, Meigs County, Ohio. He built the first gristmill there. Henry married Jane Millan 1819. David, born 1790, married Margaret Elizabeth DeWitt 1-22-1810, and some of their children were listed as David W. born 1831, married Susanna Bowen; Samuel, born 1833, and Harrison, born 1836. Mary, married Mr. Bartlett.

John W. Rardon, born 11-28-1792 - died 8-22-1869, married about 1816 Martha DeWitt, born 8-13-1797 - died 5-7-1877, daughter of John and Nancy Culbertson DeWitt, first settlers at Muses Bottom, Virginia, and buried in DeWitt Cemetery on Polk land, Jackson County, West Virginia. John and Martha Rardon had 15 children between 1817-1847: William, Nancy, Hannah, Elizabeth, Alexander, Margaret, John DeWitt, Eliza Jane, Samuel, Thomas, Mary (Polly) Ann, Charlotte, Martha, William H. and Isaac. Nancy married James Hubbard 10-25-1844, Elizabeth married George Carter 4-30-1844, Margaret married Simon R. Landon 8-6-1844, John DeWitt married Mary Ellen Bertsch and settled in Reedsville, Meigs County, Ohio. Thomas married Rowena Staats and served in State Militia, Ravenswood-Ripley, 1861. Mary Ann (Polly) married Grosvenor C. Rowley. Some members of this family settled in Ohio counties then cross the Ohio River into Virginia, later State of West Virginia.

A grave monument marks where John W. and Martha D. Rardin are buried in old Rardin Cemetery, located on hill overlooking the homeplace on Claylick, Sherman, Jackson County. John's old broken gravestone is inscribed: "Go home my friends, refrain from tears, I must lie here till Christ appears".

Samuel, born 2-29-1832 — died 3-29-1906, married Malissa Burch, born 12-1-1843 — died 4-2-1911, made their home and farmed on Claylick, Sherman. The children were: Eva, married Mr. Bcver, Emma, married Mr. Burdett, Isaac W. married Margaret (Maggie) Cooper, Otto, married Mahala Reed, William DeWitt married Amy Cox, John married Cora Staats, Mollie married George Slaven, Ella married O. Abraham Howard; Porter Henry was teacher, County Superintendent of Schools, publisher of Jackson Herald, Ripley; and Clarence, Dentist in Harrisville, Ritchie County, West Virginia.



Isaac W. and Maggie Rardin

Isaac W. Rardin, born 1869 — died 1895, married Margaret (Maggie) R. Cooper, born 4-24-1870 — died 1931, daughter of Reuben W. and Mary Caroline Safreed Cooper. They had one son Everett Carroll, born 9-17-1893 — died 12-30-1957, and farmed the homeplace on the hill east of his father's and mother's farm on Claylick and Little Pond Creek. They are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery.

Everett married Mary Magdalene Bever, born 4-2-1897, daughter of Melvin Milo and Rosa Archer Bever, and they had three sons: Harold Gordon, born 1-17-1915 — died 4-5-1949, Melvin Clair, born 5-11-1917 — died 5-25-1985, and Bernard Lowell, born 1-17-1920 — died 12-16-1956. Mary died 4-5-1924.

On 4-6-1927 Everett married Gladys Marie

Staats, born 9-16-1905 — died 2-15-76, daughter of Clayton and Belle Orem Staats, Roadfork, Sherman. They had six children: Lewis Carroll, born 2-15-1928, Charles Lindy, born 6-15-1929, Ruth Allene, born 2-5-1933 — died 8-30-1982, Kenna Lee, born 5-6-1934, Carl Evans born 3-24-1936, and Betty Lou, born 1-7-1939.

Everett and Marie moved from their farm home, Claylick and Little Pond Creek, to Ravenswood about 1942. Their home was on the corner of Virginia and Sycamore Streets. They are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery.

Their children blessed them with 17 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Submitted by Kenna L. Rardin and Judie Rardin Reese

EVERETT CARROLL RARDIN

Everett Carroll Rardin was born September 17, 1893, Sherman, Jackson County, West Virginia, son of Isaac W. Rardin (1869-1895) and Margaret (Maggie) W. Cooper (1870-1931), daughter of Reuben W. and Mary Caroline Safreed Cooper. Isaac W. was one of ten children born to Samuel (1832-1906) and Malissa Burch Rardin (1843-1911).

Isaac died when Everett was two years old and Maggie reared their son on the ridge farm, Claylick and Little Pond Creek. The young lad hunted game in the wooded hills, caught fish in nearby streams, helped his mother farm, and attended Rardin School.

Everett married Mary Magdalene Bever, born April 2, 1897, daughter of Melvin Milo and Rose Archer Bever, and three sons: Harold Gordon (1915-1949), married Vivian ?, one daughter 1943, Lynda Carol, married Jerry Smith; Melvin Clair (1917-1985) married Geraldine Hart Summerlin, one daughter 1946, Jackie Lou, married Frank Anderson; four children: Jerri Ann (Deavers), two children, Brenda Jean (?), one child, Frank Clinton and Andrew Thomas.

Bernard Lowell, (1920-1956), married Willa Mae Elsea. Mary Bever Rardin died April 5, 1924.

Everett cared for his young sons, farmed, taught school and served on the Board of Education. On April 6, 1927 he married Gladys Marie Staats, born September 16, 1905, daughter of Clayton and Belle Orem Staats, Roadfork, Sherman. They had six children: Lewis Carroll 1928, Charles Lindy 1929, Ruth Allene 1933-1982, Kenna Lee 1934, Carl Evans 1936 and Betty Lou 1939.

The children attended Liberty Grade School, Little Pond Creek, before Everett and Marie moved from their farmlands to Ravenswood where the children had better access to schools and church activities. The Rardin boys were very active in Ravenswood High School sports and helped their teams to victories. Everett farmed for Ritchie's, worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and Kaiser Construction. He died December 30, 1957 and Marie died February 15, 1976.



Everett Carroll and Marie (Staats) Rardin

Lewis Carroll, Sherman, West Virginia, married Ocie Mae Hill, one son 1950, Carroll Allen, married Sandra June Brown, two daughters, Elizabeth Carroll 1977 and Leslie Allyn 1979. Charles

Lindy, Edgewater, Florida, married Mary Ellen McGrew, two children, 1949, Linda Joyce, married Richard Brumley, two sons, Mark Charles 1970 and Christopher James 1978. 1954, Charles Michael, married Mary C. Stevens; Ruth Allene, deceased, Hudson, New York, married Paul C. Bednar, Jr., five children: 1954, Nancy Sue; 1956, John Paul, married Dina (?), son John Paul, Jr., 1982; 1957, Richard Lee, married Denise Babjeck; 1959, George David, married Betty Bratton, two children; 1963 James Michael.

Kenna Lee, Millwood, West Virginia, married Dorothy Marie Sallaz, two daughters, 1952, Lucinda Gail, married Sam Zimmerman, two children, Aaron David 1975, and Amy Marie 1977, 1957, Judie Carmel, married H. Thomas Reese, two children, Ashley Elizabeth 1984 and Colby Thomas 1987.

Carl Evan, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, married Maxine Krebs, three children, 1957, Randy Carroll, married (?), four sons, Randy Jr., 1976, Seth Everett 1982, Zachary Scott 1984, Joshua Evan 1987; 1967 Carola Jo, married Douglas Smith, one child, 1971, Ricky Jay.

Betty Lou, Palm Bay, Florida, married Bill G. Thompson, three sons, 1965, Thomas Glenn, married Lisa Wolfe, one daughter, Tara Bershay 1988, 1969 Mark Edward and Matthew Lee. *Submitted by Dorothy S. Rardin*

RAUHS

The Rauhs (Ed, Ann, Sheryl and Mike) moved to the historic Ohio River town of Ravenswood in 1978, having lived in Porter, Ohio and Stevensville, Michigan.

Edwin Dean Rauh was born in Lapeer Michigan March 22, 1945, the son of Chris O. and Isabel Jane (Houghtaling) Rauh. Annette Marie Vallie was born May 25, 1941, in Pontiac, Michigan, the daughter of Wilson and Katherine (Kiefer) Vallie.

Ed and Ann were married February 1, 1969 at St. Irenaus Catholic Church in Rochester, Michigan.

Sheryl Lynn Rauh was born July 15, 1970 in Rochester, Michigan. She attended schools in Stevensville, Michigan, Bidwell, Ohio, and graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1988. She was active in sports playing softball and volleyball. She is attending Fairmont State College.

Michael Aaron Rauh was born September 3, 1971 in Rochester, Michigan. He graduates this year from Ravenswood High School as it celebrates its 100th year. Mike has greatly enjoyed school and sports. He was president of his freshman class and that year won the Pop Mason Award for the best all-around freshman athlete. Mike has participated in soccer, baseball, football, basketball, track and cross-country, receiving varsity letters in the last four. He is participating in the Army Reserve early enlistment program, which allows young men to complete their training obligations during the summers of their junior and senior year of high school. The fall of 1990, Mike is planning to attend Fairmont State College.

Ed's career has been as a Librarian, with both undergraduate and master's degrees in the field of library science. In 1989 he held the dual position of County Librarian for the Jackson County Public Library and Director of the Alpha Regional Library System that serves six nearby county libraries.

Ann has been co-owner of Cook Floral in downtown Ravenswood, since 1984. She undertook this venture after having learned the trade working as manager of the Ravenswood branch of the Dudley's chain. Trained as a nurse, Ann changed careers when the family moved to Ravenswood.

The family resides in an old two story home at 200 Henrietta Street in Ravenswood. The oldest part of this home was built for Daniel C. Fleming in 1872. Mr. Fleming was one of Ravenswood's

earliest photographers. A collection of over 1,000 of his glass plate negatives are preserved in the Massilon Museum in Massilon, Ohio. *Submitted by Ed Rauh*

MILTON RAWSON

Milton Rawson (1850-1928), son of William and Mary (Smith) Rawson, was born in Wood County, West Virginia. The family moved to Jackson County a few years after Milton's birth. Milton married Virginia Mary Allen (1855-1917), daughter of Major and Amanda (Cross) Allen. They lived in the Willowdale community, in Grant District. Milton was a postmaster at Willowdale and also operated a store, following in the tradition of his father. Many family members belonged to the Willowdale Baptist Church. Milton and Virginia are buried in the Willowdale Cemetery. Their children: William, Cassie, Harriet, Minnie, Cora, Marshall.

William Rawson (1873-1942) married Lora Dugan (1873-1926), daughter of James and Matilda (Dernberger) Dugan. William helped construct the Willowdale Baptist Church which was completed in 1892. In 1909, he went to Kentucky where he worked as a foreman for a logging firm. After he retired in 1933, he returned to the family farm at Willowdale. William and Lora are buried in the Willowdale Cemetery. They had two sons: Emmett and Woodrow.

Emmett Milton Rawson (1900-1968) married Jessie Pugh, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth (Craft) Pugh. Emmett worked in timber with his father while in Kentucky. He returned to Jackson County from Kentucky with his father. He was employed part time with the State Road Commission and operated a saw mill. Emmett and Jessie lived on a portion of land deeded from his father. Jessie continues to reside there. Emmett was a member of the Willowdale Baptist Church and is buried in the Willowdale Cemetery. They had no children.



Woodrow and Edith Rawson

Woodrow Rawson (1912) married Edith Salyer, in 1933, at East Point, Kentucky. She was born at Salyersville, Kentucky the daughter of Ratio and Lula (Patton) Salyer. Woodrow graduated from business college and was employed as a construction cost accountant. He has worked for the following: Carl Smith, Inc. of Sandyville, West Virginia; West Virginia Department of Highways District III, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Boso and Ritchie, Inc., Ravenswood, West Virginia; John Pettyjohn and Co., Lynchburg, Virginia; Rocco Ferrara and Co., Detroit, Michigan; Hugh Haddox, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; H.L. Gentry Construction Co., Jackson, Michigan; and the American Viscoe Corp., Nitro, West Virginia. Woodrow and Edith have served several years on the Board of the Jackson County Commission on Aging. They have also served on the Advisory Council of Region V Senior Citizens for several years and continue to do so. Edith spent ten years working as a volunteer at the Jackson General Hospital extended care unit. She has been a member of the Ravenswood Women's Club for many years. They reside on the

family farm which they inherited from his father. They are members of the Willowdale Baptist Church where Woodrow serves in the position of deacon and trustee. Edith is a former Sunday School teacher and President of the Woman's Missionary Society. They had no children. (For more information, see *David Rawson Ancestors and Descendants* by Oma Mills and Geraldine Sommerville). *Submitted by Woodrow Rawson*

BENNETT RAYBURN

Bennett Rayburn was born July 30, 1830, son of Henry and Elizabeth Barnett Rayburn, died February 1876 Warners Fork on Mudlick and buried Walkers Chapel. He was granted on February 1858 Treasury Warrant for 286A. in Putnam County on Waters of 13 Mile Creek bounded by Boudridge Warner land.

Bennett Rayburn married May 24, 1855 Lovina Moore, daughter of Andrew Moore. One report states Andrew son of Levi Moore Jr. and Rebecca Waugh Moore. Lavenia (or Lovina) was born Dec. 25, 1834 in Jackson County and died Putnam County May 9, 1891. She is buried beside husband.

Bennett and Lovina had 11 children. We here name those married in or to persons in Jackson County: daughter Louisa Eliza born Oct. 1857 in Mason County married Archibald Skidmore age 22 in Jackson County Nov. 1880 at Parchment; Archibald born 1857 died March 6, 1937, Louisa died August 14, 1940. Both are buried Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen, Ohio near Porter with their daughter Gladys (1909-1952). A son Otis Orten born Jackson County 1881 died August 6, 1963 and wife Margaret Rowsey (1884-1958) daughter of H.J. Rowsey of Mason County (married December 1903) also buried Evergreen; daughter Cordia (1887-1923) Skidmore and her husband, William H. Walker (1884-1938) also in Evergreen; Fanny (Sarah Francis) Rayburn daughter of Bennett born January 9, 1859 married at Ripley Louis A. Vaughn (born March 28, 1855) May 4, 1880 and had six children. Their son Clarence Vaughn born September 27, 1889 died April 6, 1952 at Nitro, West Virginia is buried Mt. Olive Cemetery, Jackson County with first wife Freda Little.

Andrew S. Rayburn born Putnam County November 27, 1864 to Bennett died Canton, O. January 1944 buried Chester, West Virginia married Hannah Sayre daughter of William and Charity Mullineaux Sayre of Jackson County. They separated but had two sons and two daughters. *Submitted by Patricia Knopp*

GEORGE AND BURDETTE RAYBURN

George Roscoe Rayburn born December 20, 1880 to George O. and Sarah Virginia (Johnson) Rayburn near Deerlick (later Elmwood) married September 20, 1906 at Walker Chapel, Putnam County, Ernestine Eskew of Given, West Virginia. Her father was James Eskew born June 20, 1855 in Putnam County to George Eskew. James married Eliza Boswell born Jackson County April 4, 1856 to Bird and Mary Boswell.

Eliza Ernestine Eskew Rayburn born August 8, 1884 Jackson County, died January 7, 1966, is buried Warner Chapel Church. Her father J.W. Eskew is also buried there, but his wife Eliza Boswell is buried on the old Boswell homestead in Jackson County. George Roscoe Rayburn and wife had five children, four sons (two died infancy) and one daughter.

George O. Rayburn born Mason County March 22, 1849 to Burdett and Nancy B. Mason, married Sarah Virginia Johnson daughter of Oscar and Elizabeth (French) Johnson. Sarah born Giles County, Virginia February 12, 1847 came with her mother to Mason County after death of father. She

and George had Wavey July 22, 1877. James O. April 13, 1878 died May 24, 1879; and above George R.; Oscar Johnston is buried Giles County. George O. Rayburn died February 16, 1929 buried Warner Church.

Burdette Rayburn was born in Greenbrier County to Henry Rayburn (July 14, 1817 died February 5, 1865). Burdett married Nancy Mason October 5, 1837, who was born January 4, 1823 and died 1908. Issue 11 children, three died in infancy. All children born in Jackson County, West Virginia. Those who grew up were: Lovel C. Rayburn August 25, 1838-killed in action September 19, 1886) 1st Lt. Co. B. 13th West Virginia Regt.); Mary S. Rayburn March 31, 1840 died December 22, 1923 Andrew County, Missouri, married Ronald Wheeler; William M. Rayburn April 1, 1843 married Octavie Crawford died July 9, 1899 Vinton, O; George O. above; Annie M. March 22, 1849 deceased married Samuel Gibeaut August 10, 1870; James Virgil born May 30, 1854-May 10, 1925 unmarried. *Submitted by George R. Rayburn*

HENRY REBURN (RAYBURN)

Henry Reburn was born 1747 Augusta County to Edward and Margaret Reaburn. His father died May 1754 but had purchased 20 acres in Augusta County. His inventory was filed November 21, 1754. Margaret by July 20, 1758 had married Robert McMahon. On June 20, 1763 Henry at age 16 chose James Reaburn as his guardian.

Henry Reburn (Reaburn) married Margaret Christal c. 1767 dau. of William and Ann Christal of Botetourt County, Virginia. They inherited 235 acres in Greenbrier County (near Lewisburg) in 1789 which they sold September 1797. Both named in Christals will recorded Greenbrier County 1796. Also sold was 320 acres Jennings Branch. After his wife died he settled Jackson County, Virginia by 1801, in Deed Book 2 p. 302 he sold his negro woman slave, Maria, and her two children, Susan and John and a grey horse Dick on May 2, 1839 to Joseph Rader as witnessed by Robert and Edward H. Rader, Nehemiah Smith and George McGarny. He then applied for pension as a Revolutionary soldier and is on the pension role from Jackson County as age 100, 1840 and living with Weden Carney. The record of his service was not found by 1967. His death occurred at or near Parchment Valley after November 1840.

Henry Rayburn Sr. was a Lt. of Militia in Greenbrier County under Robert Burdett as late as 1786. It has been stated that he was a brother to John Rayburn who was in the Battle of Pt. Pleasant (found no proof, that he was the proper John). Henry also Captain Regt. (75) Montgomery Co. Ensign 1793. Henry Rayburn Sr. had 13 children as did his son Henry Jr. Henry's children were all born in Greenbrier County and there married but moved to Mason, Putnam, Jackson County in West Virginia as well as other states. His daughter, Martha, born November 1791 married Joseph Rader. (See *Descendants of Edward Rayburn* by Earle H. Morris 1950's and others, Library of Congress CS 71R.)

Henry Rayburn II was born 1780 (84) Greenbrier County but in the portion now known as Monroe County. His parents were Henry and Margaret Christal Reaburn. Henry Rayburn married in Monroe County, Virginia on July 23, 1803 to Mary "Pollie" Burdette. To them were born William, Elizabeth 1805, Henry 1809, Burdette 1816 and James 1817. When Mary died he came to Jackson County, Virginia and settled at the head of 13 Mile Creek as he had received land for services in the Black Hawk War, about 1832.

He was married December 1824 to Elizabeth Barnett in Mason County and to them were born Ruth, Bennett 1830, Thomas 1831, Griffin 1833, Mary and Margaret 1837.

Henry Rayburn died December 14, 1838. Eliz-

abeth applied for widows pension June 28, 1856 at age 54 at which time she stated her husband was a Private in 106 Regt. Vol. Light Horse Calv. War of 1812, and commenced service September 1814. Col. John Henderson was his commander. Mr. A. Waugh of Ripley, Jackson County was appointed her attorney. No pension was granted in Mason County that we could find. *Submitted by Deborah Hickel and Violette S. Machir*

RECTORS

Christoffel Richter married Anna Catrin. Their son, John Jacob, born in 1674, married Elsbeth Fishbach, daughter of Philip Fishbach and Elsbeth Heimbach in January 1711. They left Truppach, Germany with their son, John, and came to America in 1714. John established a town in Fauquier County, Virginia which he named Maidstone. Upon his death the name was changed to Rector-town.

John's son Benjamin, born 1744, had a son named Charles, born in 1776. Charles moved to Wood County after the War of 1812. He brought a number of slaves with him to build his home and later became Sheriff of Wood County. He married Sarah Rust whose great-great grandfather, Isaac Allerton, came to America on the Mayflower. Their son Steptoe, married Elizabeth Sherman. Their son Charles, born in 1848, married Nancy Sherman, daughter of Abel Sherman and Priscella Anderson Sherman. Their son, Wallace, married Laura Benson, daughter of Wade Hampton Benson and Martha Brown Benson. Their daughter, Mayme (my mother) married my father, Otmer Salser. *Submitted by Maxine DeWitt*

WILLIAM K. RECTOR

The family of William Kenna Rector of Ravenswood can be traced to Hans Richter who was born in Saxony, Germany in about 1550. The surname "Richter" (meaning judge) was Anglicized to "Rector" after two generations had been living in America.

The first of this family to come to this area were Charles and Sarah Ruth Rust Rector. The second of their five children, Steptoe, was born September 3, 1816 before the family left Rector-town, Fauquier County, Virginia. In Sherman, Steptoe met and married 14 year old Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac, for whom the community of Sherman was named. Steptoe died on January 24, 1890 and was buried in the Rector Cemetery at Sherman.

The seventh child of their 11 was Webster Clay born on October 14, 1856. He married Mary Alvaetta Derenberger on March 2, 1879 and fathered six children. He was a logger, timberman, and merchant. Mary died in 1926 and Webster died on July 24, 1929. They were both members of the Methodist Church South at Sherman and are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

The first son of Webster and Mary Alvaetta was Darrell born near Sherman on November 1, 1882. Darrell was involved in the grocery business all of his life. In 1902 he and his father built the old store at Sherman — later called the original Anna Howell Store. Darrell was employed as manager of the Ravenswood Wholesale Grocery for 40 years. He served the town of Ravenswood as mayor and as councilman. On February 24, 1904 he married Fanny Leura Saftred of Sherman.

Leura "Lou" was descended from the Cleveland-Tubbs-Dinsmoor clan being born to Mary Ann Dinsmoor and William Lewis Saftred at Sherman on May 26, 1879. Darrell died at their home on Sand Street on October 21, 1951. Lou was buried beside her husband in the Ravenswood Cemetery after her death on September 16, 1954.

The union of Darrell and Lou produced five children, the second of whom was William Kenna born on January 8, 1908 at Sherman. He is a 1927

graduate of Ravenswood High School where he was active in football and basketball. While attending Marshall College (now University) in Huntington, he married Dorothy Virginia McCoy, daughter of Charles Fremont McCoy and Victoria Nichols McCoy of Cottageville.

Ken worked as a salesman for the Ravenswood Grocery Company for several years. He is the last surviving member of the original (1935) Ohio River Festival Committee. At age 35 Ken was drafted into the Navy during World War II, and served at Richmond, Virginia until his discharge in 1945. He was employed for a time by General Mills and later was manager of a local hardware company. He then became a rural mail carrier until his retirement in 1973.

Dorothy McCoy was born on December 27, 1908 in Cottageville and received her early schooling there. She graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1927 and continued her education at Marshall College.

Through the years Ken and Dot supported the many youth activities of their three children. The oldest of the children is Connie Lou (Mrs. Bill Ritchie) of Ravenswood, born on November 3, 1928; Nancy Von (Mrs. Allen N. Short) of Vincent, Ohio, born on April 26, 1933; and William Kenna, Jr. (Bill) born on June 21, 1935, now residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dot obtained both her bachelor and masters degree from Marshall University. She completed 25 years of teaching and administration in Jackson County Schools and retired in 1973.

The Rectors are members of the First United Methodist Church in Ravenswood and have enjoyed 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. *Submitted by Nancy Rector Short*

REED

David Reed Sr. married Nancy Romine in Harrison County, February 28, 1814. He was a veteran of War of 1812. Their son David Reed, Jr. married Susanna Carpenter, born November 10, 1815. Susan was the daughter of John Carpenter who married March 6, 1794 to Sarah Radcliff, whose parents were William Radcliff 1744-1827 and Deborah Hughes 1746-1813.

David and Susan Reed were living in Curtis District of Roane County when it was organized. One son, Solomon Reed, served in the Federal Army three years in the 15th West Virginia Infantry while two sons were in the Confederate Army. John B. Reed served about three years and Marcellus Reed who was killed in the battle of Cloyd Mountain on May 9, 1863.

Solomon Reed married Jerusha Kelly, daughter of Archibald and Christina Kelly. Among their children were Sarah, Mary, Milly, and Tabitha Ann, who married James Gideon Hopkins.

Alvin Reed was a noted gunsmith and skillful worker in steel, brass, and other metals. He married Margaret Randolph, daughter of William Riley Randolph. They had six children.

John B. Reed never married; was killed by a falling limb while cutting timber in a clearing.

Martha J. Reed married Madison Hinzman December 17, 1868. David Reed III, married Elizabeth Westfall on November 12, 1874. Nancy Reed, married John Randolph on June 5, 1862. Elizabeth S. Reed married a Parsons.

Jonathan R. Reed married Sarah Mary Burdette, October 9, 1879. *Submitted by Raymond Bush*

ARCHIE AND PERMELIA REYNOLDS

Samuel and Early Hindman Shinn had a son named George W. Shinn who met and married Elizabeth Stone Shinn.

They had five sons, Owens, Fred, Ruben, Liss, and John. They had one daughter Permelia Ann born December 27, 1855.

When Permelia was nine years old, the family moved from Thirteen Mile Creek in Mason County to Grasslick in Jackson County, now known as Fairplain.

When Permelia was 15 years old she met and was married to Clermont Thaw Casto on February 7, 1871, by the Reverend J.I. Ankrum.

Clermont was the son of Elmore and Phoebe Cunningham Casto.

To this union were born two children, George Wallace and Flora Elizabeth.

But this marriage was not to be. When George Wallace was seven and Elizabeth was five their father died and is buried in the Webster Cemetery near Fairplain.

Permelia Ann then met and was married to Archie Alonzo Reynolds on December 18, 1879, by the Reverend J.W. Martin.

Archie was the son of James M. and Angeline Skidmore Reynolds.

To this union were born three daughters, Mary, Minnie, and Della. They had one son, Johnny, who died at the age of six months and is buried in the Reynolds Cemetery at Fairplains.

Permelia was very industrious and widely known to her many friends as "Meel" Reynolds. She loved the outdoors and loved to do carpenter work. She had built several homes in and around Evans.

She came from a widely known family of cattlemen that farmed large farms in the Fairplain community.

She always wore long dresses and aprons; she wore boots and always a bonnet and a cape.



Reynolds family

Archie was one of the best known business men in the county. He owned and operated a large general store in Evans for several years. He was always active in whatever went on in the community.

Besides the general store, they also operated a large farm. They kept Hereford cattle, and they always had several Guernsey cows that they milked and sold cream from.

One of the outstanding events of the summer was the family reunion at the Reynolds home.

One of these occasions Grandma Reynolds lined up all of her grandchildren and gave them \$25 each.

G.W. Casto best known to his many friends as "Wall" married Mary Myrtle Kessel; they had three sons and a daughter. Flora Casto married W.B. Stewart; they had three sons; Mary Reynolds married Jeff Sayre, they had three sons, one of which died at an early age; Minnie married James Casto; they had three sons and five daughters; Della married Mel Sayre; they had one daughter. After that marriage ended; she married Marshall Long, they had no children.

Archie A. Reynolds died July 18, 1935 at the age of 79. Permelia Ann Reynolds died December 27, 1943 at the age of 87, both are buried in the Fairplain Cemetery. Submitted by Virginia Casto Sayre

RHODES

Peter Rhodes (Roane County's oldest resident)

was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia January 25, 1807, died January 30, 1922, age 115 years and 5 days. He was the son of George Christopher and Catherine Peters Rhodes of Rockbridge County and later of Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia where he died, at age 95 years having lived from 1762-1857. He was a farmer and Innkeeper in Virginia and served as an ensign in the War of 1812. Peter remembered his father going to this War. He married Catherine Peters June 2, 1801 in Virginia but I don't have first wife's name.

Christian Rhodes of Botetourt County, Virginia, born about 1742 died 1831, was Peter's grandfather. He was a farmer and received a land grant south of James River in 1768.

Peter and Samuel (brothers) moved near Gay, Jackson County, about 1834. Peter married Letha Board daughter of George and Betsy Board of Ripley, Jackson County. He was a farmer and later bought a water powered grist mill a mile or so above mouth of Trace Fork where he lived and ran the mill from about 1865 until 1922 with son Marion. Buried in Rhodes Cemetery at Ryan. Peter's second wife was Elizabeth Wilson. Peter's and Letha's children: Robert R. Rhodes married Mary Casto; Amanda married Rev. Martin Casto; Sarah married Robert Garrett; Benta Rhodes married Harpold; Jane married Benjamin Poling; Ruthie married Whiting; Perry Rhodes; Marian Rhodes married Artimisha Westfall.



Pete and Letha Rhodes

Robert Rhodes married, October 17, 1865, Mary Casto daughter of George Casto, Jr. and Nancy Raines. Robert was a farmer at Belgrove, Jackson County. Their children were: Rector married Alice Westfall; Dora Woodfell; Jenna Free-land; William married Alice Fields; Mattie married Oradell Parsons; Arizona Westfall; Naoma married Westfall; Oley married Anne Redman; Joseph married Ethel Greathouse and Benjamin. Robert born 1849 died 1929. Mary born 1845 died 1935. Both were buried in George Casto Cemetery, Staats Mills, West Virginia.

William Clark Rhodes (Robert's son) married Alice Fields daughter of Reese Fields and Sarah Rhodes. Her parents were Mathias and Martha Parson Rhodes. His parents James and Sarah Garrett Fields. William was born March 3, 1877 and Alice February 9, 1877. Married April 27, 1900 and lived until 1913 in Jackson County then moved to Walton Roane County where I was born.

Dad was a farmer and ran a "Stone Burr" grist mill. He died June 28, 1945. She on December 20, 1957. Buried Looney Cemetery, Walton, Roane County. Their children Lloyd; Amos married Clara Grace Gallispie; Clayton; Nellie married Roy D. Kelly, Jacksonville, Florida; Ray; Bessie; Mary married Isaac M. Whited, Seffner, Florida.

Amos's children: Donald married Jo Ann Dean; James married Mary Ella Kramer; Wesley married Donna Ranson and Sharon Debolt.

There are ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Nellie's children: Roy D. Kelly, Jr. married Margaret Sigh; Richard married Arlene Henderson

after Betty Omijenski died leaving two small daughters. Nellie has four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mary has two sons. Lloyd Douglas married Judy McDonald and Isaac M. Whited, Jr. married Rebecca Miller. My only two grandsons are Kirk Andrew and Blaine Patrick their sons.

The Rhodes' Family is of German descent.

Submitted by Mary Rhodes Whited

RHODES

The surname of Rhodes has been spelled several different ways within the same time period and sometimes even within the same document. Some of the spellings include Roads, Rodes, Rhoads, and Rhodes.

Alexander Rhodes, son of Christopher Rhodes, was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, circa 1807. In Botetourt County on March 3, 1829, he married Mahala Edens, daughter of Jesse and Dorothy Edens. Mahala Edens Rhodes was born in Rockbridge County circa 1812. The Alexander and Christopher Rhodes families came to Jackson County, Virginia, now West Virginia, between 1830 and 1840, and are listed in the 1840 census of the county. Alexander purchased a tract of land from H.O. Middleton on Billy's Run, a branch of Elk Fork of Mill Creek (Deed Book 11, Page 307), where he was still living in 1876.

Alexander Rhodes had several children, including Llewellyn (also spelled Lewellyn, Lewallen, Luellen, and possibly other ways), Murphy D., Elizabeth, Martha Jane, Barbara J., Dorothy, Matilda, Rachel, Preston Isaiah, and Melissa.

Preston Isaiah Rhodes, usually known as Isaiah, (b. June 6, 1845, d. April 19, 1908) married Amanda J. Tolley (b. June 16, 1843, d. October 4, 1921), daughter of Jordan and Sally Anderson Tolley, on April 14, 1864, in Jackson County. The ceremony was performed by George Thomas, minister. Amanda was also known as Mandy J. and M.J.

During the Civil War (Preston) Isaiah Rhodes served in Company F of the 9th Regiment of the West Virginia Infantry, and later received a pension for his services. Records from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, and other sources in Washington, D.C. show his pension was increased on various occasions upon request. He was still residing in Jackson County in 1880, but by March 31, 1899, his address had changed to Ryan, and by June 11, 1902, had changed to Woodyard, which is in Roane County.



Preston Isaiah and Amanda Rhodes

Children of (Preston) Isaiah and Amanda Tolley Rhodes were Emmanuel G., known as "Bub", Alfred Clint, Emmett M., Ezra Oscar, Zeal, Mary Ann, Agnes Victoria, Cordelia J., William Bennett (b. December 25, 1877, d. September 25, 1898), and Emza L. (b. March 16, 1883, d. September 16, 1892).

Emmanuel married Ida Belle Thomas; Alfred Clint married Florence Harper; Emmitt M. married Rebecca Jane Hawkins; Ezra Oscar married (1) Florence Taylor and (2) Canna Cox; Zeal married

Will Thomas; Mary Ann married (1) Deck Westfall, (2) John Harper; Agnes Victoria married Jackson West; Cordelia J. married John M. Lowe; and William Bennett and Emza L. were both unmarried.

(Preston) Isaiah and Amanda J. Rhodes are buried in the Lowe Cemetery in Roane County, as are some of their children.

(Taken from an article written by Mabel Chapman) Submitted by Dorothy Stalnaker

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER RHODES

The Rhodes families are very difficult to sort out as anyone who has done research on them knows well. It is said that in 1832 six Rhodes brothers came to Mill Creek Valley from Rockbridge County, Virginia.

At the Archives in Charleston, in Will Book E of Botetourt County, Virginia, is the will of George Christopher Rhodes, dated 26 Feb. 1827. His wife is not named but his children are listed as: George, Christopher, Benjamin, Matthias, Michael, Peter, Samuel, Eva Saylor, Ginny Good, Rebecca, Magdaline, Margaret and Jacob.

The oldest son, George, either stayed in Rockbridge County or died before the others came to Jackson County. George was born ca 1765 and married Susannah Peters, daughter of Hannah, on 3 Jan. 1789 in Rockbridge County.

George and Susannah's children were: Catherine, born ca 1790, married Alexander Anderson 8 Feb. 1815 in Rockbridge County; Christopher, born ca 1794, married Patience Tolley 4 April 1816, daughter of Thomas Tolley; Samuel, born ca 1800, married Margaret Rhodes 15 March 1823, daughter of Christopher and Catherine Rhodes; Peggy, born ca 1806, married John H. Tolley 6 Sept. 1830; Alexander, born ca 1807, married Mahala Edens; Abraham, born ca 1811, married first Eliza Rhodes 6 Sept. 1830 and second Margaret Johnson 23 Oct. 1842. There were at least three other daughters. One of them may have been Barbara, born ca 1799 who married David Litton.

Christopher's and Patience's children were: Martha, born ca 1817, married William Riley Randolph 27 May 1838 in Jackson County; George A., born ca 1822, married Talitha Young 4 Oct. 1842; John W., born Jan 1827 married Anna Eliza Rhodes 19 June 1847; Solomon, born ca 1829 married Susan Catherine ?; Lucinda, born ca 1832, married first Alexander Litton and second Allen Greenleaf 15 April 1866; William L., born ca 1835, married Rebecca Rollins Feb. 1856; Phillip, born ca 1837 apparently never married; Mary Jane, born ca 1840, married John W. Greenleaf 25 April 1868.

Solomon David Rhodes married Susan Catherine ?. Have not found record of marriage. Their children were: Mary E., born ca 1852. No further record found; David C., born ca 1854, was married three times. First Rebecca Johnson in 1877, second Maggie Green in 1893, and third Dellie (Bradley) Cox-Riddle in 1919; Lucinda J., born ca 1857 may have died young; Agnes, born ca 1859. No further record found; Miriam, born ca 1861. No further record; Ann E., born ca 1864, married Robert Thomas; John A., born ca 1867, married America Price.

John Armstrong Rhodes married America Ann Price 2 Sept. 1894, daughter of Benjamin Rathbone and Talitha S. (Tolley) Price. They had ten children, two died in infancy. *Submitted by Oshel F. Rhodes*

RHODES-ROLLINS

William L. Rhodes, originally from Randolph County, married Rebecca J. Rollins, February 17, 1856. He was the son of Christopher (1790-1870) and Patience Rhodes. Rebecca was the daughter

of John Rollins and Mary Hoffman who married May 20, 1829. She was the granddaughter of the first settler on Tug Fork (about 1816) Elijah Rollins. Elijah (1764-1854) married Lucretia Casto (1792-1846), daughter of William Sr. and Hannah (Bonnett) Casto.

William and Rebecca Rhodes had eight children; Asbury married Phoebe Patterson; Sophronia married Llewellyn Lihon; Dorothy, William, Eliza, who married Jonathan Stanley; Gord married Phoebe Tuttle; Viola married Silas Tuttle, and Warnick Brison "Bud" Rhodes.

Warnick Rhodes, born February 3, 1867, died December 9, 1925 married on January 27, 1895 to Martha Pickens, born February 10, died January 10, 1914. Their children were: 1. Letha Jane Rhodes, born April 13, 1896 died 1922 married Lorenza Comer. 2. Harley Ray Rhodes, January 27, 1898-July 31, 1976. 3. Rethia Ellen Rhodes, January 4, 1900-1973. 4. Hollie Clifford Rhodes, October 2, 1902-Dec. 29, 1931. 5. Lelia Ethel Rhodes, June 30, 1904-November 20, 1907. 6. Howard Jennings Rhodes, November 7, 1907-1987. 7. Homer Lewis Rhodes, April 1910-April 1910. 8. Mabel Ruline Rhodes, born September 21, 1912, married Lawrence Pyatt. *Submitted by Dorothy Casto*

RHODES-TOLLEY

When my parents were married, they joined several of the pioneer ancestors of Jackson County. They were married on July 4, 1923, on the courthouse steps as a part of the celebration of the day, for which they were paid five dollars. To this union were born four children: Kathleen Virginia (Beymer), William Edward, Robert Ralph, and Sharon Lynn (Turley). They combined branches of the Rhodes, Harpold, Tolley, Westfall, Rollins, Johns, Casto, Sayre, Southall, Whiting and Hyre early inhabitants of this county.



Ralph and Mary (Harpold) Rhodes, Clarissa (Johns) Harpold, holding Wm. E. Rhodes

Ralph was the son of Minton Robert Rhodes and Mary Virginia Harpold, married 24 August 1884. Mint was the son of Archibald D. Rhodes and Delilah Rollins, d. John and Mary Rollins. To this union was born eleven children. Archibald is the progeny of Samuel Rhodes and wife, Peggy. Many of our county ancestors came from Rockbridge County, Virginia and the Rhodes were one of them. I must note at this time that there



Minton Robert Rhodes

were two Samuel Rhodes from Rockbridge County, the other married Parthena Vandyne and came to the area in 1845. Both are in the 1850 Census.

According to *History of Roane County*, our Samuel was a brother to Peter Rhodes of Roane County. From this information, Samuel's father should be Christopher. From *History of WVA III*, Maxwell & Miller, there was a Christopher (2) who was the father of Samuel and also Christopher (1) who came to this country from Germany prior to 1800, settled in Botetourt County, Virginia and served in the war of 1812.

In the early 1900s, on the land owned by Archibald and Delilah, a part of the original land purchased by Samuel, one of the first oil wells in the county was sunk. The family purchased one of the first automobiles in the area.

Delilah was the daughter of John Rollins and Mary Hoffman. John's father was Elijah Rollins who was raised in the Buchannon Settlement and came to Mill Creek about 1811. He was the first white settler on Tug Fork, arriving about 1816. He was a local Methodist preacher and he and George Casto founded the first Methodist classes in the upper Mill Creek Valley.

On the maternal side, Mary Virginia was descended from Adam Harpole, born 1734, who came to this country from Germany in colonial times and fought in the War of the Revolution. Adam's sons, Adam, Solomon, and John came to Jackson County (then Mason) in 1809. John married Rachel Sayre, 26 January 1839, d. David Sayre, Jr., and Sarah of Greene County, Pennsylvania. David was a soldier of the Revolution, also an Indian fighter. He was born in New Jersey. The union of John and Rachel produced nine children, David being our ancestor. David married Mary Hyre, daughter of Jacob Hyre and Mary Beath, Jacob's parents coming from Switzerland. Of the eight children in their family, John A. Harpold, our ancestor, married Clarissa Johns. John A. served in the Civil War, Union Army, Co. F, 9th Inf Reg from 28 Feb 1862, was wounded at Cedar Creek, rank, Corporal.

The daughter of John A. and Clarissa Harpold was Mary Virginia Harpold who married Minton Rhodes. *Submitted by Sharon Turley*

ARCHIBALD D. RHODES

Archibald D. Rhodes (Dec. 30, 1830-Sep. 9, 1903) m. Delilah R. Rollins (Oct. 22, 1840-1923) on Dec. 28, 1855. He was born and married in Rockbridge County, Virginia. His parents were Samuel (1789-Feb. 20, 1889) and Margaret (Granny Peggy) (1790-1893) m. Mar. 15, 1823 in Rockbridge County. Children: Matthias (1829); Catherine (1830); Archibald (1830); Andrew (1835) and George W. (1839) born in Rockbridge County. Children born in Jackson County, WV were Jacob (1840); John Wesley (1844); Henry (1850); Martha (1854); Lilly (1856); and Marcellus (1858); another was possibly Eliza — or one in the same — Catherine.

Records indicate they left Virginia in 1840, settled in Jackson County and bought a 100-acre farm on Billy's Run (some 12 miles east of Ripley). Samuel, Margaret, Archibald, Delilah, Asbury and Urnestine are buried at the Nesselrothe Cemetery.

Archibald and Delilah's children: Asbury Madison (1857-died an infant); Urnestine Alice (1858-died at 2 or 3 years old); Everett Clinton (1860-1950) m. Jane Hinzman; Minton Robert "Mint" (1862-1915) m. Mary Virginia Harpold; Martha Mildred (1863-1950) m. Daniel Williams (2) Cox; Lewis Irvin (1865-1950) m. Victoria Allen (2) m. Pearl Hinzman Parrish; Samuel Otho (1867-1941) m. Roxie Parsons; Okey Preston "Oak" (1869-1949) m. Nettie Casto; Holly Armstrong (1871-1944) m. Eula Thomas (2) Martha



standing: Okey, Samuel, Cynthia, Holly;
seated: Dora, Delilah R. and Archibald Rhodes

Westfall; Cynthia M. (1873-1904) m. David Harper and Dora Belle (1879-1906) m. William Greathouse.

Minton and Mary Virginia's children: Dollie Ella (1886-1979) m. Trink Oldham; Bettie Elizabeth (1887-) m. Orton Parsons; Lodisa "Dicie" Cynthia (1889-1968) m. Oke Batten; Icy "Mae" (1891-1977) m. Homer Mitchell; Hoyt Roosevelt (1894-1977) m. Ada Thomas; Zerelda Clarrisee (1897-1972) m. Dow Casto; Cecil Mattie (1900-1932) m. a Wood; Ralph Minton (1903-1935) m. Lora Tolley; Edith Virginia (1905-died about 3 years old); Theodore Kermit (1908-1985) m. Enola Moore; Erma Lydia (1910-1986) m. Silas Hay; Yvann Ann (1912) m. Robert Halbert; Everette Robert "Sock" (1914) m. Lily Ruth Hart.

Everette Robert (Oct. 14, 1914) was born on Billy's Run. Lily Ruth Hart (Nov 15, 1913) born at the head of Frozen Camp Creek in Roane County about a mile from the Jackson/Roane County line. Her parents were Marcellus and Minnie Mae Lovegrove Hart.

Everette and Lily Ruth m. Jun. 25, 1935. Children: Everette Robert, Jr. (Aug. 20, 1936) and Daniel Hart (Nov. 10, 1938) m. Sondra Denise Sharp Relue (Oct. 15, 1940) on Jul. 4, 1958. Father and sons served in the military service. Everette and Everette Jr. retired from the U. S. Air Force with honors.

Everette Jr. "Buddy" and also "Dusty" was born on Frozen Camp Creek, married Nov. 14, 1959 in Sevilla, Spain to Antonia "Toni" Rufina Sanchez Lopez (Jan. 19, 1940).

Everette, Jr. and Antonia's children: Ruth Ann (Jun 8, 1960 born in Sevilla, Spain) and Daniel Robert (Dec. 15, 1969 born in London, England).

Ruth Ann married Ronald Landon Shaffer (Aug. 10, 1959) on Jun. 22, 1978. Children: Joshua Caine (Apr. 26, 1979); Anna Christine (Oct. 1, 1982) and Tessa Lynnae (Sept. 1, 1984).

Submitted by Ruth Ann (Rhodes) Shaffer

DANIEL DEMING RHODES

Daniel Deming Rhodes was born February the 12th, 1818, in Warren County, New York, the son of Ira and Lydia Deming Rhodes. His paternal grandparents were John and Sybil Edmonds Rhodes. The maternal grandparents were Daniel and Sally Johnson Deming. Both grandfathers were Revolutionary War soldiers. John Rhodes fought in the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga at the young age of 14.

Daniel came to Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1842 and resided there until 1857. On February the 18th, 1844, he married Mary Ann Leonard. During his time in Portsmouth, he owned a successful lumber business, was town councilman and justice of the peace. Four children were born in Portsmouth, they were Alvin, George L., James S., and Lilly E. With the exception of Lilly E., the children succumbed to fatal childhood diseases at an early age.

In 1857, Daniel traded his properties in Portsmouth to Colonel Oscar F. Moore, of Moores Mills, Virginia (now Cottageville, WV) for Colonel Moore's small mill and considerable land

holdings. Daniel set about laying out the town in the spring of 1857. Stone masons, carpenters and laborers worked feverishly at various sites throughout the town simultaneously. In the short period of two years the town had been enlarged considerably. Besides the original buildings, there now stood on the banks of Big Millcreek an imposing new flouring mill towering five stories above the creek bed. The products from this mill would soon be sold on many distant markets, including those of: New Orleans, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. Daniel's new home was a beautiful eighteen room, two story dwelling. In addition, a large store building was erected adjacent to the home. Five other homes, called cottages were erected for his brothers and brothers-in-law. In order to supply water power for the huge mill, a massive stone dam was constructed across Millcreek. Fifty yards upstream a new covered wooden bridge was erected to replace the crude log one. Moores Mills, Virginia unofficially became Cottage Mills, Virginia in 1858. By 1858 the small settlement had been



Oldest mill west of Allegheny Mountains

completely transformed into a bustling little town.

The name of Cottage Mills was decided upon by Daniel and his brother George, obviously derived from the newly completed cottages and mill. Daniel formally changed the name to Cottageville, Virginia on February the 24th, 1860 and it remains so today. The only exception being that West Virginia achieved statehood on June the 20th, 1863.

Two additional children were born to Daniel and Mary at Cottageville. They were Daniel W. Rhodes, who married Sally Jane Lawill, and Louella, who married Doctor Benjamin Early Harrison. Lilly E., who was born in Portsmouth, married Henry Fleming.

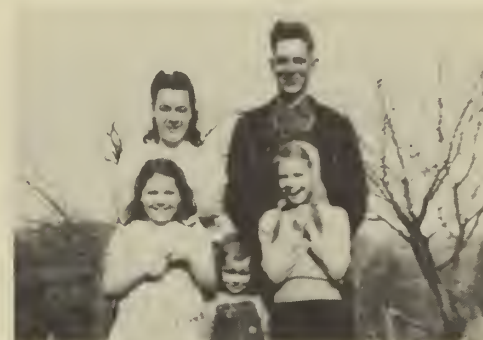
From 1857 until his death on December 12, 1882, Daniel resided in Cottageville. During this time he was a merchant, miller, postmaster, Civil War prisoner of war, and an army private in the home guard of Captain George King's company. At the age of sixty-four, Daniel was laid to rest in the Methodist Church cemetery at Cottageville.

During his relative short time upon this earth, he endured much hardship and grief. It is a fitting tribute to the man, his strong will, and his faith, that he overcame these adversities. Above all he loved and respected his fellow man. As a result of this compassion he unselfishly assisted many along the way. The town of Cottageville occupied a special place in his heart. He was truly at home with the many fine families and friends who settled there.

The children born to his son, Daniel W. and Sally J. Rhodes, were: Daniel W. Rhodes, Jr., Dr. Fred L. Rhodes, John H. Rhodes, Sr., and Susan Rhodes (all deceased). Residing in Cottageville at this time are Helen E. (Hood) Rhodes, widow of John H. Rhodes, Sr., her children, Patricia (Rhodes) Prowse, Frederic H. Rhodes and John H. Rhodes, Jr.; also two grandchildren, Jennifer L. Rhodes and John P. Rhodes and one great-grandson, Matthew J. Beigler. Submitted by Frederic H. Rhodes

ERMAL RHODES

Our family is descended from Peter Rhodes who was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, a son of Christopher and Catherine (Peters) Rhodes, who were married, June 2, 1801, in that county. Peter came to this county before 1840, settling first on Elk Fork and later moving to the Flat Fork section of Roane County. He was a miller by trade and lived to the advanced age of 115 years. March 1, 1843, in Jackson County, he married Letha, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Parsons) Board. Their second son, William Bennett Rhodes (1853-1924), married Mary M., daughter of Charles H. and Deborah (Casto) Casto, March 17, 1875. Their son, Okey J. Rhodes (1893-1972), married Lona Alice Hite (1899-1982), daughter of William Stevens and Louisa Jane (Fisher) Hite, October 7, 1914. They had three children — Ermal V. and Okey, Jr., and a daughter who died in infancy. Ermal was born on a small bottom just below where he now resides at Stat's Mills.



row 1: Janet, Bob, Evelyn;
row 2: Glenva and Ermal Rhodes, 1944

June 9, 1934, at his parents' home, he married Glenva A. Kessel, daughter of Lonnie Edwin and Vada (Rhodes) Kessel. Lonnie was a son of Henry S. and Elizabeth (Wolf) Kessel, married, Sept. 4, 1889. Henry's parents were Jacob L. and Margaret (Rayburn) Kessel, married, Oct. 25, 1855. Elizabeth's parents were Abraham and Miriam (Fisher) Wolf, married, Feb. 25, 1858. Vada (Rhodes) Kessel's parents were Samuel O. and Roxy M. (Parsons) Rhodes, married, Dec. 23, 1894, at Belgrove. Samuel's parents were Archibald D. and Delila R. Rhodes. Roxy M. (Parsons) Rhodes' parents were Allen R. and Mary E. (Rhodes) Parsons, married, Feb. 21, 1861.



Ermal Rhodes family, 1957

We have four children: Evelyn Mac, married Roy Eakins, March 7, 1952; Janet Fay, married Harley Scarberry, Nov. 19, 1955; Robert Roy, married Ima Jean Price, July 22, 1977, and Norma Jean, married Carl Harris, Aug. 26, 1977. Thirteen grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Submitted by Ermal V. and Glenva A. Rhodes

EVERETT RHODES

Samuel and Margaret (Peggy) Rhodes moved to Jackson County from Rockbridge County, Virginia, in the early 1800s. They lived near Chase's Mill and later moved to Elk Fork near Gay and operated a mill.

Everett's parents were Archibald (son of Samuel) and Delilah Rollins Rhodes. They lived on the waters of Billy's Run, not far from Elkfork and Gay. They were the parents of nine children with Everett being the oldest.

Everett married Melissa Jane Hinzman on September 27, 1887. They lived on the waters of Billy's Run. He owned and operated a General Store for twenty-some years and then sold it and moved to Ripley in 1927 where they spent the remainder of their lives.

They were parents of one daughter, Amy, who married John Tolley and one adopted daughter, Fay Greathouse Rhodes, who married Ray C. Archer. Fay's mother was Dora Rhodes (youngest sister of Everett) who married Wm. D. Greathouse. Dora died when Fay was sixteen months old.



Rhodes family

Everett and Melissa Jane had five grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. The accompanying photo includes (left to right), Everett C. Rhodes (with beard), Melissa Jane Rhodes, John Tolley Rhodes, Amy Rhodes Tolley, Ray C. Archer, and Fay Greathouse Rhodes Archer. Submitted by Fay Archer

HENRY RECTOR AND ALICE (WESTFALL) RHODES

Henry Rector Rhodes was born to Robert Riley (Robbie) and Mary Ellen Casto Rhodes on 2/19/1869. He married Alice Westfall on 12/26/1895, daughter of William R. and Mary E. Tolley Westfall. They had eight children. 1. Ora Enis (R.) never married. He was born 10/3/1896 and died 1/2/1971. He is buried at the Aplin Ridge Methodist Church Cemetery. 2. Leorza (Orza) was born 9/12/1899 and married first Holly E. Jeffries on 9/8/1918. He died after only 2 months and five days of marriage, of the flu. She then married Ezra Allen on 3/2/1922. Their children were Irene, Ralph Vernon, Ezra Allen, Jr., Melba Lorine, Marshall Ray and Delbert Lee. 3. Owens died at 5 years of age of the croup. 4. Corda Bell was born 3/21/1906. She married Willie Fields, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Casto Fields and they had the following children: Dorthleen, Modeline Mac, Dorine Virginia, Geneva Norldine and William Delmas. 5. Virgie Elva was born 4/1/1907 and on 4/27/1924 married Fredrick Columbus Fields, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Casto Fields. Their children are Edith May, Radus Ray, Dorothy Annabelle and Rita Marie. (See Fredrick Columbus and Virgie Elva Rhodes Fields for more information.) 6. Thelma Myrtle was born 1/15/1910 and married Starling Denny Casto. They had one child Lenore Lee. 7. Otis Weldon was born 4/26/1912. He married Evadeen Anderson. Their children are Kenneth Veran, Curtis Kernean, Sharon Lyn, Cary Lee and Larry Leolen. Otis died 12/22/1965 and



front row: Thelma, Otis; middle row: Corda, Virgie; back row: Alice Rhodes holding Vessie, Ora and Orza

is buried at the Aplin Ridge Church Cemetery. 8. Vessie Evelyn was born 6/30/1915 and married Carl Warner born 9/17/1909, son of Luther and Ivy Warner.

Henry Rector died on 11/20/1961 and Alice died 8/16/1946. Both are buried at the Casto Cemetery on Grass Lick.

The following people are shown in the accompanying photograph: Front; Thelma and Otis. Middle; Corda and Virgie. Back; Alice Rhodes holding Vessie, Ora and Orza. Submitted by Virgie Fields

LORA MARIE TOLLEY-RALPH MINTON RHODES

The Tolleys came to Elk Fork from Rockbridge County, Virginia in the 1830s. Our ancestors, John and his wife, Rebecca, were married in Rockbridge County, Va. and all children but one born there. In 1870, Rebecca is listed as a widow of John. Their children were: Allison, Emily, Granville, Susanna, Margaret, David, and Barbara. Our ancestor was Granville.

Granville, born in Rockbridge County 1834, married Elisabeth Catherine Southall, d. William and Paulina Catherine Hix. She was born in Franklin County, Virginia. To this marriage was born nine children, Alexander, John, William Howard, Martha, Susan, James, Charles Walter, Sandusky and Florence.

Charles Walter Tolley, b. March 7, 1875, married Minnie Florence Westfall, d. John D. and Sara Jane Whiting. Their children were: Vesta, Gertrude, Mabel, Lora, Gladys, Russell, Charles and twins who died at birth.

C.W. as he was known to all in the area, moved his family from Billy's Run to Ripley in 1927. He was a timber man, working from the time he was a young boy for others and then starting his own company, Tolley Lumber Company, and eventually had his own planing mill on what is now 2nd Avenue. He cut timber all over the county and sawed timbers for all of the oil derricks built from 1919. He also cut timber for the fence posts that were used around the World's Fair in New York, 1939-40. He developed land areas, built houses, and on the site of the Tolley Homestead in Ripley, now stands the Ripley Baptist Temple, land donated by C.W. at his death. For many years he was the S.S. Superintendent of the Baptist Temple and active in all phases of church work. In 1943, the *Jackson Herald* honored him in the "Unsung Heroes" column. Statiss Simmons, then editor, wrote of him: "There are many unsung heroes in this world, men and women, who give their time, their efforts, and their means to promote the well being of their fellow citizens . . . one such person is our neighbor, Walter Tolley, who over more years than we can remember, has been the president of the Sunday School Organization (non-denominational) in this county and who each year devotes much time, a tremendous amount of effort and no little sum of money to the furtherance of the Sunday School program . . . we bow to Walter

Tolley, gentleman, civic minded citizen, good neighbor and loyal friend. The world could use a lot more fellows like him."

The Tolley family originated in Warwickshire, England and came to America in the early 18th century. Dr. John F. Tolle came to N.Y. and he was the first to add the "Y" to the name. There were three nephews, Daniel, John, and Dudley and the Tolley family in Rockbridge County descended



Lora (Tolley) and Ralph Minton Rhodes with William Rhodes

from these early settlers.

Lora Marie Tolley was one daughter of C.W. and Minnie. Lora married Ralph Rhodes, and to this union was born Kathleen, William, Robert, and Sharon Lynn. Ralph died in 1935 at a young age. Lora later married Carl Lanham and to this union was born a son, Carl Lanham, Jr. Submitted by William E. Rhodes

ROBERT AND MARY ELLEN (CASTO) RHODES

Robert Riley (Robbie) Rhodes was born in 1845 to S. Peter and Letha Board Rhodes who were married 3/1/1843. On 10/19/1867 he married Mary Ellen Casto who was born in 1851 to D. George, Jr. and Nancy Raines Casto who were



S. Peter Rhodes, age 114

married 12/26/1844. They were blessed with 10 children.

1. Henry Rector, born 2/19/1869, married Alice Westfall on 12/26/1895. Alice was born 11/11/1876 to William R. and Mary E. Tolley Westfall. Henry died 11/20/1961 and Alice died 8/16/1946. They were blessed with eight children. (See Henry Rector and Alice Westfall Rhodes) Henry and Alice are both buried in the Casto Cemetery.

2. Dora (Ora/Sissy) was born 1/26/1872 and married John Woodfell (Woodfield) who was born 8/18/1874 and died 8/18/1927. They had no children. She died 4/6/1948.

3. Genia (Jeannie) was born 8/12/1874 at Belgrove and first married Francis Harbert. They had no children. Her second husband was John F.

Freeland and they married 5/18/1890. Their children were Allene Freeland, born about 1911 and died 9/12/1939, and Delbert Lee Freeland, born 5/25/1914, who married Mary Shreves. Genia died 8/7/1923 and John died 10/1973.

4. William C. (Willie) was born 3/8/1877 and on 4/26/1900 married Allie (Alice Ann) Fields born 2/9/1877 to Reece B. and Ann Rhodes Fields. They sired seven children.

Lloyd died as an infant. Amos Dell was born 3/12/1902 and married Clara Grace Gillespie. Clayton Leo born 5/4/1904 never married and was drowned at 22 in the Kanawha River during a thunderstorm returning from a picnic. Nellie Opal born 9/25/1907 and married Roy Davidson Kelly on 9/14/1931. Clessie Ray born 4/29/1910 was never married. On July 30, 1930, just four years after his brother drowned, he bled to death after an injury at work. He was 20 years old. Bessie Rhodes born 1912 and died at eight months on 6/5/1913 at Walton. Mary Marie was born 7/4/1917 and on June 29, 1940 married Isaac Mayford Whited, son of I.A. and Minnie Whited.

William died 7/1945. His wife, Allie, died 12/19/1957. They are both buried in the Looney Cemetery.

5. Mattie Lee (male) was born 3/28/1880 and married Ora Dell Parsons, the daughter of George W. and Elizabeth Reed Parsons on 2/7/1905. They had ten children.

Ava Lois was born 2/23/1905 and married Dallas Raines. Amy Inez was born 11/2/1907. She married first, Chester Drennen, and they divorced in the 1930s. They had twin girls. Second she married Joseph Stiene on 1/12/1960. Delbert Wilson was born 11/4/1910 and on 5/30/1930 he married Bulah Garrett. Alma Bell born 3/26/1913 married Earnest Clyde Sheens. They had no children. Ima Effie was born on 11/19/1917 and married George Anderson. Gladys Marie born 11/20/1920 married 12/31/1940 to Lakin Rupert Jones. Ivy May was born 10/5/1925 and married William C. Critchfield. Geraldine was born 1/17/1928 and married George Willard. Denzil Robert born 4/4/1931 married Janet Fisher. Denver Lee born on 10/15/1935 and married Hazel Mae Williams on 2/13/1960.

Mattie died 1/31/1951 at age 70, and Ora died on 1/9/1972. They are both buried at Fairplain, WV.

6. Joseph Caser was born 12/31/1882 and married Mary Ethel Greathouse, the daughter of Mirch and Merinda Elkins Greathouse. They had one child. Wilma Mildred Rhodes. Joseph died 4/21/1974 and Mary died 12/9/1967. The following three children, #7, #8, and #9 are a set of triplets. Mary supplemented her milk with cow's milk flavored with nutmeg.

7. Arizona (Zona) was born 6/9/1886 and married Clarence C. Westfall 4/14/1906. They had three sons.

Edgar Ellis born 6/9/1909 and married Jessie Knapp on 9/2/1928. Condie (Condic Ayward) was born 8/26/1914 and married Edith Gwendolyn Channels. Virgil R. (Robert) was born on 5/8/1907 and married Vandena Ashley on 9/23/1928.

8. Naoma (Oma or Omy) was born 6/9/1886 and married Okey M. Westfall, son of Will and Alice Tolley Westfall on 9/20/1908.

They had one child, Hershell R. born 3/11/1918. He was married 7/26/1940 to Pauline Ruth Rhodes, daughter of Blondie Arnold and Ida Ozella Rhodes. Naomi died 11/28/1971. She and her husband are buried at the White Pine Cemetery.

9. Everett Oley was born 6/9/1886 and was a bachelor for many years before marrying Annic Redman in 1937 or 1938. He died 1/28/1956 and is buried at the Fairplain Cemetery.

10. Benjamin Harrison (Ben) was born 4/24/1889 and never married.

Robert Riley died 10/6/1929 at the age of 84.



Robert Riley and Mary Ellen (Casto) Rhodes

His wife, Mary Ellen Casto Rhodes, died 12/30/1935. They both are buried in the Casto Family cemetery above Grass Lick, a fork of Laurel Run, where they lived their lives and raised their family. Submitted by Vessie Warner

WILLIAM M. RHODES

Alexander Rhodes was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, about 1807. He married Mahala, the daughter of Jesse and Dorothy (Davis) Edens, in Botetourt County, Virginia, on February 23, 1829. They came to Jackson County (West) Virginia before 1840, and settled on Elk Fork. Their children were: Llewellyn, born July 14, 1833, married Agatha Lytton; Murphy D., born 1835, married Mary Clarkston on February 23, 1856; Elizabeth (Margarete), born 1836, married Enoch Harper September 11, 1852; Martha Jane, born 1839, married James E. Thomas, September 28, 1854; Barbara, born 1838, married Robert Bradley February 21, 1856; Dortha, born 1840, married William H. Thomas, May 27, 1857; Matilda, born 1841; Rachel, born 1843; Isaiah Preston, born 1845, married Amanda Tolley April 14, 1854; and Melissa, born 1851, married James Hamilton in 1854.

Murphy D. Rhodes served in the West Virginia Home Guards during the Civil War. In the 1880 census, he and his wife, Mary, were living at Statts Mills. Their children were: Helena, born 1857, married Sylvester Rhodes, November 27, 1873; Artanisha, born 1859, married William A. Casto; Samantha, born 1862, married Nicholas Merial; William M., born 1864, married Lougenia in 1888; Clara, born 1870, married Milt Boice; Franklin, born 1872, married Elsa Windle; and Minnie, born 1878, married George W. Rhodes.



W. M. Rhodes family

Lougenia, the wife of William M. Rhodes, was a daughter of Joel and Mary Magdalene (Bradley) Casto, who was married on September 17, 1857. Joel was born September 1, 1834 and died September 25, 1886. His wife was born in 1837 and died in 1926. Joel was the son of George Casto, Sr., (about 1784-1845) and Sarah (Ours), who were married in Harrison County, in 1813. Joel's wife, Mary, was a daughter of James and Nancy (Rhodes) Bradley, who were married September 8, 1831 in Rockbridge County Virginia.

The children of William and Lougenia Rhodes

were: Rhomie, married Pearl McCrady; Blondie, married Ida Fields; Orville N., married Verl Southall; Moody C., married Lydia Chatman; Elva, married Oshel Morris; Delpha G., married Foster Morris; and Leo, who married Wanita Skidmore.

William and Lougenia lived all their lives around Statts Mills. Will was a blacksmith, farmer, and miller. He was a good family man, serious with his work, and respected. But he had a humorous side also. I remember he and grandmother working in their garden. Grandfather was pulling the plow with a rope and grandmother was guiding it. It was the kind with the large iron wheel with handles made for pushing. All at once grandfather began to prance like a scared colt, and the next thing you know, he was going down a row of sweetcorn at a gallop. Grandmother plowed out six or seven hills of corn before she could get him stopped. I think he did it to make his grandson laugh.

Leo V. Rhodes of Fairplain and Delpha Morris of Statts Mills are the only living children, but there are many grandchildren and great-grandchildren still in Jackson County. Submitted by Tom Morris

RICHARDS/NAGY

The Nagy side of the family started on March 6, 1971, when Judy Ann Richards, daughter of William Sheridan and Dorothy Sedlock Richards, and granddaughter of Elah Blance Parsons Richards of Euclid, Ohio, married Janos Nagy, who was born June 25, 1936 in Mosonmagyaróvár, Hungary. Judy Ann was born May 2, 1947. Janos came to the United States on a children's airlift in 1956, shortly after he escaped from Hungary during the Revolution. After a brief stay in Connecticut, Janos joined the U. S. citizenship six years later. Settling in Bridgeton, New Jersey, he started a career in scientific glassware production. In order to further his career, he moved to Willoughby, Ohio, where he met and married Judy. With more scientific work on the West Coast, Janos and Judy moved to El Monte, California in 1972.

During this period, Judy worked as a realtor in



Bill and Dorothy Richards, children and grandchildren

Los Angeles County. On May 7, 1976, Richard Janos was born and Jacquelyn Jannette was born September 2, 1977. Both children were born in West Covina, California. Janos' work then took the family to San Jose, CA for three years and then to Portland, Oregon in 1980. The family settled into a home in Aloha, Oregon, located 15 miles southwest of Portland and are still living there. Janos continues to work in the scientific glassware business and Judy teaches young children.

In 1987, Judy's parents, William and Dorothy, upon William's retirement from the railroad, moved to Oregon from Euclid. Janos' family continues to live in Mosonmagyaróvár, Hungary. Submitted by Judy Ann Nagy

ROBERT AND WILMA (STANARD) RICHARDSON

Robert L. and Wilma Stanard Richardson came to Jackson County early spring of 1951 and located on Hillcrest Drive, Ripley. Bob was employed as District Conservationist for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, a position held for 24 years. That summer Wilma was employed as Jackson County Home Demonstration Agent for the West Virginia Agricultural Extension Service and served in that capacity four years. She later taught in the elementary and secondary schools of the county and served as elementary supervisor during the administration of Rob Roy Walters.

Soil Conservationist in Jackson County was Bob's first professional assignment after graduation from the West Virginia University School of Forestry and a two year training period in Roane county where Wilma was employed as English and social studies teacher at Walton High School. After Bob's retirement in Jackson County, 1974, they returned to their native Nicholas County and established residence on his home farm where he previously spent ten years working and managing the farm for his father, a Nicholas County public schoolteacher.

L.A. and Christina Williams Richardson settled on the farm near Carnifex Ferry in 1917. Their children, in order of age, are: Thelma Martin (deceased), Robert L. and Edith Herold Koon of Summerville, Mary Florence (deceased), and Esther Weddington of Louisville, KY. Their Richardson ancestry dates back to Captain James Richardson who came from England to Virginia in 1836. The Williams line is traced to pioneer William Williams who was born in Williamsburg, Greenbriar County, 1974.

Wilma grew up on a farm near Summerville, one of five children of James Berton and Jennie Dyer Stanard. Her only brother is James Dyer Stanard of Ripley, well known in Jackson County as "J.D." Her sisters are: Helen Jackson of Roanoke, Virginia; Kathleen Ham of Havana, Cuba; and Lois McCabe of Charleston, WV. The Stanards descend from William Stanard, who came from London, England to Virginia about 1675. The Dyers of Webster County were descendants of Roger Dyer who was killed at the Fort Sybert massacre in Pendleton County, 1758, and of his son, James, who was held captive in Ohio by the Shawnee Indians.



Bob and Wilma Richardson, 1945

Bob and Wilma were married at Ft. Devens, MA during World War II. He then served in the European Theater of War, was captured in France and held as a prisoner of war in Germany for six months. They are the parents of two daughters who

grew up in the Ripley area of Jackson County. They are Pamela Graighead of New Orleans, LA and Julie Ryan of Hampstead, NC. Grandchildren are Robert Austin and Jamie Rose Ryan.

Bob has this to say about his life and work in Jackson County: "I truly enjoyed my work with the Jackson County people and remember many occasions of warm hospitality in the rural areas of the county. While I had opportunity to move to other positions, I chose to remain in the area which offered everything we wanted".

In a *Jackson Herald* account of Bob's retirement in 1974, it was pointed out that he was identified with many important conservation projects in the region including the original plans for the Mill Creek flood control project. The *Ravenwood News* featured his interest in nature and his participation in state and national nature organizations. It was stated by the *Herald*, "Mr. Richardson is well known as a biologist and has assisted the schools and other organizations of Jackson County on numerous occasions with his knowledge of plants and wildlife." Submitted by Wilma Richardson

JOHN RIDDLE

John Riddle was born near Georgetown, District of Columbia, June 30, 1778 died 1858 in the part of Jackson that became Roane County, his Will is in the Roane County Court House. John came on a hunting trip from Ritchie County to Jackson County in the early 1840s. He liked the area and upon returning home he tried to get members of his family to move with him to Jackson County but only his son James would come. He settled at Reedyville, Jackson County, (now Roane) County, and lived there until his death. John served in the War of 1812. Several of the descendants of John Riddle's children now live in Jackson County.

John married 1st, Tamar (Goff), September 23, 1802; she was born 1782 died Lewis County (now Gilmar) County, September 15, 1823 she was a twin, and a daughter of John T. and Monacah (Carrico) Goff. Their parents objected to their marriage so they eloped. Their children were: Hannah, born Randolph (now Tucker) County August 18, 1803 died Ritchie County April 24, 1853, married Benjamin Cunningham and had eleven children; Rev. Eli Riddle, born November 11, 1804 died Ritchie County October 28, 1896; married 1st July 15, 1827, Wood County, Sarah Cunningham, born October 5, 1799, died Ritchie County, November 29, 1855; they had eight children and are both buried Riddle's Chapel Cemetery married 2nd Emily J. Sutler born 1840, died March 5, 1870 they had six children; married 3rd in Ritchie County July 17, 1873; Mrs. Augusta J. (Welsh) Osbourne they had no children; James Edgar, born Randolph (now Tucker) County, January 5, 1810, died Roane County December 8, 1876, married 1st Wood County, Effa Cunningham, born November 10, 1810, died December 24, 1864; they had eight children. Married 2nd in Roane County, Rebecca (Wetzel) Curtis, born Lewis County, June 4, 1830, died Roane County November 17, 1890; they are buried on their great-great-grandson's farm on the Middle Fork of Reedy Creek, Roane County, they had three children; Elizabeth, born March 7, 1815, married 1837 Nicholas H. Frederick, born October 6, 1815; they had 11 children; Eleven Riddle, died in infancy; George, died in infancy. John married 2nd, May 16, 1824, Lewis County, Elizabeth Holbert and moved to Ritchie County, their children were: Tamar married James Emmett Norman; they had four children; Dorcas, married Rufus Holbert; William and Harrison were twins, died young; Thomas, Joseph, and John all died in infancy. John married 3rd, September 9, 1836, Lewis County, Hannah (Drake) Smith; they settled Jackson County (now Roane) County, they had no children.

Submitted by Elaine Gates

RIDENOUR

My father, Emory Martin Ridenour, and mother, Anna Elizabeth Sayre, were both born in Jackson County, West Virginia; however, since the Sayre family will be adequately represented in this book by others, my contribution will relate mostly to the Ridenour family.

The Ridenours seem to have had their beginning in America in the state of Maryland, but like many early settlers moved on to the state of Ohio. There in the county of Jefferson, great-great-grandfather, David Ridenour, married Elizabeth Easterday, 8-22-1817. This couple and their children moved to Meigs County, Ohio.

David and Elizabeth's first born was my great-grandfather, Martin Ridenour. Martin Ridenour was born 2/19/1818 in Jefferson County, Ohio. He married Nancy Jane Hawley, who was born in Jefferson County 3-26-1820. Martin died 12-21-89 at the home of his son, Vitalis, in Kansas City, Kansas. Being a veteran of the GAR, he is buried in the national cemetery at Ft. Scott, Kansas.

Martin and Nancy Jane had eight children: Elizabeth, Sophia, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel, Mary Ann, William Thomas, James M., and Vitalis. Around the year 1860, the family moved to Jackson County, West Virginia from Letart Twp., Meigs County, Ohio.

Martin and Nancy Jane's first son, Benjamin Franklin, was my grandfather. Benjamin was born 1845 in Meigs County, Ohio, and died in Jackson County, W. Virginia in 1932. He was married 4-14-64 (while on leave from the W. Virginia 9th Regiment, Co. F, of the Union Army to Emeline Smith, daughter of Jackson Smith.

Benjamin and Emeline had 15 children: Alpha Omega, Nancy, Elizabeth, William, Mary, Hawley, Lewis, Emory, Iva, Cecil, Annie, Kenneth, Ida Mae, Cleophus, and Esta. Esta, the last of these children, died in 1982.



Benjamin, Emeline (Smith), Anna (Sayre), and Emory Martin Ridenour, ca. 1926

My father, Emory Martin Ridenour, was born in 1877, in Jackson County, W. Virginia, and died 1958, in Madison Co., Ohio. He married Anna Elizabeth Sayre, daughter of Abijah and Ellen Hartley Sayre, June 30, 1901, and lived on Cow Run several years before moving to New Sheffield, Pennsylvania. My uncle, Tom Sayre, younger brother of my mother, remembers carrying Velma, my oldest sister, and the oldest member of our immediate family, from his parent's home on Cow Run to uncle Chris Baier's home where my parents lived. Eight additional children were born to this marriage: Dorma, Clyde Otmer, (deceased 1989), Evelyn, Russell, Raymond, Emory (deceased 1917), Cecil, and Paul. Emory married again to Elsie Franeis. From this marriage two daughters were born, Hester Ann and Nancy Carolyn.

As the last child of the Ridenour/Sayre union, I am not as acquainted with the Jackson County surroundings and folklore as I would like; however, each year my wife, Maxine and I, find some excuse to visit uncle Tom Sayre and his children, my cousins, Ada Ruth, Quinten, Ralph, and Don. This "Jackson Co. magnetism" has captured our daugh-

ter, Karen, so that she now returns to Jackson County to seek her ancestry. Our son, Charles, lives in St. Louis. Submitted by Paul E. Ridenour

THE REV. JAMES G. RIPLEY

Rev. James Grafton Ripley, born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, December 24, 1823, was a son of John and Nancy T. Ripley, whose earthly pilgrimages ended in Tennessee some years ago.

In Botetourt County, Virginia, were spoken the words joining the lives of James G. Ripley and Sarah J. McClure in matrimonial bonds. In the ensuing years the birth of four children blessed their union. Mary Margaret, the eldest, was born January 16, 1846; Nancy J., January 16, 1848; Jacob A., April 18, 1850; Charlotte Virginia, July 31, 1852. The three eldest, live in this district, the son is engaged in trade as a harness maker; the youngest daughter makes her home in Mason County, this state. Sarah J., wife of Mr. Ripley, was a daughter of Michael and Nancy J. (Davidson) McClure, who passed their lives in Botetourt County and are there deceased. Her father was a veteran of the 1812 war. Jacob A. Ripley married Millie E., daughter of Jackson Hall, November 30, 1873, and their children are: Cloe T., born November 26, 1874; Jesse E., August 23, 1876; Owens D., March 31, 1878; Sarah S., Sept. 1879; Ledora, May 5, 1881.

James G. Ripley has been over 30 years engaged in the preaching of the Gospel, according to the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was ordained in 1869 at Clarksburg, by Bishop Ames and was ordained an elder by Bishop Jesse T. Peck, at Huntington, West Virginia, October 17, 1880. He began his labors among the people of Jackson County, West Virginia, in 1878.

RICHEY/RITCHIE

Andrew W. Richey (1763-1828), his wife Martha Liten Richey, two children, and several of Andrew's brothers, came to America from County Cork, Ireland, in the late 1700s. Andrew's brother Craig Ritchie (1758-1853), and family came from Glasgow, Scotland. They migrated to Pennsylvania, purchased land, and became farmers. Andrew was also a fine mechanic. After the War of 1812, in which Andrew served with Regiment 1 of the Pennsylvania Militia, the Richey family came down the Ohio River on timbers (flat boats) and purchased land at Letart Falls, Gallia County, Ohio. Andrew and Martha had 11 children.

Andrew's son, John McCubry Richey (1786-1879), also served with Regiment 1 of the Pennsylvania Militia in the war of 1812. John married Rachel Smith (1786-1862) of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. To this union were born nine children. John was a schoolteacher and manager of an Inn in Chambersburg. When the owner of the Inn wanted to add a tavern and serve liquor, John and family left Pennsylvania and joined his father and mother, brothers and sisters in Letart Falls, Ohio. He continued to teach and farm. He bought large tracts of land, giving farms to his children. The land on which the Apple Grove Methodist Church was built was purchased from John and Rachael at \$5.00 per 1/4 acre.

John's sons, William C. (1821-1891) and James (1825-1901), received farms side by side in Portland, Ohio, extending from the Ohio River to the hills. They were Home Guards during the Civil War and participated in the engagement at Buffington Island when the Morgan boys were foiled by Federal troops, Militia, and gunboats as they attempted to cross the river on their way to Kentucky. Jane's home was used as the army hospital. William married Lavina McDade (1826-1905), a sister of James' wife, Hannah McDade. William and Lavina had 13 children.

William's son, Arthur C. (1858-1936), married Laura V. Smith (1860-1946). In the early years of



A. C. and Laura Ritchie, Golda and Edna

Arthur and Laura's marriage, Arthur worked for a mining company in Butte, Montana, leaving their home in Portland, Ohio, in early fall and returning in the spring to plant the family garden and care for his family. When his eldest son, Ray, was 12 years old, he could lead their team of horses through the Ohio River to Buffington Island to plow the land. Arthur and Laura had seven children.



St. Dennis Mill

In 1902, Arthur brought his family to Ravenswood, Jackson County, West Virginia, where he bought the Mark Sayre family interest in the St. Dennis Mill and property along the Ohio River. He was a partner of Elmer E. Cross for eight years, buying his interest in the mill in 1910. Arthur and his son, Ray, (1890-1968), operated the mill until 1920, when Arthur sold the mill. The *Ravenswood News* headlines of February 12, 1920 read:

"St. Dennis Sold to Spencer men
Largest business deal ever consummated in Ravenswood

A.C. Ritchie retires after 18 years ownership
J.A. Knotts and P.C. Adams, the Great
Spencer Millers, put up \$50,000
To become the owners of one of the
oldest and best mills
in the whole great state of West Virginia."

Arthur played an important role in the public school system of Ravenswood. He served on the Board of Education for Ravenswood District for 17 years. With the able assistance of Frank Harpold, M.E. Ginther, and Dana Woofert, and others, he was instrumental in the building of a Ravenswood High School building. The *Ravenswood News* of December 1, 1921, headlines read:

NEW HIGH SCHOOL FINALLY OPENED
Its history one of constant trial and tribulation out of difficulties which oft threatened to engulf it. The new building emerges in all its beauty and glory a monument to lead our children to greater heights in learning. Submitted by Jeanne Ritchie Lambertson

RAY R. RITCHIE

Ray Roff Ritchie was born January 23, 1934, to W.S. "Bood" Ritchie, Sr. and Myrtle Grace Twiggs Ritchie, their third and last child. Laurella June, the eldest child, was born June 13, 1924.

W.S. "Bill" Ritchie, Jr. was born April 20, 1928. All three children were born in the hospital in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia, although the senior Ritchies were living in Ravenswood. W. S. Ritchie, Sr., was born November 27, 1898, in the Portland, Ohio area to Arthur Clarence Ritchie and Laura Viola Smith. A.C. Ritchie moved his family to Ravenswood in 1902 and eventually was the last private owner and operator of the St. Dennis Milling Company located at the foot of Sycamore Street on the bank of the Ohio River. Myrtle Ritchie was born October 16, 1899, in Cambridge, Ohio to Clinton Arthur Twiggs and Ella Roff.

"Bood" preceded his two sons as a graduate Civil Engineer from West Virginia University and dedicated his life to construction as a principal with Boso & Ritchie, Inc. Myrtle attended Marshall College and later taught at the one room elementary school at Lockhart on old Route 21.

Ray married Margaret (Peggy) Joan Monroe, born January 18, 1934, in Grove City, Pennsylvania, daughter of "Doc" and Thelma Monroe of Ravenswood, on June 30, 1955, in the Walton Memorial Methodist Church on Walnut Street. Peggy was a graduate of West Liberty College. Their oldest child, David Monroe Ritchie, was born July 23, 1958, and married May 15, 1987 to Caroline Anne Williams of St. Albans, West Virginia. Both are graduates of the West Virginia University School of Medicine. Their son, Jonathan David, was born November 11, 1989, in Charleston, West Virginia.

Scott Douglas Ritchie, the second child of Ray and Margaret Ritchie, was born March 3, 1961, and married July 14, 1984, to Marcia Lynn Jonczak of Weirton, W.V. Both are graduates of West Virginia Wesleyan College. Doug is president and manager of the new SDR Plastics Company, plastics reclamation plant in Ravenswood. Children are Jonathan Zak, born September 23, 1985, and Ross Loyal, born August 20, 1987.

Shelley Dawn Ritchie, the third child of Ray and Margaret Ritchie, was born on May 5, 1965. Shelley graduated from the University of Charleston, where she played basketball and softball. She is currently teaching elementary school in Charleston, West Virginia.



Ray and Peggy Ritchie

Following his two years in the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers (1955-57), Ray worked as an engineer/field superintendent with Boso & Ritchie, Inc. (1957- 67), and as engineer with Kaiser and Ravenswood Aluminum Corporations (1967 to date). He also served as manager of Ravenswood Land Company (1969 to date). Both Ray and Peggy are active members of First United Methodist Church on Flinn Avenue in Ravenswood.

Ray's sister, June, married John Turner Chambers, son of Franklin Pierce and Lenora Newlon Chambers of Ravenswood, on November 15, 1947. Both were graduates of the Western Reserve School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. They moved to Charleston, West Virginia, where they raised their three children; John Thomas (married

to Elaine Prater), Cynthia Gail (married to Gary Park), and Patricia Ann (married to Vincent Anido). *Submitted by Ray R. Ritchie*

W. S. (BILL) RITCHIE, JR.

W.S. (Bood) Ritchie married Myrtle Twiggs. They were the parents of June, Bill and Ray Ritchie.

June married John T. Chambers of Ravenswood, West Virginia. They are the parents of John, Cindy and Patty.

Ray married Peggy Monroe of Ravenswood. Their children are David, Doug and Shelley.

W.K. Rector married Dorothy McCoy. They are the parents of Connie, Nancy and Bill Rector.

Nancy married Allen Short of Ravenswood. They are the parents of Rodney, Darrell (deceased), Andy and Ken Short.

Bill married Beverly Snyder of Ravenswood. Their children are Kimberly, Tracy and Paige.

William (Bill) Ritchie, Jr., has lived in Ravenswood all his life. He graduated from Ravenswood High School and West Virginia University with a degree in Civil Engineering. In his senior year at the university he married Connie Rector, a lifetime resident of Ravenswood. Connie graduated from Ravenswood High School and West Liberty College with a degree in Dental Hygiene. Connie worked in Shattuck, Oklahoma before marrying Bill. After graduation, they returned to Ravenswood to establish their home. Bill and Connie are the parents of five children.

Jody married Andrew Wood, Jr. of Bluefield, West Virginia. They work and live in Troy, Michigan. Their children are Chris, Cortney and Whitney.

Nancy Denise died at the age of 18 months.

Todd married Candi Sullivan of Cottageville, West Virginia. They work and live in Ravenswood. Their children are Kyle, and twin boys, Kirk and Travis.

Julie married Andrew Curtis of Ravenswood. They work and live in Charleston, West Virginia.

Tyler lives and works in Ravenswood.



Connie and Bill Ritchie

Bill and Connie enjoy living in Ravenswood and chose to stay here although Bill's work has been throughout West Virginia.

Bill worked in the contracting business with his father in the firm of Boso & Ritchie, Inc. from graduation until 1969. In 1969, he became Commissioner of the West Virginia Department of Highways. He served in the position until 1977. During this tenure, Bill served a year as National President of American Association of State Highway Officials. In 1977, he went to work with Hobet Mining Company, a subsidiary of Ashland Coal, and then became Vice President of Operations for Ashland Coal in Kentucky and West Virginia. In 1985, Bill again became Commissioner of Department of Highways in West Virginia until January, 1989. Bill was elected Mayor of Ravenswood in July, 1989.

While being a homemaker, Connie has been active in school, church and community organizations.

Bill and Connie's family are all members of the First United Methodist Church of Ravenswood.

Submitted by Connie Rector Ritchie

ROACH

Arthur Cyrus Roach, son of Jesse and Ann Watson Roach, was born near Reedy, Roane County, West Virginia, November 23, 1871.

On February 3, 1903, he was united in marriage to Miss Cecil R. Watson, daughter of Wm. Henry and Sarah Jane Auxier Watson. They were the parents of four children; Mary, Mildred, Fred Watson and Dorthey Ann. Mr. Roach was educated in his native state of West Virginia and began teaching school at 17 years of age and continued that profession until he came to Sullivan County, Missouri with his parents in 1886. A.C. Roach accepted employment in a general store in Judson and held that position until he went into business for himself. In the spring of 1906, he located in Harris and opened a general store which he conducted for 26 years, or up to the time that ill health forced him to turn the business over to his son.

Jesse Roach, son of William and Delilah (Carney) Roach, was born after 1835; he married Ann Watson, on 29 August, 1870. Jesse Roach was long a prominent personage in Roane County, West Virginia, first after returning from "The War," he was township clerk, then elected and served a term as Justice of the Peace, and then was elected and served as Delegate from Roane County in the 17th and again in the 19th session of the State Legislature, years 1885 and 1889, respectively.

He lived some four or five years in Sullivan County, near Harris, Missouri; returned to Reedy where he spent the last ten years of his life establishing a hardware business, there he died leaving an estate of some fifteen thousand dollars, net to his children.

From *History of Roane County, West Virginia 1774-1927* and *Milan Standard Milan, Missouri*.

William Roach, born ca. 1800 in Maryland, married Delilah Carney, about 1824 or 1825; she was born in the Mongahela Valley, Virginia. They settled in Long Bottom, Meigs County, Ohio. William joined the Virginia Troops at Detroit in War of 1812, William and half brother Edmund Collins were taken prisoners by General Hull of the British Army. At the end of the war, William went to the "Kanawha Licks" in western Virginia and began work at the Ruffner Salt Works and worked there until he was 23 or 24 years of age. On a return visit to his old home he stopped at William Carney's near what is now Ripley, West Virginia, where he lost his heart to Delilah. He resigned his position as superintendent of the Salt Works and settled in Reedy. The Roach Cemetery is named for William Roach and holds his remains. William Roach died about the time the first news of the secession reached the neighborhood.

William and Delilah had seven children; Charles, John, Mary, Sarah, b. 16-Dec-1835, Nancy, and Jesse the youngest. Jesse served under General Robert E. Lee in the Civil War. *Submitted by Mildred Roach Buchler and Dorthey Roach Smith*

STEPHEN ROBBINS

Descendants of the Robbins family have lived in Jackson County for over one hundred years. They moved here from Monroe County, Ohio, where they had lived in Franklin Township and later, in Summit Township. Stephen had a brother, William, who also resided in Jackson County. William and Stephen were the sons of Levi Robbins who was born in North Carolina, ca. 1806. William was born, ca. 1834, in Ohio and died, in 1913, in Jackson County. He had married first, Elizabeth — and, in 1893, married Mathena Doherty, the daughter of Franklin and Nancy Doherty.

Stephen was born, ca. 1832, in Ohio, and his

wife, Ellen, was born, ca. 1836, in Ohio. Stephen purchased land in Jackson County, in 1882, from Albert Lockhart. Stephen was one of the first trustees for the Lockhart Methodist Episcopal Church (known as Grose Chapel at that time). Stephen died between 1897 and 1900. Ellen died in 1913. Their children:

1. William A. Robbins (1856-1921) (See information below). 2. Wilbur Robbins (1858) married Dora — and lived in Harrison County, WV. 3. John Robbins (1861-1926) (See information below). 4. Nancy Elizabeth Robbins (1864-1923) married James N. Grandon (1865-1927) and lived in Wood County, WV. 5. Alcena Robbins (1875-) married William Henry Moore, in 1896, in Jackson County and later moved to Indiana.

William A. Robbins (1856-1921) married Rachel Malinda Thompson (1863-1946), daughter of Albert and Rachel Malinda (Craig) Thompson. William and Rachel moved to Jackson County, in 1887. They lived on Parsons Run, near Lockhart, in Grant District. They are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, in Grant District. William and Rachel had five children: 1. Riley (1887-1947), married Ruth Snyder and resided in the Medina area of Grant District. 2. Emma (1889-1957), married Eugene Miller and resided on Parsons Run. 3. Homer (1893-1960), never married and he resided on Parsons Run. 4. Estella (1895-1977), married George W. Maddox and resided at Vincent, Ohio. 5. Minnie (1902-1987), married Woodrow Reed and resided at Parkersburg, WV.

John Wesley Robbins (1861-1926) married



John Robbins

Mary "Delle" Brown (1870-1930), daughter of John and Mary (Miller) Brown. John and Delle lived near the Warden Chapel Church at Medina, in Grant District. They are buried in the Simpson Cemetery. John and Mary "Delle" had five children. 1. Nellie (1887-1973), (See information below). 2. Etta (1889-1932), married Martin Hill and lived in the Medina area. 3. Raymond (1892-1974) married Ethel Farley and resided at Belpre, Ohio. 4. Ada (1898-1983) married Harold Shutts and resided at Belpre, Ohio. 5. Cora (1900-1988) married Oscar Miller and resided at Beech Grove, in Grant District.

Nellie Robbins (1887-1973) married Charley Miihlbach (1886-1974), the son of Peter and



Charley and Nellie (Robbins) Miihlbach

Matilda (Eaton) Miihlbach. They lived at Beech Grove, in Grant District, and later, at Rockport, WV. They lived the last few years of their life at Mineral Wells, WV. They had four children, but only one who lived past infancy. Ethel (1910-1910), Argyle (1917-1917), and Mary (1920-1920) are buried in the Simpson Cemetery in Grant District. Delbert Wesley Miihlbach was born, Sept. 6, 1912, in Jackson County. They also helped raise Lois Hill, after the death of her mother, Etta. Charley and Nellie are buried in the Evergreen South Cemetery, at Parkersburg, WV.

Delbert Miihlbach married Opal Roberta Boyce, Oct. 31, 1933, in Jackson County. She was born, Aug. 31, 1916, in Jackson County, the daughter of Charley and Mary "Etta" (Thompson) Boyce. They lived at Beech Grove and later moved to Rockport, WV. They built a house at Mineral Wells, WV, in 1961, and continue to reside there. Delbert is retired from O Ames, at Parkersburg, WV. Opal was employed by Sears Roebuck for several years. They are the parents of two sons. Robert Miihlbach was born, Jan. 10, 1935, in Jackson County. He married, first, Helen Monroe. They have a daughter. Debra Miihlbach was born, Apr. 7, 1958, in Wood County, WV. She married Charles Shinn and they reside at Mineral Wells, WV. Robert married, second, Janet Smith and they reside at Parkersburg, WV. Dale Miihlbach was born, Jan. 17, 1936, in Jackson County. He married Kathleen Hallenbeck and they reside at Holt, Michigan. They have two daughters. Denise Miihlbach born, Sept. 29, 1957, at Lansing, Michigan. She married Michael Noble and they live at Toledo, Ohio. They have two children. Jonathan Michael Noble was born, in 1984, at Toledo, Ohio. Benjamin Wesley Noble was born, in 1987, at Toledo, Ohio. Karen Miihlbach was born, Apr. 28, 1962, at Lansing, Michigan. *Submitted by Delbert Miihlbach and Robert Miihlbach*

ROBERTS

William M. Roberts (1823-1899) was a well known farmer and merchant of Muses Bottom, Jackson County, WV.

His parents were John (1787-1869) and Sarah (Serjeant) (1804-1884) Roberts. They were native of North Wales. Sarah's parents were Jeremiah (1738-1837) and Aramarilla Serjeant. Jeremiah fought at the Battle of Brandywine, Pa. (9-11-1777) and was severely wounded, he recovered from his wounds.

Jeremiah and Aramarilla had eight children and by his second wife Catherine Bennett had three children.

John Roberts before coming to America served eight years on a British Man-of-War. They made their living by farming and moved first to Washington County, Ohio and from there to Great Bend, Meigs County, Ohio. His family consisted of 12 children, two dying when small and all the rest living to have families of their own.

William M. Roberts, son of John and Sarah Roberts, was about 12 years old when his parents moved to Great Bend, Meigs County, Ohio. He farmed and shipped produce to New Orleans, La., till he was nearly 27 years of age. In 1850 he married Nancy Coleman, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Coleman of Muses Bottom, Jackson County, WV.

He sold his farm in Ohio and acquired 500 acres from Washington heirs on Muses Bottom, Jackson County, WV. In 1875 he erected a huge brick home. The brick was burned on the farm. This house with its spacious rooms, high ceilings, circular staircase, cut stone basement under the entire house, two large chimneys with eight fireplaces is still occupied by his heirs. The present occupant is Rocky and Jill Williamson Corbin, Jill being the great-great-granddaughter of William M. and Nancy (Coleman) Roberts.

In the 1870s William M. Roberts engaged in

buying produce to ship by boats to distant markets. He was also postmaster at Muses Bottom for over 20 years. In 1886 when the Ohio River Railroad was completed, William held the position as the first station agent at Muses Bottom which was erected on the farm. Later a telegraph office was in use here.

On the Roberts farm was located the first pioneer school (1818) in what is now Grant District, Jackson County, WV. William was a member of Ashton Lodge, A.F. and A.M. and a Director and Stockholder in the Ravenswood Bank.

William and Nancy Roberts were the parents of three children (two died at birth). Mary Virginia married Winchester D. Williamson. They were blessed with three children, Frederick W., Evalene and James W.

James W. Williamson married Zelma Thorn and to this union two sons, James W., Jr. who served in WW II and was killed at Guadalcanal on 1-23-43 and is buried at Arlington Cemetery. William Dana married Hazel Martin, daughter of Dan and Beulah (Sheppard) Martin and to this union one daughter Jill Susan. Jill married Rocky Wade Corbin, son of Dwight and June Corbin. To this union two daughters, Emily Ann born 12-10-1987 and Elly Marie born 8-4-1989. *Submitted by Hazel Williamson*

ROBEY

The first of our surnames (various spellings) known was my great-grandfather, William H. Robey (1815-1878) born in Maryland and moved to Meigs County, Ohio by 1840. He married Elizabeth Henson around 1838 (1818-1872). Six children were born of this union: Samantha (1840) m. George Clark; Martha (1842) m. Levi Kettle; Isaac (1847-1920) m. Catholeen Rector; William Jr. (1850-1922); Louisa (1854-1928) m. McDonald Shepherd and Robert F. (1857-1918) m. Dora Honaker.

My grandfather, William Robey Jr., was born in Meigs County, Ohio. He was twice married, first to Margaret Hickman in 1873. (1856-1890). She was born in Jackson County, the daughter of Zachariah Jr. and Ann (Parsons) (Shepherd) Hickman. William was a farmer and lived in Jackson County, near Ravenswood. Eight children were born of this marriage with seven surviving; Maude (1874-) m. Ephraim Snyder 4/5/1895, children Russell, Ethel, Rufus, Carrie and Inez; Lenna (1876-1960) m. Edward Snyder 7/15/1893 children Charles, Wilmer, Virgil, Homer, Edith, Thomas F., Pearl, Kenneth and Mabel; Hollis (1877) Oda (1879); Early (1881-1951) m. Belle Braden 8/19/1908; children Vista, Inez, Annie and William; Jessie (1882-1955) m. Charles M. Slaughter 1/5/1903; Boy (1884-1886) name not known; Harry (1887-1963) m. Maude Shaver 3/21/1914; children Gladys, Carl and Norma.

In 1892 William married his second wife, Anabel Snyder (1869-1934). They later moved to a farm near Ripley. Eight children were born of this marriage with six surviving: James (1894-1958) m. Rosa Richards 6/10/1919, no children; Nellie (1895-1896) meningitis; Owen (1896-1960) m. Helen Murphy, children Helen and Thomas; Homer (1899) died from burns; Geneva (1903) m. Okey Moyers, children Nataline, James and Howard; Gene (1908-1952) m. Amelia Lightner 12/20/1930 children Dorothy; Lucy (1911-1977) "Twin" m. Charles Lutz 4/15/1930 children Donald, Ronald, Mary, Dorothy and Norma; Lula (1911) "Twin" m. Herbert Ruble 7/22/1933 children, William.

After the death of her husband, Anabel and the remaining children at home moved to Wood County, near Parkersburg.

My parents were Charles Slaughter and Jessie (Robey) Slaughter. Charles was born in Jackson County, the son of William Riley and Malinda (Davis) Slaughter. They lived in Jackson County until 1933 when they moved to Ohio. Four chil-

dren were born of this union; Otmer (1904) m. Goldie BoBo 1956; Flora (1905-1976) m. Charles McKay (1927) children: Charles, Virginia and Regena; Clyde (1907) m. Cleda Partlow (1933) no children; and Mabel (1909) m. Harley Flowers 10/28/1933, one child Norman (1935-1936). *Submitted by Mabel Flowers*

ROGERS

Recorded in the Domesday of 1066 in England. In ancient Germany the personal name of Rodger meant famous spear.

The French popularized the name and carried it to England in the year 1066 when William the conqueror invaded England. In that year the name first appeared on English records. The name was recorded first as Rogers in the Domesday Book of Essex County in 1086.

In 1263, the family was listed as an entry headed by Richard Roger. The name Roger appears as Rodgers in Scotland and as Rogers in England.

Bearers of the name Rogers are listed among the early settlers of the New World.

In 1635, the name of James Rogers was entered on the records of New London, Conn., from Cornwall England, as recorded by the Clerk of the County Court of Giles County, Virginia.

Jacob H. Rodgers, born 7-9-1835, united in marriage with Amanda M. Frazure, born 3-10-1838, on 1st day of January 1856. Father and mother of Jacob H. Rodgers was listed as Lot and Pheba Rodgers of Guilford, County, N.C.

Father and mother of Amanda M. Frazure was listed as Creed and Charlotte Frazure of Giles County, Virginia.

Jacob H. Rogers served under General Longstreet of Lee's army during the Civil War. Letters written by Jacob H. Rogers were postmarked in Chattanooga, Tennessee describing engagements that he was a participant.

Children of this marriage were John, James, Robert, and Charles born in Giles County, Virginia. Timothy, George, Mary, and Iva were born in Putnam County, West Virginia on Jim Ridge.

Jacob Rogers and his wife, Amanda Rogers, traveled from Giles County, Virginia on a flat boat on the New River to Gauley Bridge and on the Kanawha River to Buffalo and then to Jim Ridge.

At that time it was believed that a fever was contracted on the river and that is the reason they went on to Jim Ridge rather than farm along the river.

Robert L. Rogers, born 1864, married Mary Ann Rush of Meigs County, Ohio. Robert L. Rogers was a farmer and businessman of Jackson County. Children of this marriage were David J., Rolla, Aurthur, Ethyl, Grace, Lucy and Ernest.

David J. Rogers, born 1885, married Belle Shinn, born 1885, the daughter of Ruben P. Shinn and Artimitis Shamblin. Rueben P. Shinn, farmer and stockman, served two terms as Sheriff of Jackson County and was a State Senator at the time of his death.

David J. Rogers served as Jackson County Sheriff from 1929 to 1933, Marshall Southern District of West Virginia, 1934-1941, serving both as Marshall and Deputy Marshall. David J. Rogers also served as Warden, West Virginia Medium Security Prison, 1941-1942 and 1943.

Death of Belle Shinn Rogers, 1959. Death of David J. Rogers, 1963. Children of this marriage were Robert, Bernard, Elanore, and Ralcigh. *Submitted by Raleigh S. Rogers*

ROGERS-HARPER

Holly A. Rogers (1888-1966) and Mary Virginia Harper (1906) were married in 1926 at Parkersburg, WV. Holly was a son of Andrew F. Rogers (1858-1946) and Alice Josephine Kalt (1863-1942), married 1883 in Jackson County. Other issue of Andrew and Alice, all born at



back: Charles Emmett Rogers;
middle: Andrew F. Kalt; William
Levi (on lap); Holly A. Rogers; front: Frank Lee

Sandyville, WV., were: Edie Wilmar (b-d 1883); twins Julia and Georgia (b-d 1884); Charles Emmett (1885-1953); Frank Lee (1890-1904); William Levi (1893-1960). Andrew's parents were George W. Rogers (1835-1904) and Sarah A. Powers (1836-1882), who settled in Jackson County, coming there from Monroe County, Ohio. Sarah's parents were Joseph J. Powers (1814-1854) and Jane Farley (1814-1875). Andrew had an area store and also worked for the K & M RR. He moved his family to Ohio about 1897. Alice Kalt was one of nine children of Charles E. Kalt and Mary Keziah Forman, who came to Jackson County from Columbiana County, Ohio about 1876.

One brother was Charley Kalt, longtime storekeeper at Crow Summit, WV. Holly and Mary Rogers had two children: Donna Anita Rogers (1927) and Roy Dean Rogers (1929); two granddaughters, Leslie Diane Ireland (1954) and Kristin Suzanne Johnson (1959) and two great-granddaughters, Stephanie Meghan Ireland (1982) and Samantha Marie Johnson (1988). Mary Virginia Harper was born at Pleasant View, WV, in Jackson County, being the last child born to John Wesley Harper (1850-1927) and Margaret Lucy Atkins (1870-1951), who married 1893 in Jackson County. Their other issue were: Robert Ray (1893-1981); Howard Ambrose (1896-1977); Homer Glen (1902-1985). John W. Harper was born in Virginia, son of James Harper and Margaret Wimer. He ran a general store at Duncan, WV., later moving to Washington, WV, in Wood County, where he engaged in farming and as a salesman.



back: Wilmer Wirt Harper; front: Howard Ambrose, John
Wesley, Margaret Atkins, Homer Glen (on lap), Robert Ray

He was first married in 1880 in Jackson County to Sarah Jane Crew (1860-1893) at George Crew's home. Their issue were: Rosa Lee (1881-1961); Tressa Anna (1883-1957); Luther Clyde (1886-1970); Wilmer Wirt (1888-1952); Elva Pearl (b-d 1893) Margaret Lucy Atkins was a daughter of Ambrose Thomas Atkins (1839-1922) and Margaret Virginia Springston (1841-1923), married 1860 in Jackson County. Ambrose came to Jackson County from Rappahannock County, VA., son of Larkin and Julia Ann Atkins. Margaret Virginia Springston was a daughter of Joseph Yeager Springston and Elizabeth E. Slaven. Other issue of Ambrose and Margaret were: William

Larkin (1861-1929); Joseph Benton (1862-1927); Fransanna (1865-1930); Elizabeth J. (1868-1906); Sarah Amanda (1872-1957); Lois L. (1876); Reuben B. (1878-1903); Julia Nellie (1882-1977). Numerous kin of all these unions reside in several states. *Submitted by Donna Anita Rogers*

ROY AND LAURA (EMERICK) ROGERS

Leroy Clay and Laura Belle Emerick Rogers lived in the Grant District near Medina on Little Sandy Creek in Jackson County during the hard times of the 1930s. But no matter how hard the times, visitors were always assured of a welcome in their home. They willingly shared what they had.

They were the parents of Emmet who married Wilma Fox, Jerald T. who married Mary Noma Foutty, and Katherine who married Joseph Vlach. One other daughter, Ethel Goldie, died at 3 months old.

Roy and Laura, pictured at their home on



Roy and Laura (Emerick) Rogers

Limestone Hill, Wirt County, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Roy was the son of Jacob T. and Rebecca Sands Rogers. Jacob's parents were William and Sally Pryor Rogers. William's parents were James and Jane Rogers. Rebecca's parents were Alexander and Mary Lucinda Curtis Sands. Alexander served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Laura Emerick was the daughter of Alexander and Mary Smith Emerick. Alexander's parents were Samuel Simon, Jr. and Eletha Delia Keyes Emerick. Samuel was the son of Samuel Simon and Mary Elizabeth Schneider Emerick. He was known as Simon and was the son of Leonard and Catherine Forrey Emerick. Leonard's parents were Johann Michael Emerich and the widow, Elizabeth Krantz. Johann immigrated from Germany to America in 1709. He was the son of Heinrich and Anna Margretha Grunagel Emmerich. Heinrich's parents were Christoff and Anna Emmerich. Christoff was buried in Delkenheim, Germany 13 March 1683. Anna was buried on 22 May 1688.

Mary or "Mollie" Smith was the daughter of Cummings and Elizabeth Wilson Smith. Elizabeth's parents were James and Martha Cross Wilson. Cummings was the son of Hyland and Lydia "Ida" Bailey Smith. Ida was the daughter of Absalom Bailey. Hyland's father is believed to be Major Charles Smith, Jr., who served in the Revolutionary War in 1777 at Yorktown and Winchester, Virginia. He later settled in Muses Bottom of Jackson County (then Virginia) in 1829. His father, Charles Smith, Sr. served in Washington's Militia in the French and Indian War in 1754. Charles, Sr. married Rebecca Heydt, granddaughter of Joist Hite, an early settler in the eastern panhandle. *Submitted by Mrs. Beverly Rogers Brookover*

WILLIAM PAUL AND JOY A. ROGERS

Our mom, Joy Anne (Somerville) Cristea Rogers, was born in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, to James Edward and Grace Susan (Farabee) Somerville, on 9-24-51. James Somerville our grandpa, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Thomas Patrick and Anne Cecelia (Roessler) Somerville, on 8-30-22. Grace (Farabee) Somerville, our grandma, was born in Claysville, Washington Co., Penn., to Benjamin Franklin and Elsie Cornelia (Smith) Farabee, on 5-8-28. James and Grace Somerville were married in Cleveland, Ohio, on 5-8-50. They were divorced on 9-27-69, in Cleveland, Ohio. James Somerville died on 12-26-85, in Cleveland, Ohio, buried at Holy Cross Cem., Brookpark, Ohio.

Joy Somerville married first, Robert Andrew Cristea on 12-20-69, in Cleveland, Ohio. Robert Cristea is the son of Andrew and Bernice (Krause) Cristea, born on 5-7-46, in Cleveland, Ohio. Robert and Joy Cristea had two daughters: Sheri Joan Cristea, b. 4-22-71, in Cleveland, Ohio; Tina Grace Cristea, b. 11-30-73, in Cleveland, Ohio. Robert and Joy Cristea were divorced on 4-2-75, in Cleveland, Ohio.

In August of 1975, our mom, Joy Cristea, met Wm. Paul (Bill) Rogers. On 2-9-76 we became a family, and moved to our step dad's home in Polk, Ashland Co., Ohio. We lived there until 6-7-84, when we moved to West Virginia.

Wm. Paul Rogers, our step dad, was born on 3-30-31, to Wm. Dorsa and Edith Virginia (Thomas) Rogers, in Gay, W.V. (See Family Histories — Alice (Aplin) Rogers Westfall and Rev. A.D. Thomas) Wm. Paul Rogers married first Allene Hill, on 12-29-53, in Sandyville, W.V. Their first child is Paula Virginia Rogers, born on 8-20-52, in Evans, W.V. Paula married first, Chris Allen Schwarz on 5-22-71, in Belpre, Ohio. Chris and Paula Schwarz's daughters are: Crystal Renee Schwarz b. 1-29-74; Julie Lynn Schwarz b. 12-4-75. Chris and Paula Schwarz were divorced Sept. of 1976. Paula Schwarz married second, Gene McKown on 3-2-78. They were divorced on 6-29-79. Paula McKown married third, Frederick Alvin Cale, on 4-25-80.

Wm. Paul and Allene Rogers second child is Jo Ann Rogers, b. 11-26-54, in Ripley, W.V. Jo Ann Rogers married Thomas Kent Morris on 6-10-72, at Stats Mill, W.V. Tom and Jo Ann Morris have three daughters: Beverly Ann Morris, b. 2-25-73; Michele Lea Morris, b. 2-11-76; Kimberly Allene Morris, b. 3-6-85.

The third child of Wm. Paul and Allene Rogers is Stephen Paul Rogers, b. 6-10-56, in Oberlin, Lorain Co., Ohio. Steve Rogers married Anita Joyce Cummings on 6-7-80, in Spencer, Roane Co., W.V. Steve and Joyce Rogers have two daughters: Jennifer Lee Rogers, b. 8-23-82; Melissa Sue Rogers, b. 5-12-86.

Wm. Paul and Allene Rogers were divorced on 9-17-63, in Ripley, W.V.

Verda Eileen (Heilman) Henry was Wm. Paul Rogers second wife. They were married on 10-14-63, in Sparta, Allegheny Co., N.C. Their first child is Wm. Lee Rogers, b. 12-25-63, in S. Amherst, Lorain Co., Ohio. Wm. Lee Rogers married Melissa Jean Fields on 8-2-86, Gay, W.V. Wm. Lee and Missy Rogers have two sons; Wm. Perry Rogers, b. 11-28-86; Brandon Lee Rogers, b. 1-28-88.

Wm. Paul and Eileen Rogers second child is Karen Sue Rogers, b. 10-7-66, in Medina, Medina Co., Ohio. Karen Rogers married Timothy Lee Hites on 2-6-88, in Marysville, Union Co., Ohio. Tim and Karen Hites have one daughter: Lauren Alyssa Hites b. 6-8-88. Wm. Paul and Eileen Rogers were divorced on 5-8-71, in Medina, Medina Co., Ohio. Our parents, Wm. Paul and Joy Anne Rogers, with my sister Tina Cristea live on the farm, that has been in step dad's family since

1843; it's located between Elk Fork Rd. and the Aplin Ridge, Gay, W.V. The farm has been passed down through the family, from step dad's great-great-grandpa, Wm. Henry Aplin.

Step dad is retired now after 30 years of truck driving. He enjoys riding over the farm on his 4-wheeler, and hunting. Also talking on the CB. Step dad, Wm. Paul Rogers, has always loved music since he was a little boy. He taught himself to play by listening to the song then playing it, practicing over and over until he had it right. When step-dad was in the U. S. Army Armed Forces, from Jan. 17, 1952 until Jan. 16, 1960, he was in a special unit to entertain troops part of the time, playing guitar in a band, over in Korea. Music has been important to step-dad; he can play the lead and base guitar, mandolin, and sings pretty good, too. Mom, Joy Rogers, works on the Family History, and she's on the History Book Committee. She even likes to visit courthouses and cemeteries. Mom works part time as an LPN, and goes to school part time for her RN degree.

At present time, I'm (Sheri J. Cristea) in Advance Individualized Training for Physical Therapy, for the U. S. Army Reserves at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. I graduated from Ripley High School, Ripley, W.V. on June 2, 1989. This is the same school my step dad, Wm. Paul Rogers graduated from in 1950. My sister, Tina Cristea, is in the 10th grade at this school now.

Following photo is of step-dad, when he was in a band in Elyria, Ohio. It's New Year's Eve, 1963. From the left is: Vern Smith; Gene Kelcher; Arol (Rat) Cummings; Bill Rogers.



Vern Smith, Gene Kelcher, Arol "Rat" Cummings, Bill Rogers

The next photo is of step-dad and some of his children. The front row from the left is: me (Sheri Cristea); Tina Cristea; back row Steve Rogers; step-dad, Bill Rogers; Karen Rogers. This photo was taken on Dec. 31, 1979, Polk, Ohio. Submitted by Pvt. Sheri J. Cristea and Tina G. Cristea



Sheri, Tina, Steve, Bill, Karen Rogers

ROLIFF

Fredrick Roliff of German descent, married Mary Nesselroade, the daughter of John and Hannah Nesselroade. They lived in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1823, when it was a small village.

They were the parents of Andrew Jackson Roliff (1823-1903). Andrew Jackson purchased



Andrew Jackson Roliff homestead, 1913

land from his parents in 1843, paying \$50 for 100 acres located north of Ravenswood on the Ohio River.

The last record we have of Fredrick Roliff is a story of John Peter Derenberger's death of cholera at the Roliff farm house on May 2, 1849. Mary Roliff died between (1870-1880).

Andrew Jackson Roliff married on Sept. 7, 1843, Lucreita Bogard (1817-1898), the daughter of John and Sarah Bogard. Their children were: Martha, Margaret, Sarah, Elizabeth, John, Rachel, Mary Jane, and Robert.

Andrew Jackson Roliff was very successful in the lumber business, selling staves, tan bark, and hoop poles. He owned two mills at one time, as well as buying all of the products from a third mill. In 1885 he handled over two million staves. He also was an extensive dealer in cross ties, shipping many barge loads yearly, selling the principal part of them to the Pennsylvania Central. He also sold livestock in Pittsburgh and Baltimore.

Lucreita Roliff was quite a lady. In 1885-1898 she owned and operated the "Red Lion Hotel". She operated a river ferry at one time, and still raised eight children and two grandchildren. 1. Martha Roliff (1844-1928) married 1st Brewer and 2nd Ludwig. Children: Philzona Brewer (1864-1952), and Ollie Ludwig (1886-1965).

Margaret Roliff (1845-1918) married William Curtis Wood (1853-1902). Children: William Basil (1860-1937), Sarah (1873), and Francis (1858-1902). 3. Sarah Roliff (1846) married J.W. Clem. Children: John W. (1868-1943), and Robert (1871). 4. Elizabeth Roliff (1847-1918) married William Morehouse (1841-1904). Children: Jackson Dexter (1869-1955), Ella (1872-1949), George (1875-1950), James Arthur (1881-1959), William (1883-1957), Robert (1885-1948), and Lillie (1888-1925). 5. John Roliff (1850-1916) married 1st Amanda McDade (1852-1887). Child: Laila (1884-1973). Married 2nd Virginia Palmer (1864-1902). Child: Samuel Harry (1893-1974). Married 3rd Bertha Diddle (1863-1908). 6. Mary Jane Roliff (1852) married Daniel Alexander (1852). Children: Etna (1876-1893), Jackson (1877), David Fred (1878-1949), Robert (1889-1966), Jennie (1882-1968), Thomas (1885-1968), William (1887-1963), John (1885-1968), George (1890-1956), and Alice (1890-1978). 7. Rachel Lucreita Roliff (1854) married David Alexander. 8. Robert Roliff (1858-1928) married Josephine Tumlin (1861). Children: Gertrude (1878), Jackson (1880), Maud (1883-1916), Fredrick (1885-1951), Dale (1887-1907), Emmett (1888), and Roberta (1904-1970).

Their children married into the families of Brewer, Ludwig, Wood, Clem, Palmer, Alexander, and Tumlin. They were farmers, carpenters, and Electricians; the descendants of Fredrick and Mary are scattered across the U. S. from California, to New York, and to Florida.

Great-great-granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Roliff. Submitted by Jane Roliff Currey

ROLLINS

Reverend Elijah J. Rollins, Methodist Protestant minister, well-known for performing many marriages in Jackson County, born about 1788 in Maryland; son of Elijah Rollins and Elizabeth (MacGill) Rollins, who married 8/6/1778, Prince George's County, Maryland. Elijah J. died 8/15/1857, Jackson County; buried Skidmore (Carney) Cemetery, on west side of Buffalo Creek, Tug Fork.

Elijah J. married first, Randolph County about 1806/1807, Lucretia Casto, born 1790/1792, Mason County, died about 1846, Mason County, buried by her husband. Lucretia was daughter of William Casto, Sr. and first wife, Hannah (Bonnett) Casto. Elijah J. and Lucretia were my great-great-grandparents.

Elijah J. married second, Mary Bartel, 1/10/1847, Jackson County; and married third, widow Sophia (Tillis) Hart, 5/21/1849, Jackson County. Sophia, born about 1808, was living 1860 Census, Jackson County, with the family of my great-grandparents, Watson and Mary (Rhodes) Rollins.

Elijah J. and Lucretia had 11 children: Benjamin, Isaac, John M., Jonathan, Harrison, James, Rhoda, Jemima, Rebecca, Charity and Jabel Bowles.

John M., third child, born about 1812, Harrison County, died Jackson County 1880/1885; married first, Mary Margaret Hoffman, 5/20/1829, Mason County; born 1812/1813, died 1860/1863, Jackson County. John M. married second, Angeline Straley (1831-1928), 4/26/1864, Jackson County. After the death of John M., second wife, Angeline, married Christopher Rhodes (1829-1920), 12/20/1885, Jackson County.

John M. and first wife, Mary Margaret, were my great-great-grandparents. They had ten children: Levi, Watson, Malinda Lucretia, Sarah, Delilah, Rebecca, Lydia, Louisa, Phoebe and William.

Watson, second child, born 6/22/1833, Jackson County, died 2/16/1916, Jackson County; buried with first wife in Rockland Cemetery, Belpre, Ohio; married first, Mary "Polly" Rhodes, 5/28/1852, Jackson County; born 6/15/1832, Rockbridge County, died after Jackson County 1880 Census; the daughter of Christopher Rhodes (1772-1858) and Catherine (Peters) Rhodes, born 1790. Watson and Mary were my great-grandparents.

Watson married second, widow Sarah (Peters) Rhodes, born 1843, died 9/21/1912, Jackson County.

Watson and first wife, Mary, had four children: Jonah Peters, Jacob A., Daniel R. and Lewis Ervin.



Jonah Peters Rollins

Jonah Peters, first child, born 3/17/1853, Jackson County, died 4/27/1930, Parkersburg, Wood County; buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Parkersburg, beside second wife, Margaret Frances (Ledsome) Cain-Rollins. Jonah Peters married first, Clorinda Johns 12/23/1873, Jackson County; Clorinda born 2/22/1853, Jackson County, died 10/27/1889,

Roane County. They had five children: Laura, Boyd Emory, Leila, Ina and William Floyd.

Jonah Peters married second, Margaret Frances (Ledsome) Cain, 3/12/1891, Roane County; born 6/4/1866, Roane County, died 12/3/1941, Vienna, Wood County; daughter of Daniel A. Ledsome and Drusannah (Dye) Ledsome-Arnold, married 10/31/1831, Wood County. She married first, widower Dr. Daniel Cain (1828-1889), 7/18/1885, Roane County; had two children: Carey Mae (1888-1965) and Eustace (1890-1892).

After the death of Jonah Peters Rollins, she married third, George Vaughan Ruth (1855-1944), 12/6/1940, Marietta, Ohio.

Jonah Peters and second wife, Margaret Frances, were my maternal grandparents; had three children: Margaret Priscilla, Homer Watson and Hattie Belle.

Hattie Belle, third child, born 9/6/1896, Roane County, died 10/10/1981, Akron, Summit County, Ohio; buried beside husband, Masonic Section, Greenlawn Memorial Park, Akron. She married Azel Lewis Wyatt, 9/18/1917, Parkersburg, Wood County; marriage recorded in Roane County. Azel Lewis Wyatt, born 8/12/1895, Roane County, died 8/18/1974, Akron; son of Lewis Howard Wyatt, born 7/15/1868, died 3/29/1896, Roane County, and Mary Elizabeth (Rader) Wyatt, born 7/1/1870, Roane County, died 6/18/1952, Akron.

Hattie Belle and Azel Lewis Wyatt were my parents; had three children, born and married in Akron: Robert Quentin, born 7/18/1918, Elizabeth Frances (AKA Pat), born 11/19/1919, and Beatrice Marie, born 11/1/1925.

Elizabeth Frances (AKA Pat), second child, writer of this history, married 6/18/1949, widower Army Major Richard Heffener Natzke, born 10/16/1912, Leavenworth, Leavenworth County, Kansas; son of Richard Otto (1883-1952) and Mary Mathilda (Heffener) Natzke (1872-1953). Richard H. married first, Inez Aldene Pollard (1912-1946), January 1933, Richmond, Missouri; had two children born Leavenworth: Mary Jo, born 4/16/1934, and Dorothy Ann, born 8/7/1939.

Elizabeth Frances served her county in World War II, one of the most decorated women of Southwest Pacific area; an accomplished artist, listed in "American Artists of Renown", 1981-1982.

Her husband, retired Lieutenant Colonel Richard Heffener Natzke, served World War II, was advisor to the Greek Army, and also served as advisor to the Korean Army; has been active in politics and elected City Commissioner of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, where they have resided since 1962. *Submitted by Elizabeth Frances (Wyatt) Natzke*

VICTOR ROLLINS

Family history for this family began when a boy child was born on August 20, 1904 to Daniel Alexander Rollins and Spahrona Carolyn Rollins in Jackson County West Virginia, three miles east of the village of Cottageville. He was named Victor Marion Rollins. Victor went to Locust Grove school through the eighth grade and then attended Ripley High School, graduated in 1924.

On June 26, 1926 he married Lucille McKown, daughter of Grover McKown and Bessie Bowles.

Victor and Lucille moved to Chester, West Virginia where Victor worked in a rubber factory building rubber tires. Lucille worked in the Taylor, Smith, and Taylor pottery making dishes.

They came back to Jackson County in 1929 when the Great Depression started and rented Lucille's uncle James McKown's farm. This farm had originally been Lucille's great-grandfather's farm.

Victor and Lucille had two children, Clara Dell born September 17, 1931 and James Francis born August 11, 1934.

Clara Dell married Walter Brown, son of Char-

lie and Ida Brown, on September 17, 1949. To this union three children were born; Cynthia Jean, Larry Dean, and Vicky Lynn.

For a time they moved to Pittsburg, Pa. where Walter worked in the Nut and Bolt Factory. They moved back to Jackson County where Walter went to work at Kaiser Aluminum where he worked for 20 years.

Cynthia Jean Brown, born April 13, 1952, married Kem Stutler of Spencer, West Virginia. Their children are Jerry Brown, Casey Allen, and Randi Jean Stutler.

Larry Dean Brown married Cathy Hollewell and they have one son named Adam.

Vicky Lynn Brown married Michael Skeen and they have three children named Matthew, Anna, and Joseph.

James Rollins married Joyce Marie Byrd from Angier, North Carolina. James, or Jim, was in paratrooper training in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was in the 82nd Airborne Division. He decided to make the Army his career and was sent to El Paso, Texas with his family. They had three children, Sharon Lee, born April 23, 1957, Timothy Gerald, born June 17, 1961 and Troy Eugene who was born in Japan on December 5, 1966 where Jim was stationed for three years.

Completing his 20 years in the Army, he brought his family back to Jackson County and established his electrical business.

Victor died on April 25, 1972. Lucille operated the fishing lake, Rollins Lake, that they had built,



Victor and Lucille (McKown) Rollins

for 15 years after his death and then sold it to the state of West Virginia. *Submitted by Lucille Rollins*

BERTHA (ARCHER) ROMINE

Bertha Archer was born on May 13, 1884, in Jackson County, the daughter of Megary and Sarah Aplin Archer.

The home place was located on Billy's Run, named for her grandfather, William Aplin, whom she greatly admired.

Bertha had one sister, Florence Archer Winter Scrote. They looked like twins but were a few years apart. Florence was the older. Their brothers were Clarence Archer, Willie Archer, Guy Archer, and McKinley Archer. The brothers lived most of their lives in Jackson County except for McKinley who moved to Akron, Ohio, where he raised his family.

Bertha Archer was very fond of books and learning. Through much reading and self-study along with attending Normal School, she became a schoolteacher. She taught in Jackson County and in Logan County. A picture of her with her students at Science Hill School, dated 1909, appeared in the Jackson County Herald on Friday 13, 1974. At her school in Logan County, she resided with a family on one side of the river and rowed herself across to the school on the other side. Among her students at that school were children of the Hatfield and McCoy families.

After her parents deaths in 1912 and 1913, (she had remained with them and taken care of them in their final days), she met and married Webster C. Romine of Roane County. She was 30 years old at



Bertha (Archer) Romine

the time. She sometimes said she was an "old maid schoolteacher" when she married. They were married on January 13, 1915, at Gay, while sitting on their horses in the middle of the muddy road. The "preacher" came out to them.

Bertha and Web established their home on a farm near Reedy, in Roane County. Their first child, a son named Buehl, was stillborn. Five other children followed: Garland, Eleanor, the only daughter, Webster Junior, Glenn, and Arthur.

The family moved to California during World War II. Webster Junior died at age 25, in 1951.

Bertha liked to observe nature — the plant and animal life, the natural scenery, and especially the birds. She was very fond of gathering four-leaf clovers. Supposedly, they brought "good luck". Her family still finds them pressed in her books.

Another great interest of hers was travel. This went with her love of nature. She would have enjoyed seeing the world. For much of her life, however, as it was for most farm families in her area, travel was very limited. After World War II, though, she was able to visit most of the states of this country as well as parts of Eastern and Western Canada. The trips were taken with her son, Garland, and Web, her husband.

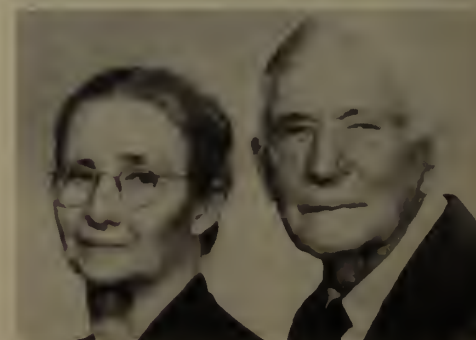
Bertha Archer Romine lived to the age of 70 and died in Los Angeles on January 24, 1955. Her burial site is Forest Lawn, Glendale, Ca., far from her roots in Jackson County, W. Va.; but her life was formed, molded, and affected by the scenes and environment of the Hills of West Virginia.

Submitted by Eleanor Romine Meek

JAMES THEODORE ROMINE

James Theodore Romine (1868-1954) married Mary Eldora (Dora) Jeffries (1881-1972), daughter of Francis Marion and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Jeffries, from Jackson County, and they spent their lives on a farm on Coxes Fork, Harper District, Roane County. First the post office there was called Jingo, later, Zona, and now Harmony. They reared nine children, four boys and five girls on this small farm. During the hard times of the 1930s, several of the children migrated to the Akron area to work in the rubber factories.

Following are the names and addresses of the



James Theodore and Eldora Romine

children and their spouses:

Gomer (1902) married Beatrice Board, Akron,

Ohio. Iva (1904) married Ernest Hersberger (deceased), Akron, Ohio. Elva (1906) married George Hood, Akron, Ohio. Charles Everett (1908-1988) married Shirley Reed, Huntington, WV. William Theodore (Ted) married Mozella Matics, Parkersburg, WV. Opal (1911) married Clair Weaver, Uniontown, Ohio. Roy Forrester (1916) married Geraldine Weaver, Uniontown, Ohio. Olive (1918) married Adam Summerfield, Akron, Ohio. Goldie (1920) married Carl Starcher (deceased) Uniontown, Ohio.

The old home place is now owned by one of the daughters, Iva Hersberger. The house is furnished, and from time to time, some of the children still meet there to visit. Note: For more detailed information on the William (Ted) Romine Family, see *The History of Wood County West Virginia, 1980*. Submitted by William (Ted) Romine

PAULINE TAYLOR ROSE

I am Georgia Pauline Taylor Rose, born near Sandyville. I attended school there, first and second grade.

My parents, Allen Wesley Taylor and Velma



Warren and Pauline (Taylor) Rose

Lee Casto Taylor moved me and my only brother Leo. We attended Centennial school, my third year and Leo's first year. Some of my teachers were Gay Frazier and Ms. Rilla Skeen, who still lives near Ripley. My family then moved to Spencer and then to Ohio, on McKenzie Ridge, near Racine. We moved a number of times, but I completed high school at Racine, graduating in 1941.

I did housework and took care of Rev. Earl Scott and his wife and two sons. He died of cancer. She was a minister and performed my marriage in the parsonage at Portland, Ohio, to my only sweetheart, Warren H. Rose, on Dec. 6, 1941.

Warren and I raised four children; we have one son deceased. Our children are Chester Ray, Ralph Edward, Sr., Warren H., Jr., Edith Annette Hubbard, and Paul Kenneth Rose. We have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

When Chester was 22 months old, Warren went to the Army. He did basic training in Camp Hood, now Fort Hood, Texas. He went to Japan for 13 months. He was discharged Sept. 30, 1946. After leaving the Army, he did farm work for about a year. We then bought a small farm on which I still live. I became a widow on Sept. 2, 1987.

Warren's parents were Neville Theodore and Martha Conger Rose. Martha was born at Drift Run. Neville's parents were David and Catherine Rose of Portland, Ohio. Warren's brother and sisters were Thelma, Evelyn, Grace and Guy. They all live in Ohio.

My brother and sisters are Francis Leo, who lived at Racine, Ohio; Blondena Mae Rainer, who

lives at Stockport, Ohio; Doris Oleta Wilson, who lives at Brooksville, Fla., and Ruby Ruth Yarrington, who lives at Racine, Ohio. My mother lives at Racine and will be 82 this Nov. 2.

I remember my great-grandparents Frank and Sarah Balser and their children, Henry, Clarence, Virgil, Marshall, Blanch, Iona, Jessie, Virginia and Mary. Iona was my grandmother. She married Albert Casto and had two daughters, Cecil Mae and Velma Lee, my mother.

I remember my dad's father, John Taylor, but his mother died when dad was a small child. Dad's brothers and sisters were Franklin, Owen, Harry, Nora, Effie, Anna and Fannie.

I have vivid memories of Jackson County. I remember the Christmas before I was two. Dad got me a little black car, the wind-up type. The wheels turned it in a circle. It chased me around the kitchen table leg. I was scared to death of it. I can remember lots of dear friends and relatives that we visited in Jackson County. I do not know much about Grandpa Taylor's or Grandpa Casto's relative but I would love to have the histories of these families. Submitted by Pauline Taylor Rose

TARA BETH ROSE

My name is Tara Beth Rose, and I'm eight years old. My great-grandparents were born in Jackson County, West Virginia.

My great-grandfather was Wesley Allen Taylor, 1899-1976. He was born at Ravenswood. His father was John H. Taylor, 1856-1930. His mother was Cecila Miller, 1861-1904. My great-grandfather had three brothers, Franklin, Owen and Harry, and four sisters, Nora, Effie, Anna and Fannie. John H. was the son of John, 1819-1893 and Hulda Davis, 1822-1891.

My great-grandmother is Velma Lee Casto, 1907, at Ripley, West Virginia. Her father was Albert Casto, 1873-1919. Her mother was Iona Balser, 1878-1945. Iona's parents were Frank Balser and Sarah Dragoo. Velma had one sister, Cecil Mae Casto 1904-1977. Velma lives in Racine, Ohio.

My great-grandparents were the parents of Pauline, 1923; Leo, 1925; Blondena, 1927; Doris, 1931; and Ruby, 1938. All of these children were born in West Virginia except for Ruby, who was born in Ohio. The Taylor's moved from Spencer in 1933 to Racine, Ohio where Allen was a farmer. He worked at the TNT Plant, near Point Pleasant during World War II.

My grandmother is Pauline Taylor Rose, she was born at Sandyville. She married Warren H. Rose, 1920-1987. My father is Chester Rose, born 1943. My mother is Maxine Weaver born 1950. My father has two brothers, Ralph, 1944; and Paul, 1951; and one sister, Edith, 1947. My mother is the daughter of Marcus and Dora Cullen Weaver. She has one brother, Aaron, 1951; and one sister, Juanita, 1955. I have two older brothers, Brent 1973; and Jeffery, 1976.

My grandfather Rose's parents were Neville T. Rose, 1882-1959, and Martha L. Conger, 1899-1975. She was born at Sandyville. Their children were: Thelma, Warren, Evelyn, Grace, and Guy. Great-grandmother Rose's father was David Conger and Harriet Ann Cox. Harriet's parents were Hiram and Emeline Steele Cox. Hiram's father was Isaac Cox and his mother was Elenora Coen.

David Conger was the son of Elias Conger and Margaret Jane Baker. Elias's father was Stephen Conger, 1796-1859 and Mary Piatt, 1802-?. Stephen's father was Elias Darby Conger, 1763-1854, and Mary Goble 1765-1804. Elias' father was David Conger, 1741-1788 in New Jersey, and Mary Darby, 1742-1796. Mary's parents were Deacon William Darby and Mary Darby.

David's father was Jonathan Conger, 1710-1779, and his mother was Ann Enyard, 1717-1796. Jonathan's father was John 1674-1727, and his mother was Mary Tuttle. John Conger's parents

were John Belconger, 1640-1712, born in England and Mary Kelly, 1641-1686. Her father was John Kelly, born in England, died in Massachusetts in 1644.

I don't know very much about the Taylor side



Tara Beth Rose

of my family. But I do know a great deal about the Conger, Rose and Weaver sides.

I live with my family on a large farm near Racine, Ohio. This is very near to the farm where my great-grandfather moved in 1933 from West Virginia. Submitted by Tara Beth Rose

ROWAN

Great-great-grandfather Archibald Rowan, Sr., an emigrant, was born in Claughardown, Scotland in 1792. Archibald became a rebel against the oppressive Queen Victoria who caused the beheading of many men. Archibald hid on a ship bound for the U. S. in a cotton bale for four days before he came out of hiding. He became friends with the Ferguson family aboard ship. He fell in love with Helen, their daughter, born 1794 in Scotland. After arriving in New York, they were married. Their son, Archibald, Jr., was born in 1822 married Sarah Jane McCleary in Belmont, Ohio, 1849. Sarah was born in New York, 1828 and died at Cottageville, WV, October 18, 1915. Archibald died March 26, 1899. Grandfather McCleary came from Dublin, Ireland.

Archibald, Jr., enlisted in the Union Army. He fought under Philip Sheridan, captured at Cedar Creek during Sheridan's ride and imprisoned at Richmond, Virginia called "Libby Prison" until end of war. Great-grandfather bought a tract of land in Jackson County better known as the Joe Car Farm of Lickrun, 1837. He bought a farm adjoining his sister's which has been in the Rowan family about 140 years. He grew up in timber and brush so he bought a mattock. After the first half day of work and sweat, he planted his mattock down beside a sprout with the exclamation: There you are, I didn't put you there and I'm not going to take you out. He packed his skillet and pans on his back and started for Steubenville, Ohio. Later Archibald, Jr., gained the title to the deserted farm in Jackson County. He set off and drifted down the Ohio River and landed at Ripley Landing. He sold his boat and built a cabin in the wooded country. He proceeded to live and raise his family of 11 children.

Grandfather Edward David Rowan was born October 11, 1873 in Jackson County. He married Mary Edna King born November 20, 1876 and died November 13, 1923. They were the parents of seven children: Charles, Lee Roy, Ralph, Harold, Dana, Donald and daughter, Elsie. Edward was constable at the public hanging in Ripley. Over 5,000 people came to the hanging, selling all kinds of trinkets. The man showed no remorse for killing two sisters with an ax as he sat astride the casket

and sang on the way to the hanging tree.

John Rowan, Archibald's brother, came to the U. S. to escape Queen Victoria's tyranny. He landed in New York and moved to Union, Monroe County. His son, John M. Rowan, was born around 1830 and had three children: John L., a sister Mrs. Allen Caperton, and Andrew Summers Rowan whose middle name was his mother's family name. Andrew was born April 23, 1857 and married Ida Symms on April 12, 1887. His second wife, Josephine Morris-de-Greayer, married 1904. Andrew graduated from West Point, 1881. He volunteered to take a message from President McKinley during the Spanish American War to General Garcia Insurgent. Garcia was marooned in the interior of the island surrounded by the Spanish Army. Rowan's feat was immortalized in Elbert Hubbard's book which became a classic. A home for senior citizens in Sweet Spring, West Virginia is named the Andrew S. Rowan Memorial Home in honor of the famous message bearer.

Another relative, Judge John Rowan, built a colonial residence on Federal Hill in Bardstown, Kentucky, 1797. In 1853, Steven Collins Foster visited his cousin Rowan's home and was inspired to write the famous song, My Old Kentucky Home.

Harold Rowan's son, Ramon Edgar, now de-



Harold Rowan and Elsie Dayton

ceased, followed his ancestor's footsteps by being appointed to West Point, 1948.

Elsie (Rowan) Dayton's son, Walter Dayton, served in the Army during the Viet Nam War stationed in Germany.

Charles and Effie Rowan's son, Spencer, served with the ROTC while attending Ohio State University

Dana and Susan Rowan's son, Clarence, served during World War II. *Submitted by Donna C. Rowan*

ARCHIBALD ROWAN

Archibald was born in Scotland about 1788. He was a weaver and became one of the participants in the Weaver's Revolt in Glasgow in 1820, and to escape beheading after the failure of the uprising, fled to America. His wife was Helen Ferguson, and the children were: Mary, Thomas, Archibald, John, Helen, Jenitta, Jane, and Anne.

The immigrants lived for awhile in New York, then moved across the mountains to Steubenville, Ohio.

In 1838, Archibald Rowan bought 100 acres of land in Jackson County, Virginia, from Benjamin Mairs for \$200.

After a short time, Archibald realized he was not a farmer. The story goes, he had stuck his mattock in a stubborn root and declared, "I dinna put ye thar, and I'll nae take ye out," and subsequently loaded up his family and went back to Steubenville.

Twenty years later, the land was again farmed by the son, also named Archibald, born 1821. He married Sarah Jane McCreary, born 1829, and their children were: Albert, Thomas, Elizabeth, Penola, Archibald W., Rosetta, Samuel, twins Helen and Addie, William and Edward.

Before he brought his family down from Meigs Co., Ohio, he came alone by river boat bringing the household goods. On the first trip he stopped to see the Douglass family at Ripley Landing, stayed for supper, and tried to walk the three miles around the hill on Lick Run in the dark. He got lost and with the dawn followed the sounds of roosters crowing, arriving back at the Douglass place in time for breakfast.

He joined the Union Army in August 1862.



Archibald Rowan, 1862

While he was off to war, his son Samuel died. In October, 1864, he was captured at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia. He was held at Libby Prison in Richmond, where he made shoes as a condition of extra rations. His ration was a potato a day that he roasted in the coals of the fire. Archibald was paroled February, 1865, sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, and mustered out in June. Archibald contracted a disease of the bowels in these last months of the war, and his efforts to secure compensation for disability left many names, places and dates in the public record. His widow did eventually get \$12 a month, years later.

Albert Rowan, born 1850, married Jane Clementine Hartley, born 1854, the eldest daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Hartley of Ravenswood. After a short time farming in Illinois, they secured a land claim in Western Kansas. They were so impressed with the open, flat land, no rocks, no roots, they also obtained a "tree claim", the requirement being that they plant trees. Then they discovered the land had no shelter and no water. A trade was made for land along Pawnee Creek. Their children were: Charles, Benjamin, Nannie, Edith, Albert, and Chestina.

Albert, and his brother Archibald W., then living in Missouri, made a trip home in 1902, and wrote a long poem describing how things had changed in 20 years and how heartbreaking was the final parting. Albert died a year later. *Submitted by Joseph Pontins*

CHARLES AND EFFIE ROWAN

Charles Rowan was born February 9, 1900 at Cottageville, the son of Edward and Mary Rowan. His paternal grandparents were Archibald and Sarah McCreary Rowan of Millwood. His maternal grandparents were Ephriam and Susan Hughes King of Rockcastle. His paternal ancestors came from Scotland. As a youngster he attended Lick Run and Flatwoods schools. On August 18, 1926 he married Effie Lorene Stone in a ceremony performed by Rev. John A. Blagg, an uncle of the bride who had also married her parents in 1902. They were J. William and Minnie Hamilton Stone. Her paternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth Ferguson Stone and her maternal grandparents were Addison and Elizabeth Morrison Hamilton.

The first three years of their married life were spent in Akron, Ohio, where he followed the carpenter trade and she was employed by the Goodyear and Miller Rubber Companies. During the depression years of the 1930s, they lived in the

Flatwoods community and Ripley, during which time he built several houses in and around the area. In 1939 they settled permanently in Columbus where she has lived in the same house at 77 Wisconsin Avenue for 50 years. He died May 9, 1977 of complications and is buried in Ravenswood Cemetery.

During World War II, Charles worked on several jobs in various cities, including Pittsburg, Pa., Indianapolis, Indiana and New Orleans, Louisiana, which gave them the opportunity to travel which they both loved to do. In 1959 while on vacation in Washington, D.C. he suffered a heart attack and was a patient there for five weeks in Casualty Hospital. After recovery from this illness, he did not return to public work, but devoted his time helping friends and keeping up improvements on his own home. A special hobby was building grandfather clocks. He made several of them to be kept in the family as heirlooms and given to their grandchildren as wedding gifts. Also after his retirement as well as a previous opportunities they traveled extensively, including every state in the U. S. except Alaska and Hawaii. They enjoyed a trip to Europe and several to Mexico. They were life long members of the Methodist Church, joining at Flatwoods early in life. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, which he joined at Cottageville in 1933, receiving the 32nd Scottish Rite degree.

Their son, Spencer, was born in Akron, Aug. 18, 1928. His first year of school was in Ripley. Lillian Dye as teacher. Later he graduated from Central High in Columbus. In 1951 he married Mary Lou Hartman and they have three daughters and a son.

In 1950 he began working for New York



Charles and Effie Rowan

Central (now Conrail) as crew caller and after several promotions and transfers to Richmond, Va., Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, he is now account executive in the Chicago Office, hoping to retire in 1992. *Submitted by Spencer A. Rowan*

ROWE

Bill and Letha Rowe came to Jackson County in the summer of 1957. They first moved to Ripley where they lived for a year on Walters Street while they built a home in Riverview Acres south of Ravenswood. Their children were with them. Margaret Ann was employed as a secretary at Kaiser Aluminum, Dick was a student at Ripley High School and Joan was an infant. Bill had been employed at Kaiser in Newark, Ohio, and was transferred to the Ravenswood Reduction Plant as Garage Foreman.

William Beacom Rowe was born August 24, 1913 to Frederick Arthur and Hazel Beacom Rowe near Centerburg, Ohio. His paternal grandparents were William and Maggie Meredith Rowe, of Porter Township, Delaware County, Ohio. William Rowe was the son of John Rowe who came to Delaware County Ohio from Cornwall England in 1840 when he was 29 years of age. John married Elizabeth Spearman of Bedford England. John Rowe was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hill) Rowe of Cornwall. Maggie Meredith was the



Letha and Bill Rowe

daughter of George and Nancy Stith Meredith who were native of Knox County, Ohio. His maternal grandparents were Clinton J. Beacom and Nancy Ellen Conn of Delaware County, Ohio. Clinton J. Beacom was the son of Matthew and Caroline Beacom. Matthew Beacom Sr. married Elizabeth Henry after coming from Ireland when he was seven, in about 1800. Matthew Jr. married Caroline Mendenhall in 1854. Caroline was the daughter of William and Felicity Mendenhall. Nancy Ellen Conn was the daughter of Benjamin and Susan Phillips Conn. By and large, the ancestors of William B. Rowe were farmers in Delaware and Knox Counties in Ohio.

Letha Irene Rowe was born on October 14, 1915 to Leonard Compton Mason and Emma Belle Pierce Mason of Licking County, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents were George Sanders Mason and Ceeta Virginia Reubush was from Parnassas, Augustus County, Virginia. Belle's parents were Thomas, a blacksmith, and Josephine Pierce who were Pennsylvania Dutch.

Letha was musically inclined and played the piano for many public functions. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University and graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in education. Bill worked on his father's farm while growing up but went to work after graduation from Homer, Ohio high school in 1933. He and Letha were married on November 20, 1936, in Saint Mary's, West Virginia. Bill went to work the next day for Timken Roller Bearing in Mt. Vernon, Ohio for \$.35 per hour.

Margaret Ann was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio in November, 1938. Richard Edwin was born in July, 1944 and Joan Elizabeth in June, 1955. Margaret worked at Kaiser for several years and in 1960, she married Lawrence D. (Bud) Burke, son of Clifford and Ruth Burke from Sandyville, West Virginia. In 1962, they moved to Hopewell, Virginia where Bud went to work for Allied Chemical Company. They have two sons, Brad and Jeff. Richard graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1962, went to West Virginia University and returned to live in Cottageville, West Virginia. He married Sally Kay Braun of Wheeling, West Virginia in 1967 and they have two children, Gregory born in March, 1971 and Katie born in May 1976. Joan graduated from Ravenswood High School, went to Riverside Hospital in Nursing and is a nurse practitioner in oncology at Ohio State University Hospital. In 1980, she married Conrad Russell Williams, Jr. of Columbus, Ohio and they had a daughter, Lauren, in January 1988. Russell's family had formerly lived in Ravenswood, West Virginia.

Bill and Letha were active members of the First United Methodist Church in Ravenswood. Bill was also active in various Masonic organizations and has served in many capacities for both groups. Bill retired from Kaiser in 1978, and he and Letha spent the winters in Florida and traveled to many parts of the world before her death in 1988. Bill has pursued a hobby of working in stained glass after retirement.

Dick and Sally Rowe moved to Cottageville,

West Virginia in July, 1978. They remodeled a farm house which had been built in 1856 and named their 60-acre farm the "1856 Homestead Farm".

Richard Edwin Rowe was born on July 24, 1944 in Mount Vernon, Ohio and moved to Jackson County when his father was transferred there to work at the Kaiser Aluminum Plant. His parents were William and Letha Rowe and their biography in this book contains his family history.

Sally Kay Braun Rowe was born on October 6, 1944 of Edwin W. and Inez Lucille Workman Braun in Wheeling, West Virginia. Her father was employed by Valley Camp Coal Company his entire career. Her paternal grandparents were Edward William (Buster) Braun and Pear Ellen Givens. Buster worked over 50 years making nails at the LaBelle Nail Works of Wheeling, West Virginia. His father, Daniel Braun, was married to Katherine Schafer and came to the United States from Germany in 1858. Pearl's parents were Charles L. Givens to Parkersburg and Sarah Elizabeth Lucas of Belmont County, Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were Homer D. Workman and Bertha Mae Higgins in Bellaire, Ohio. Homer's parents were Robins G. Workman, whose family was from Holland, and Mary Smith, who traces her family tree to Captain John Smith who settled a colony in Virginia. Bertha was the daughter of John Wesley Higgins and Nancy Jane Coen who spent their lives in Ohio.

Dick graduated from Ravenswood High School



Richard, Sally, Gregory and Katherine Rowe

in 1962 where he was the President of the Student Council, and played trombone in the band. He went to West Virginia University where he graduated with a degree in business in 1966, and law in 1969. He practiced law in Morgantown for nine years with Clark Frame. In 1978, he began practicing with Goodwin and Goodwin in Charleston, West Virginia. Sally graduated from Tridelpia High School in 1962. She studied dental hygiene at West Virginia University, graduated in 1967. She practiced dental hygiene for several years before retiring to raise their family. Sally has always been interested in art and expects to receive a degree in art from the University of Charleston. She is a skilled artist and is especially interested in quilt design. Dick and Sally have two children, Gregory Braun born March 29, 1971 and Katherine Mae born May 11, 1976. Greg graduated from Ripley High School in 1989, and is attending Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was on the high school tennis team and had an interest in showing quarter horses which he pursued throughout the Eastern United States. Katie has been active in 4-H and is pursuing an interest in music, playing the piano as well as the xylophone in the band.

The 1856 Homestead Farm is a 60-acre working farm. The family raises registered cattle and

has pleasure horses.

The farm house was built in 1856 by David Woodruff who owned 700 acres, part of which is now called Woodruff Acres Subdivision. The house was made of red clay bricks which were cast on the property. There is a full basement accessible from the rear of the building, and they drove teams of horses into the basement during the Civil War.

The present driveway leading to the home from U. S. Route 33 was once known as the Gilmer-Ripley-Ohio Turnpike and was heavily traveled as people had much business with the packet boats on the river.

In 1880, Woodruff sold the house to William



Richard E. Rowe home, 1898

Crow, a son of George and Susanna Crow, who lived just down the road in a house very similar to this one, presently owned by Russell Isaacs. In 1899, the farm was sold to Enoch McIntyre and it thrived during those years. A large barn was constructed near the present barn, with 90-foot virgin timbers taken from the bottom land. It passed to his heirs in 1933 and his son, William McIntyre, acquired all the shares in 1944. In 1968, Mayme Woodruff Armstrong bought 300 acres of the farm and this home built by her grandfather. Ken McIntyre retained part of his father's farm and still lives on it nearby. Grant Donohew purchased the farm and developed Woodruff Acres from a portion of it, selling the farm house to Tom Goodwin in 1973. The Rowes purchased the home in 1978 and did a major renovation of the home, leaving intact much of the original structure.

Submitted by William B. Rowe

CALVIN WEST ROWLEY

Calvin West Rowley born 11 Dec 1839, died 1918 son of James West and Sarah (Stanley) Rowley. On 7 October 1858 married Sarah Ann Garrett born 1839 Kentuck, daughter of James Harvey and Sarah (Buckley) Garrett. Calvin first settled near Kentuck. Calvin was a Civil War veteran. After returning home from the war moved his family to Putnam County where he lived for the remainder of his life. Calvin was a farmer and carpenter. Calvin had one older sister that married a Mr. Huffman. James West Rowley was born 25 Nov 1796 Waterbury, Conn., died about 1840 Jackson Co. On 1 Dec 1833 Jackson County. Sarah Ann Stanley was the daughter of Elias and Elizabeth Stanley. James was a son of William and Sarah Rowley. William Rowley born 15 Oct 1727, son of Jabel Rowley, and married Sarah widow of James Gordien of Waterbury, Connecticut. Jabel Rowley born about 1702, died between 1780-1783 Kent, Connecticut and on 29 Feb 1724 in Colchester, Conn. married widow Tabitha Harris. Jabel was a son of Shubael Rowley born 11 Jan 1660 Barnstable, Mass., died 28 March 1714 Colchester, Conn. and Catherine Crippen, daughter of Thomas Crippen of Falmouth and East Hadden, Conn. Shubael was a son of Moses Rowley born about 1628 England, died 8 March 1705 East Hadden, Conn. On 22 April 1652, Moses married Elizabeth Fuller, daughter of Captain Matthew

Fuller. Moses was a son of Henry Rowley born about 1598 Duxbury, England, died about 1673 Falmouth, Massachusetts. In 1632 Henry Rowley was taxed in Plymouth, Massachusetts. About 1624, in England Henry married (first) Anne Palmer born about 1606, Nottingham, England and died prior to 1632, daughter of William and Frances Palmer Sr. of Duxbury. On 17 Oct 1633 Henry married (second) Anne, widow of Deacon Thomas Blossom. Calvin and Sarah's children all born in Jackson County: (1) James Harvey born 11 Dec 1849, died 18 Dec 1937. In 1879 married



James Harvey and Lucy Ann (Straley) Rowley

Lucy Ann Straley born 1 May 1862, died 20 Dec 1949 illegitimate daughter of Parmelia Straley. (2) Calvin Edgar Burton Blundon born 1862, died 18 Dec 1935. On 27 May 1882 married (first) Martha Dillon born about 1862. On 7 Oct 1893 married (second) Lela Belle (Rogers) Piercy and married (third) Margaret Buckalew. (3) Eunice Ellen born about 1866 married Benjamin Franklin Smith born about 1866. (4) Sarah Anne Elizabeth born 28 Nov 1869. On 15 May 1892 became second wife of Abraham Wolfe Jr. born about 1857. Abraham had first married Mary Jane Kessel, daughter of Abraham and Sarah Jane (Hill) Kessel. (5) Charles L. born 30 Jan 1872, died July 1967 Middleport, Ohio. (6) Mary Myrtle born 25 May 1874, died 10 March 1967. About 1895 married Erodus Clairmont Bush born about 1869. (7) Eliza Dona born 31 July 1878, died 19 Jan 1935. About 1903 married Charles Dowell King born 27 Dec 1878, son of James M. and Agnes Esther (Hughes) King. (8) Edward Rowley and (9) Martha Ozella Rowley. Submitted by Gregory Louis Kessel, great-great-grandson

ELAINE ROWLEY

"I wouldn't change my life with anyone else because of the friends I've made," said Mrs. Elaine Rowley, writer of the weekly column *RIGHT AROUND RIPLEY*, "I never met a stranger."

Life wasn't easy for the NEWS correspondent who became a widow at the age of 33 and was left with seven children to support — the youngest only three months old when her husband was killed.

"My husband was cutting a tree behind our barn when it fell on him. I found him lying in the snow," she said. "We were living on the farm at Rockcastle at the time. I stayed on the farm for several years then sold it and moved to Ripley."

While still living on the farm, Mrs. Rowley returned to college in order to obtain an emergency certificate so she could teach school.

"In order for me to continue teaching I would have had to take further training. This wasn't possible, so I took a job as a waitress in order to earn enough to support my children," said Mrs. Rowley. "I worked as a waitress for three years and then went to work at the Spencer Manufacturing Company at Kellwood, a sweater factory on Route 14."

Mrs. Rowley worked at the sweater factory for 20 years, having retired from there two years ago. During that time, she did little writing, other than

a ghost story which sold to the Fayette Magazine for \$125, plus she also wrote seven stories that were purchased by the Charleston Gazette.

The NEWS correspondent was born in Kanawha County but moved to Ripley at the age of three. "I've always lived within an eight mile radius of Ripley," she said. "I attended Ripley schools and graduated from Ripley High School. At the age of 12 I wrote a poem for the Valley Bulletin, a creamery bulletin. My father took the poem to the business and I received \$1.00. When I was 13 years of age I wrote another poem for Fred D. Wolfe, who was the editor of the Mountaineer. After I graduated from high school, I began writing a column for him which I titled, "Right Around Ripley."

She continued to write the column for ten years and then got married and started to raise a family. "I had seven children in 13 years and didn't have time to write," said Mrs. Rowley.

Even though the responsibilities of raising seven children without a father wasn't easy, Mrs. Rowley was never sorry she had the children. "They've been my very life," she said. She is the mother of three boys and four girls.

NOTE: The above was reprinted from an article in the *RAVENSWOOD NEWS*.

Elaine's children are: Bennie Lee (b. July 14, 1936) married first, Maxine Kay, then Louise Hembree; Mary Margaret (b. June 24, 1938) married first, Samuel Hembree, then James Jenkins, then Harry Rollins; Martha Maxine (b. April 13, 1940) married Robert Martin; John Lester (b. Jan. 29, 1942) married first, Marsha Jean Rowley, then Frances O'Brien; Glenna Ruth (b. Nov. 2, 1944) married first, William Morris, then Al Witschy; Homer David (b. May 6, 1946) married Sandra Kay Pernel; Inez Faye (b. Oct 21, 1947) married Walter Phillip Skeen. Mary and Martha live in Covington, KY. Glenna works as a secretary at the Ravenswood Aluminum Plant. Two of the sons, Johnny and Benny, are brickmasons and live in High Point, N.C. Rusty works at Lakin State Hospital and the youngest child Faye, is an LPN and lives at Gay, W.V. Elaine died of a chronic illness Nov. 17, 1986. Submitted by Faye Skeen

HOMER G. AND VIRGINIA SAFREED

Homer G. Safreed (November 10, 1904) was born and raised at Sherman, WV up the Little Sandy Road where Orland Jones now lives. Homer's parents were William Henry Safreed (November 30, 1865-1955) and Julia Ann Knox Safreed (1875-1968). On August 29, 1925, Homer married Sarah Virginia Davis (July 27, 1900-January 15, 1979). They were married in Ravenswood by Preacher Hutchinson. Their children were: Glendean (June 25, 1926), lives in Huntington, WV, Ilene (August 30, 1928), lives in Ravenswood, Charles (May 9-1931-1950), Carroll (November 3, 1936) and lives in Owensboro, Ky. There are three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

At the age of 14 Homer started working for the Eureka Grindstone Company on the Ulysses Grant (Lee) Aten Place, at Sherman, WV. The Child Labor Law allowed children under 16 to work eight hours so Homer would work just eight hours and quit. The pay was twenty cents an hour. After working there a number of years he went to Akron for a year. He then came back home and started the stone quarry again. He was also a blacksmith for the Government repair crew on the Ohio River. He then went into business for himself repairing automobiles and after that repairing lawn mowers at "Safreed's Auto and Lawn Mower Repair Shop" across from Cope's Market in North Ravenswood. Homer closed the shop September 1988. One of Homer's favorite stories is that after he built the repair shop in 1937, he wired it and then went

down to Charlie Karr's hardware store and bought five 150W light bulbs, Hi-Grade brand. The cost was \$1 for all five. One of the bulbs burned for 17 years.

Homer's brothers and sisters were: Helen Murrel (Spears) (Brammer) (1900) lives in Arizona, Mildred Gertrude (Petty) (1901-1923), Dorothy Emma (Salser) (Davis) (Davis) (1907) lives in Arizona, Edwin Elsworth (May 22, 1910), lives in Ravenswood, and Harold Monroe (1916-1937).

The brothers and sisters of Homer's father (William Henry) were: Isaac (Bob), Sarah E., G. Madison, Alice, Thomas B., Theresa, Mattie, Frances A.

The parents of William Henry were Isaac and Julia Ann Bowen Safreed. Isaac's brothers and sisters were: Joshua, Mary, John, David, Joseph, Sarah, Samuel, George and Hannah. Their parents were John Lewis (1792-1860) and Elizabeth Rinehart Safreed (1782-1855).

Census records show that this John L. Safreed, his wife, Elizabeth and nine children, were in Jefferson County, Ohio (Steubenville) in 1829. In 1831, the family traveled down the Ohio River to Buffington Island, which is located across the river from Sherman, WV. The family lived on Buffington Island until 1841, when John L. purchased a tract of land on the West Virginia side of the river, here the family stayed and John L. is said to be buried on this land. So far his grave has not been found.

Homer's wife Virginia was the daughter of George (1863-1943) and Anna (Swain) Davis



Homer and Virginia Safreed, 1978

(1871-1948).

Homer is now retired and resides at 1111 Ann Street, Ravenswood, WV. Submitted by Homer G. Safreed

JOHN LEWIS SAFREED

About 1840 John Lewis Safreed moved from Meigs County, Ohio to Jackson County. John Lewis purchased a tract of land and he and his family ended an odyssey which began in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania sometime after 1822. John Lewis Safreed probably became the ancestor of the Safreed family in West Virginia and his descendants are now scattered throughout these United States.

John Lewis Safreed was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1792. His father was purportedly Battres Safreed and his mother's first name was Barbary. No record of either parent has been found in Pennsylvania. John Lewis married Elizabeth Rinehart about 1812, probably in Lancaster County.

The family is first listed in the 1820 census of Leacock Township, Lancaster County. The family head was given as John L. Seafried (note the spelling). The family consisted of three males and

one female ten years of age or younger, one male age 26 to 45, and one female age 26 to 45.

John L. is listed in the tax records of Lancaster County for the years 1820, 1821 and 1822 as John L. Safreed (note spelling). Thus he was a taxable, but he paid no tax on any property either real or personal. Apparently the Safreeds left Pennsylvania sometime after 1822. The family was next found in Jefferson County, Ohio in 1829. Later they moved to Meigs County, and then, as noted above, they emigrated to Jackson County.

John and Elizabeth were parents of seven sons and three daughters, and those progeny are the ancestors of most, if not all, of the Safreeds in West Virginia. Elizabeth Rinehart Safreed died in 1855, probably in Jackson County, although no grave has been found. John L. was remarried to his second wife, Christena Dernberger (Spelled as it appeared on the marriage certificate), a widow, on July 10, 1856 in Jackson County. The marriage certificate for that marriage established the parentage and birthplace of John L. Safreed.

Christena Derrenberger was born in 1806, probably in Jackson County, although she may have been born in Meigs County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Elijah and Margaret Alkire Staats (see Staats history elsewhere). There was no issue from the second marriage of John Lewis Safreed.

John's first son was named Joshua and Moore related an interesting story about him. As students of Jackson County history may recall, the Ohio River became an important waterway for river boat traffic, and Ravenswood, West Virginia became an important port and stopping place for the big steamboats, which traversed the river during the 1800s. According to Moore: "... as the residents became involved in river activity, it was bound to happen that some would be involved in some unfortunate incidents. One of these was John Dernberger. Another local man attempted to gain his fortune on the steamboats. His name was Joshua Safreed and he was known for his skill around riverboats. He obtained the job of first mate on one of the local steamboats. Safreed logged many miles before he met his doom. Safreed's demise occurred when, during a race, one of his boat's boilers exploded near Memphis, Tennessee, and blew him and part of the boat into the water."

John Lewis Safreed, was certainly a family man, because he was quite conscious of the number and condition of his children and grandchildren. This was evidenced by a letter which he wrote to a sister in 1855. The letter was apparently written just a short time before the death of John's wife, Elizabeth. It is reproduced below in its original form:

Little Sandy Krick Jackson Co. Va.

February 18, 1855

My Dear Sister: I received your letter dated the 20 of January last which surprised me that you did not receive my last letter sent to you. I wrote a letter to you shortly after Susanahs death and have not got no answer since your last above written. I am so very sorry it so happened. We are all well at present but some of my grandchildren sick with scarlet fever, but are getting better and I hope these few lines may find you in good health.

Me and my Companion are as we first began in life. My children are all doing well in wealth and (their) children 43 in number, 20 boys and 23 girls, more expected. Dear Sister I could wish to see you onst more in this world, and sister Catherine and family and let me know about them in your next letter to me. I am getting old and very much afflicted with the rhumetism so that I can hardly write any more, being so nervous in my right arm though I enjoy good health otherwise Thank the Lord. I think you could make some arrangements to come out and live with me if you weaul take courage, the time would be so short in coming out that you would hardly feel it in 18 hours from Philadelphia. I want you in inquire in

Potstown of Joseph Hencks and inform him of our present welfare and tell him to write to me, himself and brothers-how they all are. No more at present but remain your Effectionate Brother John L. Safreed

Direct your letter Ravenswood Postoffice, Jackson Co. Va.

John Lewis Safreed died in Jackson County in 1860. Family tradition holds that he is buried on the property which he purchased when he came to the county. However, no grave has been found.

The author of this article has a listing of nearly 100 Safreed families, all of whom are descendants of John Lewis. At least 12 of them still reside in West Virginia. Others live in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, Florida, Michigan, Oklahoma, Arizona and California. These do not include, of course, those hundreds of descendants of Safreed daughters who have married, and mothered others, as for instance, the author of this article. Submitted by James Franklin Pryor, Iva Jeanette Pryor

FERDINARD SALLAZ

Ferdinand Sallaz, born 3-8-1814, Severy, Canton of Vaud, Switzerland, was son of Jean Louis and Susanne DeMont Sallaz, grandson of Urban Sallaz. During the time of French Revolution, Jean Louis and brothers served in Napoleon's Army but later, along with many other families, fled southern France into Switzerland.

When Ferdinand was 20 he and brothers came to America arriving in Port of New Orleans. Records list Sallaz's still living in New Orleans in 1850s.

From the French settlement at New Orleans, Ferdinand traveled to New York to study English language before coming to the Ohio River Valley. His neighbors had difficulty pronouncing "Sallaz" as he said it with his French accent and for years called him "Silas".

About 1843-44, he purchased 48 acres on Mill Creek, Jackson County, VA, from Andrew Wilson. Also, married Sarah Reynolds, born 1827, daughter of Reuben and Virginia Reynolds, Spring Creek, Roane County, VA, and had nine children:

Augustus Silas (1846-1915), James Madison (1847-1938), Joseph (1849-died in youth), Francis Rudolph (1851-1925), John (1852-died in youth), Alexander P. (1854-1936), William M. (1859-1938), Vincent (1860-193-) and Alfred G. (1863-1934).

Ferdinand fell or was struck by timber from the derrick while working at a salt well near Hartford, Mason County, VA, later WV. He lay in bed long time either crippled or ill, died 11-1-1865, buried in cemetery near New Haven, WV. Sarah died 1885, buried in Boyce Cemetery, Locust Grove, Jackson County, WV.

The descendants of Ferdinand and Sarah R. Sallaz have increased considerably since settling their farmland near Ripley and are scattered across the United States.

A. Augustus Silas married 1868 Elvira Elaine Pfost, Jackson County, had seven children, moved to Missouri 1876, worked as miner. He married second 1901 Mary Frances Stone, had six children.

B. James Madison married 1876 Martha Ann Parsons, Jackson County, had eight children. 1. William Arthur (1877-1955). 2. Otmer (1879-1884). 3. Elfa (1880- 1945) married Walter L. Naylor, three children. 4. Ora (1882-195-) married Wade Wolfe, one son. 5. Infant (1884-84). 6. Lulu (1885-1948) married 1st Chick Minor, 2nd George Fitzgerald. 7. Alma (1891-1929) married Floyd Armstrong, two sons 8. Hull Foster (1894-1960).

William Arthur married Rosa Hoschar (1879-1971), Jackson County, had five children. a. Ray (1906-19-) married Wilma "Billie" Conley, son Steve (1949) b. Wade O. (1911-) married

Evelyn Hunter, two children: (1) Jenne (1938-) married Dale Cooper, two daughters, (a) Sharon Louise (1963) m. Jeffrey Slother. (b) Susan Elise (1964) m. Phillip Bryant. (2) James Richard (1949) married Sharon Avey, two children, (a) Richard Wade (1975) (b) Kristie Ragon (1977). c. Beulah (1913-19) d. Edna D. (1916-1980). e. Hazel (1920-) married Gene Campbell, daughter Patty.

W. Arthur worked for independent electric service in Ripley owned by Clair Hood and later by Marion Pfost and Ray Shinn. He and son, Wade, worked for Appalachian Electric Power Company when they took over the independent service and Wade retired 1973 after 41 years of service. Wade and Evelyn still reside in Ripley.

Hull Foster married 1937 Lona Izetta Wise (1911-), had two daughters. a. Beatrice Ann (1938-) married 1st Larry Joe Sayre (d. 1961)a, two daughters: (1) Claudette Lynn (1960), m. James Mercer, (2) Nancy Jo (1962) m. Steve Bravo married second Charles Edward Pickens, one daughter, Selena Pickens, (b. 1974). b. Lana Lucretia (1944).

Lona resides near Ripley and actively serves as Volunteer at Jackson General Hospital.

C. Francis Rudolph "Dolph" married 1879



front row: Melissa Reynolds and Francis Rudolph Sallaz;
back row: Clem, Nettie, Ben Rudie, and Dewey Sallaz

Melissa D. Reynolds (1853-1934) daughter of James F. and Sarah Skidmore Reynolds, Fairplain, WV, had nine children. 1. Clement Ozetta (1882-1933) married three times, four sons.

2. Adda (1883-died young lady). 3. William (1883-1885). 4. Lonettie "Net" (1885-1969) married Georgea W. Pinnell, six children. 5. Stella (1887-19) married Ferdinand Armstrong. 6. Benjamin Harrison (1888-1955) married Hattie Capehart, New Haven, WV. 7. Francis Rudolph "Rudie" (1892-1969) married Hattie___, one daughter: a. Beverly Jean(19) m. Dale Burnham, Michigan, two children. 8. Lona Odella (1894-1981) married 1st Adam A. Pickens (d. 1935) one son: a. Boyd Eugene (1916-) m. Lillian Lutton, Point Pleasant, three children: (1) Brenda Lou (1943-) m. Joseph Bragg, two children. (2) Carol Sue (1944-) m. Larry Mason, two children. (3) Boyd Eugene, Jr. (1953) m. Wanda Cochran, married 2nd Chester M. Harris, Columbus, OH. 9. Admiral Dewey (1896-1987).

Dewey married 1923 Garnett Doretta Lear (1897-1968), daughter of John A. and Mary Steinbeck Lear, Gallipolis, OH, had four children. a. Wilma Odella (1928-) m. Dale V. Wood, Point Pleasant, WV. b. Dorothy Marie (1933-) m. Kenna L. Rardin, Ravenswood, WV, two daughters: (1) Lucinda Gail (1952-) m. Samuel Zimmerman, two children: (a) Aaron David (1975) (b) Amy Marie (1977). (2) Judie Carmel (1957-) m. H. Thomas Reese, Cheshire, OH, two children: (a) Ashley Elizabeth (1984). (b) Colby Thomas (1987). c. Ruth Louise (1936-) m. Clarence R. Holland, Gallipolis Ferry, WV, two children: (1) Stephen Ray (1957-) m. Cheryl Stevenson, two children: (a) Jamie Elizabeth (1981). (b) Ryan (1987). (2) Diana Lynn (1961-) m. Timothy Nibert, one son: (a) Travis Dene (1987). d. John Dewey

(1938-) m. Patricia Grimm, Point Pleasant, WV, three children: (1) Tina Marie (1956-) m. Richard Frans (1954-1986) three children: (a) Elisabeth Michelle (1980). (b) Rebekah Suzanne (1982). (c) Richard Scott (1984). (2) John Dewey, Jr. (1957) m. Rebecca Holland, two daughters: (a) Ashley Nicole (1983). (b) Jillian Marie (1984). (3) Randall Lee (1960-) m. Janet Spencer, three children: (a) Randall Lee, Jr. (1979). (b) Joshua Sean (1981). (c) Jessica Ann (1986). D. Alexander P. married Rebecca Jane Crawford, six children: 1. Odessa Maude (1884-). 2. Carleton G. (1887-). 3. Corley P. (1889-1966). 4. Mabel (1892-1893). 5. Raymond Roscoe (1893-1967). 6. Weaver Kelso (1898-). E. William M., blind from childhood, educated in blind/deaf school, married 1st Clara M. Naylor (1879-1903), 2nd 1908 Mary E. Ferguson. William taught school all his life, was Jackson County Superintendent of Schools eight years. F. Vincent (1860-193) married Angieretta McKown, nine children: 1. Wilbur Vincent (1893-1960) m. Junna Miller, five children. 2. Harold. 3. Darrell. 4. Ruby Mae m. Hoy Powell. 5. Carl. 6. James Marshall (1909-1967). 7. Belva. 8. Julia. 9. Virginia. G. Alfred G. (1863-1934) married 1st Anna Armstrong, one daughter: 1. Verna, m. — Shuey, married 2nd Mary E. Conley, three children: 2. Maude, m. Delmer Casto. 3. Hobart, m. Ruby Ferrell, two children. 4. Otho. Submitted by Dorothy Sallaz Rardin and Wade O. Sallaz

SARGENT

William "Thurston" Sargent was a farmer, born to John Andrew Sargent and Hannah Catherine "Kate" of Jackson County West Virginia. Kate was the eldest daughter of Enoch Carney and Josephine Winter. John and Kate were married on 7-3-1897. Their first son died in infancy. Surviving children were Bertha, Thurston, Wilmer, Josephine, and Milford.

Thurston married Louie Grey Bailey at Mt.



Thurston, Grey, John, and Kate Sargent

Olive Church in Rockcastle on 7-30- 1925. She was the daughter of James Alford and Martha Francis Warner of Mason Co., West Virginia. To this union, 13 children were born, two are deceased. Thurston Junior married Dorothy Slade and to this union were born five children: Coleen Greenlee Painter, Bobby Gene Sargent, Josie Dodson Camp, Carlee Gayle Fickenworth, and Jennifer Sargent. They also have seven grandchildren: Dennis Greenlee, Shay, and Joey Dodson, Ryan, Angela, and Brad Fickenworth, and Cathleen Painter.

Their second child, James Leo, married Isabelle E. Stone of Ripley, and to this union was born one child, Elizabeth Ann Sargent Riggs; they have two grandchildren; Gary James and Carrie Elizabeth Riggs. Their third child was John Alford Sargent and he married Hilda Thornton. The fourth Delmas Gilbert, married Oreta Gayle Parsons, now deceased, and they had two sons, Gary Delmas and Jerry Lee Sargent.

Their grandchildren are Kyle and Sarah Oreta Sargent. Delmas is presently married to Ellen



Grey Sargent family

Cordial. The fifth child, Dorothy Jean, one son Tivis Eugene Newsome. She is presently married to Leroy Hopkins. The sixth child, Thurman Dwight, married Evelyn McIntyre, two sons Larry Allen, and James Daniel Sargent. Three grandchildren: Tommy, Amy, and Amber Sargent. Dwight is presently married to Virginia Burns. The seventh child, Herman Dale, married Celia Shirrel Griffith of Kentucky. They have one son, Squire. Their eighth child, Kathern Francis, married William Henry Durst. They have three children Cathy Mae, Judge, Lisa Kay Skeen, and William Jo Durst. They have five grandchildren: Mindy, Joseph and Nathan Judge. Shannon and Adam Skeen.

Their ninth child Tracy Clifford married Janet Pearl Pickens, one daughter Crystal Burnadette Sargent. Their tenth child, Patty Ann, married David Paul Smith. They had one daughter, Sondra Renae Smith. The 11th child, Charles Frederick, married Rebecca Jane Jordon, two sons, Josiah Nathaniel Jordon Sargent and Jonathan William David Sargent.

Four of Grey's wonderful sons served in the Armed Services: Thurston Junior in World War II. James Leo served in the Army Medical Corps. Delmas Gilbert in the Korean War, and Herman Dale during the Vietnam Conflict. One granddaughter, Crystal Burnadette Sargent, served in the National Guard.

Thurston's father, John Andrew, moved to Jackson County as a small boy around 1880s. His parents Lewis "Pete" and Cynthia Ann Gilkey "Annie" moved from Athens County Ohio. Annie was the daughter of Andrew Gilkey and Catherine Stanley. Lewis's father also accompanied them to Jackson County. John Sargent, was born in Washington County, Pa. on 5-10-1824 to George and Sarah Sargent, later moving with his folks to Ohio. John married Nancy Burt 4-17-1847. Five children were born to this union, three surviving. Malinda, Lewis, and Eleanor Sarah "Ella". Nancy Burt Sargent expired on 9-9-1863. She is buried in Pratt's Fork cemetery in Athens County Ohio. John then remarried Eliza Shields. They had two daughters, Ida and Eva. John's eldest daughter, Malinda, married James Meeks and remained in Ohio. Ella married Christopher Dillion; they had four children. Ida married John Cottrell and three children were born to this union. Eva married Lewis French; she bore four children. After Lewis died she married Jasper Cain. They had one daughter Hattie and a son Lonnie. John's son Lewis married Annie on 9-23-1871. Lewis and Annie had in addition to John Andrew two sons were born. Melvin married Eva Bowles of Jackson County, and Charles married Mary Hawkins of Athens Co. Janie, the only daughter, married a native of Jackson County. Ballard French and Janie had 12 children. John Sargent lived along Eighteen Mile Creek until his death. He is buried at Moss Chapel Cemetery. Through the years many have joined him. For the Sargent family, many of our beloved, lay at rest at Moss Chapel. But our family will live on . . . Submitted by Colleen Painter and Grey Sargent

SAYRE-BOURGEOIS

My name is Pleasie Velma Sayre Bourgeois, I am the daughter of Joel Francis "Little Frank" and Margery Arabella "Belle" Parsons Sayre. My father was the son of Joel and Melinda Kay Sayre and the grandson of Abel and Ruth Parsons Sayre and John D. and Minerva Black Kay. My mother was the daughter of George Walker and Emaline Milam Parsons and the granddaughter of Capt. William Lowther and Elizabeth Nancy Walker Parsons. I was born November 28, 1897. I was one of 12 children. Two boys and two girls died in infancy. I had a sister, Maylinda, who married James Marshall Cottrill. My sister, Bessie, married John Sherman Cottrill, my sister, Mary, married Frank McPherson, and my sister, Johnnie Ruby, married Emerson Lee Cottrill. My sister, Margery Ferrol, married William Clarence Balser and my sister, Georgianna, married James Snodgrass. My only living brother, Carl Enoch, married first Mabel Bennett and second Alma Gandee. I married William Henry Bourgeois in 1916.

My husband, William Henry Bourgeois, the son of Pollard and Mary Francis Lewis Bourgeois and the grandson of Leon and Rhoda Catherine Jones Bourgeois and George Lewis, was the first of six children. He had a brother, Cyrus Nathan "Nate" who married Desta Williams. His brother, George Leon, married Mary Edna Moore. His brother Robert B. died at age 17 from pneumonia. His sister, Della E., married Omer Hatcher and his sister, Susan Catherine, married Clyde Huff.

We are the parents of six children. James Edgar who married Catherine Irene Shockey; Paul Francis who married Lessie Faye Hall; William Henry Bourgeois Jr. who married Cora Mae Stewart; John Calvin who died before he was a month old; Naomi Mae who married Rector Raymond Fisher; and Norma Nell who married Frank Wilson Thompson, and after his death, married Charles Frederick Cutlip. We have 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

We gave a home to others besides our own. My brother, Carl's wife, died in childbirth and we took the baby, Helen, keeping her until her death from a heart defect at three. My sister Ferrol's son William (Bill Balser), came to live with us as a young man and lived with us until he was in his forties. Some will remember him from the feed store where he worked for many years. William Wilmer Keebaugh worked for us on the farm, eventually coming to live in our home at age 17, where he remained until he was drafted in WW II. He later married Nate's daughter, becoming a family. We took Sandra Jo Board as a very young child and she grew to adulthood in our home. She married Jim Snyder and they were divorced. She is married again to Lawrence Johnson and lives in Tennessee.

My husband, William, died of a cerebral hemorrhage on November 8, 1969, after 53 years of marriage. I am now 92 years of age and still live on the family farm in the house my husband built for me. Submitted by Pleasie V. Bourgeois

SAYRE-DONOHUE-SNYDER-SHINN

Andrew Sayre (1830-1905), was the only child of Benjamin (1806-1830) and Delilah Hughes Sayre (1810-1879). Delilah was the granddaughter of Jesse Hughes, famous Indian fighter and scout. Andrew's paternal grandfather was David Sayre (1785-1866), oldest son of David (1762-1856). Both were early settlers to the Evans, WV area around 1800. Andrew's great-great-grandfather, David (1736-1826) was a scout in the American Revolution. Andrew himself served with the Union Army during the Civil War.

Although Andrew was an only child, he fathered 22 children by two wives, Rowena M. (Lewis) Sayre (1833-1875) and Sarah (Jacobs)

Sayre (1858-1913). Andrew's oldest child was William Wesley (1853-1915) who married Leah Louise Foreman (1855-?). Their children were: Florence (died at birth), George Wesley, Mary Rowena, and Amanda Ella.

Amanda Ella (1879-1942), youngest child, married Homer Franklin Donohue (1876-1953) (Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Jackson Co.). Their 14 children were: Lillie Roena, Bessie, Mamie, Daisey, Ellis David, Lettie, Wesley Waldo, Mable, infant son, Francis Gale, infant son, Dallas Odell, Tressia Florence, and Homer Franklin, Jr. After Amanda's death in 1942, her widowed sister, Mary, whom Homer had courted in his youth, came to keep house for him and they were married.



Bessie Louisa (Donahue) and Horton Henry Snyder with son, Harry

Bessie Louisa, second child (1898-1956), married Horton Henry Snyder (1889- 1960) (Otterbein Cemetery, Evans, WV). By the time Bessie was 14, she had a job working at a hotel. By the age of 16 she had married, settled in Letart, WV and had her first of 16 children which included one set of twin girls. Bessie and Horton's children were: Lydia (1914-), Waneta Ion (1916-1918), died of influenza, Harry Thomas (1918-1978), Hubert Ray (1920- 1921), fourteen months, drank iodine and died; George Franklin (1922-1976) Harold Webster (1924-1972), Ralph Edward (1926-1950), Jerry Wayne (1928-1987), Mary Ellen (1930-), Aleta Mae (1932-), Ross (1934-), Naomi (1936-), Iona (1936-), Horton Gareth (Gary) (1938-), Max Owen (1940-), and Alice Louisa (1944-). All sixteen children lived to adulthood except two.

The ninth child, Mary Ellen, married Park Shinn (1923-), son of Dennie D. and Hallie (Ankrum) Shinn. Park and Mary have four children: Dennie Lee, Roger Craig, Marty Robin and Mary Angela.

Dennie Lee (1950-) has one son, Dennie Lee Jr. (1974-) by Mary Ruth Kearns. In 1979, Dennie married Deborah Hartley Tackett (1952-) who had two children: Ryan Lewis Tackett (1974-) and Tanya Nicole (1977-). Dennie and Deborah have one son, Lance Parker (1983-). Deborah is also a descendant of Jesse Hughes and David Sayre.

Roger Craig (1952-), married Ronda Icenhower. Children: Roger Craig II (1971-) and Elizabeth Ellen (1973-).

Marty Robin (1958-) married Patricia Thomas. Children: Marsha Lynn (1979-), Joel Wade (1982-) and Leah Ann (1984-). Mary Angela married Terry Taylor. Children: Brandy Nicole (1983-) and Jason Lance (1984-). Submitted by Dennie Lee Shinn, Jr.

SAYRE-HUGHES

Benjamin Sayre, first child of Daniel Sayre and Sarah Hall, born 1806 in Jackson County. Not much is known of Benjamin, as he died quite young, about 1830. His father and grandfather, David Sayre, were among the first families in the Jackson County area. Benjamin married Delilah Hughes January 1, 1828.

Delilah's ancestors also were prominent in

Jackson County history. She was born August 14, 1810, the daughter of William Jonathan Hughes and Rebecca Staats. William married Rebecca Staats in January, 1805. William's parents were Jesse Hughes and Grace Tanner. Jesse Hughes was a well known Indian fighter. Parents of Rebecca Staats was Abraham Staats and Anna King. I read that the Staats family was believed to be the first white settlers in what is now Jackson County.

Benjamin and Delilah had one child, born before or shortly after Benjamin's death — Andrew Jackson Sayre, born April 22, 1830. Delilah later married Solomon Hall, October 24, 1833. They had seven children and moved to Illinois, where Delilah died January 13, 1879.

Andrew made up for being the only child of Benjamin by having twenty, possibly 22, children. He married first Roenna Lewis, May 16, 1852. Roenna was born 1833, parents unknown at this time, believed to be from Meigs County, Ohio. She died April 11, 1875, and although they lived all their married life in Jackson County, she is buried at Bicknel Cemetery, Meigs County. They had nine children: 1-William Wesley (April 29, 1853); married Leah Forman. 2-Elizabeth Florence (1856); married Allen Aleshire. 3-John Edward, (1858); married first Tallmadge Boyd, second, Rachel Ellen Smith. 4-Minerva (January 19, 1860); married first Harvey Rice, second, W.C. Dunlap. 5-Evaline "Evelyn" (1862); married John Degarmeior. 6-Lilly Leota (February 1867); married Julius Hunt. 7-Barbara A. (1869); married Grant Meadows. 8-Delphine "Della" (August 6, 1872), married Henry Phineas Roush. 9-Cora married Williams.

Andrew married Sarah Jane Jacobs February 5, 1878. She was born May 13, 1858, in Mason County. They had 11 children: 10-Louisa B. (October 23, 1878); married George McCoy. 11-Ella Belle, (1880); married Deweese. 12-Mary L. (February 1882). 13-David Benjamin, (July 22, 1885); married Mary Cain. 14-Harriet (July 22, 1887). 15-Nathan D. (July 1, 1889); married Esther Jane (July 29, 1891); 17-Cynthia, (1894). 18-Liddia (Lydia) (February 11, 1896); married Casto. 19-Rouie, (April 24, 1898); married Hartley. 20-Nettie Violet (August 12, 1901). Some researchers list Clida A. who died young and another Florence. They're not listed on Andrew's Civil War pension application in 1898. He said he had 19 children, all living. Another child was born in 1901.

Andrew enlisted in the Civil War September 16, 1862, Co. "H", 3rd Regiment, W. Va. Calvary; discharged June 30, 1865 at Wheeling.

Andrew died January 2, 1905. Sarah Jane died May 22, 1913. Both buried at Jacobs Cemetery at Elmwood, Mason County. Submitted by Juanita Hiltabiddle

SAYRE, HUGHES, HUNT, FOX

Elijah Sayre, Jr. (1871-1941) and Alpina Margaret Anderson (1873-1933) were married February 10, 1890. Both are buried in Longview Cemetery, Jackson County, West Virginia.

Eleven children were born to this union. Three of them died very young and one grown daughter Louise died suddenly, buried in Longview Cemetery. Delbert Sayre, a veteran of World War I, married Cleo Sloan. Seven children were born to this union. Four sons, Howard (killed in action over Italy in World War II), Eugene, Gerald, Donald and Chester, two daughters, Margaret and Donna.

Lettitia married Mark Hill. Five children were born to this union. Three sons, Golden (killed in World War II, his name is listed in casualties of Jackson County) Denver and Elijah, two daughters, Lavad (died young) and Jewel.

Beatrice married Waldo Hunt, both buried in Longview Cemetery, Jackson County. Waldo was



Elijah Jr. and Alpina Sayre family: Lola, Beulah, Walter, Delia, Beatrice, Letitia, Louise, Delbert, Alpina, and Elijah Jr. Sayre

a son of Benjamin and Hannah Flowers Hunt both buried in Antioch Cemetery Jackson County. Beatrice and Waldo had seven children, Gladys, Robert, Everette, Garnet, Kathryn, Elinora and Waldo Jr.

Gladys married C.O. (Buss) Fox; they had two sons, Herman and Ivan. Robert married Ruby Roush; they had one son Eugene, one daughter Joyce. Everette died an infant, buried in Longview Cemetery. Garnet married Oliver Cottrell; they had two daughters, Donna and Karen. Kathryn married Charles Casto; they had one son, Dale, one daughter Lesa. Elinora married Ralph Hayes; they had one son Jeffrey. Waldo, Jr. never married.

Delia married Albert Frey; they had one son Albert Frey, Jr. Beulah married Ivan Pritt. Walter married Mildred Sayre; they had one son, Ernest, one daughter, Rion. Lola married Hyzer Roberson; they had one son Larry Gene.



Beatrice and Waldo Hunt

Backgrounds of our families:

Elijah Sayre Jr. was the son of Elijah Sayre, Sr. His parents were Daniel and Sarah Hall Sayre, both buried in Staats Cemetery, Evans, Jackson County. Elijah Sayre, Sr. married Mary Jane Hunt, a daughter of Abijah and Mary Jane Hughes Hunt both buried in Antioch Cemetery, Jackson County.

Alpina Margaret Anderson Sayre was a daughter of Samuel and Victoria Edmonds Anderson both buried in Anderson home cemetery, Jackson County.

The highlights of this background reveal interesting relationships that most families do not realize they have when a marriage takes place.

For example, when Waldo Hunt and Beatrice Sayre married there were already many family relationships.

Mary Jane Hunt, wife of Elijah Sayre, Sr. was a sister to Job Lewellan Hunt, the father of Benjamin Hunt that married Hannah Flowers, the parents of Waldo Hunt.

Hannah Flowers parents were Thomas Jefferson and Cynthia Anderson Flowers. Cynthia was a sister to Samuel Anderson, the father of Alpina Anderson that married Elijah Sayre, Jr., the parents of Beatrice Hunt.

Then when Waldo and Beatrice Hunts daughter, Gladys, married C.O. (Buss) Fox, they discovered

many other Sayre, Hughes, Hunt, Fox relationships.

Mary Jane Hughes Hunt, wife of Abijah Hunt, was a sister of Job Hughes that married Anna King. Job and Anna were the parents of William Hughes that married Margaret Herdman. William and Margaret were the parents of Ella Bell Hughes that married John Fox. John and Ella were the parents of Edgar Fox that married Clara Sayre. Edgar and Clara were the parents of C.O. (Buss) Fox that married Gladys Hunt. Clara Sayre Fox was a daughter of Oscar and Eliza Jane King Sayre. Oscar was a son of David Sayre who was a brother to Elijah Sayre Sr. that married Mary Jane Hunt.

Arthur Sayre, a brother to Clara Sayre Fox, married Bell Postlewaite, a daughter Mildred married Walter Sayre, son of Elijah, Jr. and Alpina Sayre. Mildred was a cousin and aunt by marriage to Gladys Hunt Fox and first cousin to C.O. (Buss) Fox.

Mabel Fox, sister to C.O. (Buss) Fox, married Luster Sayre. Luster and Mabel had seven children, one infant, deceased, Delbert, Evrette, Darrell, James, Sandra and Shelia. Luster's parents were Fred and Nellie Pauline Sayre-Sayre. Nellie was a daughter of Daniel Floyd and Verena Anderson Sayre. Verena was a sister to Alpina Anderson that married Elijah Sayre, Jr. Daniel Floyd and Elijah Sayre, Jr. were the sons of Elijah Sayre, Sr. that married Mary Jane Hunt, a daughter of Abijah and Mary Jane Hughes Hunt, a sister to Job Hughes that married Anna King.

Glenmer and Joe Fox brothers to C.O. (Buss) Fox also go back in these Sayre, Hughes, Hunt, Fox lines.

Glenmer Fox married Mila Baier; Glenmer and Mila had one son, Ernest, one daughter, Barbra June. Mila's parents were Levi and Elizabeth Stewart Baier. Elizabeth's parents were Alonzo and Kaziah Sayre Stewart. Kaziah's parents were Ephriam and Mazilla Hunt Sayre. Mazilla's parents were Abijah and Mary Jane Hughes Hunt, a sister to Job Hughes that married Anna King. Ephriam was a brother to David Sayre, father of Oscar Sayre and brother to Elijah Sayre, Sr. that married Mary Jane Hunt, a sister to Mazilla.

Joe Fox married Ethel Ankrum. Joe and Ethel had one daughter, Carolyn, died at age three, three sons Jerald, Alvin and David. Ethel's parents were Clyde and Myrtle Stewart Ankrum. Myrtle was a sister to Elizabeth Stewart Baier.

All our backgrounds brought about various other pleasant relationships. *Submitted by Herman Fox and Ivan Fox*

ABEL AND RUTH SAYRE

Abel Sayre, son of David and Sarah Little Sayre, was born March 14, 1799, in Monongalia County, Virginia. Coming with his father's family about 1810, Abel became one of the early settlers of Jackson County.

Abel married Ruth Parson, born circa 1802, daughter of George Parsons and Mary "Polly" Sleeth Parsons, born 1780.

Polly's father was a son of Charles Parsons, reputed "Indian Fighter," Revolutionary Soldier, and early settler of Jackson County. He married Elizabeth Chestnut. George died about 1823 and is buried at Frozen Camp, Jackson County.

Abel Sayre became one of the largest land owners in the Parchment-Evans area of the County.

Being interested in the church and school, records show that he and Ruth conveyed a certain plot of ground to be used for public school and public worship to Ephraim S. Evans, Elijah Staats, David Woodruff, Daniel Sayre, and George Stone as trustees. The names of the trustees would indicated that the deeded land was around the Evans-Angerona area.

Hardesty's History states that Abel served in 1831 on the first grand jury in Jackson County.

Abel Sayre died August 5, 1862. Ruth Sayre



Monument in Mt. Moriah Cemetery of Abel Sayre

died June 20, 1868. They were buried in the Mt. Moriah cemetery, Parchment Creek.

Children of Abel and Ruth Parsons were: 1. Mary Sayre b. 1820, m. James Hughes, 2. Joel Sayre, b. 1822, m. Malinda Kay, 3. Sarah Sayre, b. 1823, m. Strother Smith, 4. Ichabod Sayre, b. 1825, m. (1) Minerva See (2) Eliza Dixon 5. Hannah Sayre, b. 1827, m. Jacob Kay, 6. Abel Sayre, Jr., b. 1830, m. Catherine Anderson 7. Minerva Sayre, b. 1831, m. George Casto, 8. Margaret Sayre, b. 1834, m. William See, 9. George W. Sayre, b. 1838, m. Isabella Casto, 10. Ruammy Sayre, b. 1841, m. Jonathan Chase 11. Lavinia Sayre, b. 1842, m. William Chase 12. Orilla Sayre, b. 1846, m. Andrew C. Hill *Submitted by Mrs. Rebecca Boggess Simmons*

ABIJAH SAYRE

My grandfather, Abijah Sayre (17 May 1849-25 January 1925), the oldest son of Mazilla (Hunt) and Ephraim Sayre 2708-8 was named for his grandfather, Abijah Hunt. He married, 24 December 1874, Ellen Hartley (22 July 1850-2 September 1934), a neighbor girl, born in Harrison County, Ohio to Thomas and Lydia (Tomlinson) Hartley.



Abijah and Ellen Sayre

They went to housekeeping in a saw mill shanty located on his father's farm. During the first year of their marriage, logs were cut from the farm and a log house built on 25A. given to them by his parents. (This log house now stands at Riverfront Park in Ravenswood.) Here they lived and reared seven children. In later years additions were added to the log structure and all covered with poplar weather boarding cut from the farm and this is the home I remember of my grandparents. After the death of my grandfather, I would often spend the night with my grandmother. I well remember the mittens my grandmother knitted for my brothers and me with yarn spun from wool of sheep raised on the farm and dyed with walnut hulls and poke berries.

My grandparents were instrumental in the

building of Antioch church where they were members. They are buried in Blaine Memorial Cemetery.

Their children:

1. Holly Irvin (28 September 1875-30 July 1924) married 24 February 1901 Anna Love, daughter of John and Martha (Ayers) Love. They went to Aliquippa, Pa. where they lived and reared four children; Beatrice, Inez, Byron and Lillian.

2. Stephen H. (21 September 1877-21 November 1908) married 2 April 1903 Anna Ridenour, daughter of Benjamin F. and Emaline (Smith) Ridenour. One child died in infancy. All are buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Mt. Alto, W. Va.

3. Anna E. (7 January 1881-24 December 1929) married 30 June 1901 Emory Martin Ridenour, son of Benjamin F. and Emaline (Smith) Ridenour. They moved to Pennsylvania and then to Columbus, Ohio. Both are buried in Union Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. Children were: Velma, Dorma, Otmer, Evelyn, Russell, Raymond, Cecil and Paul.

4. Josie E. (24 August 1883-13 April 1917) married 19 March 1913 Lemon Miller. No children. Buried at Blaine Memorial.

5. Lora J. (4 April 1886-5 May 1973) married 25 September 1912 David E. Smith, son of David and Nancy (Shinn) Smith, one son, Thomas. Buried at Blaine Memorial.

6. Thomas Edison (11 December 1890-), my father, married 1 November 1916 Minerva Florence Sayre, daughter of Oscar and Eliza Jane (King) Sayre. (See Oscar Sayre). Their children: Ada Ruth, Quentin, Ralph and Don.

7. Mary M. (23 August 1893-19 November 1966) married 24 December 1924 Theodore Fox, son of John and Ella (Hughes) Fox. Children were: Carl and Phyllis. *Submitted by Ada Ruth Sayre*

ANDREW DELMAR SAYRE

Andrew Delmar Sayre, was born on Parchment Creek, Jackson County, September 15, 1867. His parents were George W. and Isabella Casto Sayre. His grandparents were Abel and Ruth Parsons Sayre and Elmore H. and Phoebe Cunningham Casto.

He and Ada Rebecca Unrue, daughter of John and Earli Preece Unrue, were united in marriage July 23, 1892. They lived on a large tract of the original Abel Sayre land and had a large country-style house built by Gratton Rankin. It is the "Sayre Home" yet today and Freda Sayre Crum, a daughter, has lived in the home for more than 80 years.

Della, as he was known, owned and operated one of the best livestock farms in the County. He, also, was a checker at the B & O Railroad station at Evans where local farmers brought or drove their livestock, sheep, chickens, turkeys to be shipped to larger markets.

He was a father who encouraged his five daughters to read every evening before bedtime and always received the newspaper from Cincinnati, Ohio. Four of their daughters became teachers in the local one-room schools and attended summer school taught by local educators.

Della was a member of the Order of Junior



Andrew Delmar Sayre

Mechanics Lodge at Evans. With the failing health of his wife and two daughters attending Ripley High School, the family moved to Straight Street in Ripley.

Their daughters were Mabel Clare (Holly M. Casto), Elta Earl (Paul F. Highsmith), Eulah Belle (Walter Hunt), Freda Joy (Hobert Crum), and Belva Dell Sayre.

A.D. and Ada Rebecca both died at their Ripley home; she on September 8, 1930, and he on August 12, 1944. They were buried in the Otterbein cemetery, Evans.

Matthew Neeley and Franklin D. Roosevelt were two men of this time whom he greatly admired. *Submitted by Jacqueline C. Johnson*

B.F. SAYRE

Benjamin Franklin Sayre, Jr. was born at Evans, W.Va. on June 22, 1887. He was the youngest son of Benjamin Franklin Sayre and Mary Sayre. He grew up with his six brothers and sisters on the family farm at Evans, across from the Evans Fair Ground.

On April 10, 1912, he married Ruth Elizabeth Sayre (8 December 1888), the daughter of Oscar and Eliza Jane Sayre of Angerona. At the time of their marriage, Ruth taught school. After marriage they built a home on a 100 acre farm tract on Johns Run near the Mason-Jackson line. Three sons were born on the farm before they moved to Parkersburg in 1919, where they lived on Cornwall Street. While in Parkersburg, B.F. and Ruth were active members of the First United Brethren Church, both teaching Sunday School classes.



Benjamin Franklin Sayre Jr. and bride, Ruth Elizabeth (1912)

The first job B.F. had in Parkersburg was delivering lumber by horse and wagon. He then was a janitor at Parkersburg High School for a short while. He became a prominent salesman for W.H. Smith Hardware Company, where he worked until his death on November 25, 1925. He died from a heart ailment at Camden Clark Hospital. His youngest son was born twelve days after his death. He is buried in the Otterbein Cemetery.

Ruth and the boys moved back to Jackson County after the death of B.F. and she eventually established a home in Cottageville. She maintained this home until all three boys were through Union High School, the youngest graduating in 1942. During this time she was active in the U.B. Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent. For several years she was the operator of the switchboard in Cottageville until the "hand crank" telephone became obsolete. Her father, Oscar, made his home with her for five years, until his death in 1942.

On September 25, 1942, Ruth married Wade King, and shortly thereafter they moved to Parkersburg, making their home on 33rd Street until her death on July 20, 1958. Death was caused by complications from arthritis. She also is buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

CHILDREN:

Carroll Eugene was born on February 4, 1913. After high school he joined the CCC program and later went to Shenandoah College near Harrison-

burg, Va., where he met Iris Hosaflook. Their brief marriage ended in divorce. While working in Columbus, Ohio, he met and married Stella Euans. They lived in Columbus a few years before settling in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, where they maintained their home for 32 years. Stella died on August 20, 1978. In October 1979, he married Marjorie Durst of Washington, D.C., formerly of Cottageville where they had been schoolmates. They made their home in Jacksonville Beach until his death in March 1987. He is buried in the Methodist Cemetery in Cottageville. Carroll was very active in the Masonic Lodge attaining the 33rd Degree. He had no children.

Francis Wayne was born on March 22, 1915. After high school he attended Mountain State College in Parkersburg. He married Faye Starcher, daughter of W. Paul and Golda Hill Starcher, on November 24, 1938, and established a home in Vienna, W.Va. He was employed at Penn Metal Company in Vienna until he started a manufacturer's sales representative business, which he still operates. They have two daughters, Karen Faye Kehrli and Diane Lee Bower, and five grandchildren.

Paul Kester was born on November 3, 1916, and died on June 30, 1918. He is buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

B. Frank (Junior) was born on December 7, 1925. He attended Union High School and Mountain State Business College. He married Ruth Smart of Parkersburg where they made their home. He was employed at Penn Metal Company for a number of years and later was production supervisor at Wheeling Corrugating Company, Beech Bottom, W.Va. He worked there until his death in the hospital at Glen Dale, W.Va. on December 11, 1981. Frank was a well-known bowler in the Parkersburg area. They had one son, Gregg Franklin, born on December 5, 1947, and died March 12, 1967. Both Frank and his son, Gregg, are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Parkersburg.

Submitted by Karen Sayre Kehrli and Melinda Bower

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SAYRE

Benjamin Franklin Sayre (1844-1926), son of Joseph 2701-8 and Rachel McGuire Sayre, was born near Evans, Virginia. He was a farmer and carpenter. Family history relates that he was building a house on Cow Run for his uncle, Ephriam Sayre. There he became acquainted with Ephriam's daughter, Mary. He married his cousin Mary (1846-1922) in 1874.

He was known as B.F. Sayre or Frank Sayre. He was actual uncle to about 55 children and most all young people in area called him Uncle Frank. In the late 1800s and early 1900s he was a local Justice of Peace and some people called him Squire Sayre.

The home of Frank and Mary Sayre was on the approximate 330 acres of land deeded to him by his father, Joseph Sayre. This was across the road from Otterbein Church going towards Evans. The home had nearby summer kitchen which also housed a spring and cream separator.

He was a progressive farmer and one of first to use chemical fertilizer and to use a silo for storage of cattle feed. There was a pond and ice house in front of house and if winter weather permitted, he would have ice cut and stored for use in summer.

He was a charter member and stockholder of the "Mill Creek Valley U.B.C. Campground Association" of Evans, West Virginia. This was formed in 1890 for purposes of holding camp meetings, reunions, etc. The campground was located next to road in front of Staats Cemetery. In 1891 he purchased shares of "The Jackson County Farmers Stock and Mechanical Exposition Association." This was the "Jackson County Fair" which was held on Cunningham property adjacent to Otterbein Church. In early 1900s the annual Sayre reunions were held at the fair ground.

Later in life he was an amateur weather observer. He daily took high and low temperature, rainfall and barometer readings. These were mailed to U.S. Weather Bureau in Parkersburg, West Virginia.



front row: Blanche, Mary, B. F. Sr., and Stella Sayre; back row: Ethel, B. F. Jr., Homer, Joe, and Ephriam

B.F. Sayre and Mary are buried in the new part of Otterbein Cemetery. They were the parents of following children: Carl Homer Sayre (1876-1965) married first, Ollie Rice (1873-1901) two children, Paul G. and Blanche who died in infancy, married second, Martha Sterne (1882-1979) no children; Frances Blanche (1878-1955) married Benjamin Franklin Hogsett (1876-1928) children, Carl Glenmer, Marion Eugene, John Franklin, Mary Malinda, Ralph Sayre; Loa Ethel (1881-1980) married Kenna Click (1876-1928) children, Monroe J., Gula May, Mary Jo and Henry F.; Ephriam Ernest (1884-1985) married Frankie Ayers (1894-1952) children, Kermit, Helen May, Walter, Erma, Carl Lee; Joseph Early (1884-1965) twin to Ephriam, never married; B.F. Jr. (1887-1925) married Ruth E. Sayre (1888-1958) children, Carroll Eugene, F. Wayne, Paul Kester, B.F. III (B. Frank); Estella Mae (1890-1970) married Dorsel Wedge (1886-1958) children, Freda, Mary Rose, Loa Blanche, Cecil, Dorsel Carl, Charles W.; Theresa Ellen (1895-lived five months). *Submitted by Ralph Sayre Hogsett*

BENJAMIN WESLEY SAYRE

Benjamin Wesley Sayre was born in February 1866 probably in Jackson County, West Virginia. He married Florence Bell Roseberry who was born in September 1866.

They had four children, Lettie, born in July 1887; Harley, born in August 1894; Ronald Early, born 22 August 1897 and Roscoe, born in December 1899.

Ronald Early Sayre was born in Jackson County.

On 27 May 1920 he married Edna Isabelle Ankrum. She was the daughter of William Madison and Adelphie Ann Lloyd Ankrum. Edna was born 22 March 1899 in Jackson County.

Edna was a school teacher. Ron was a farmer. He also worked for the U.S. Postal Service and the West Virginia Department of Highways.

Ron and Edna had three children. Gerald Brooks was born 1 April 1924; Mabel Irene was born 6 February 1926 and Ruth Jeanette was born 15 January 1928. All the children were born at Cottageville.

They had 15 grandchildren, Curtis, Janice, Norman, Gloria and Sharon Sayre; Pat, Jerry, David, Ron, Lynette and Rick Skeen; and Gary, Rick, Tracy and Mitch Houchen.

Ron died 21 November 1983 at his home in Cottageville. Edna died 11 July 1988 at Ravenswood, West Virginia. They are buried at Jackson County Memory Garden, Cottageville, West Virginia. *Submitted by Jerry Skeen*

CAROLINE MINERVA (CASTO) SAYRE

William Casto was born in 1856, Rockcastle, West Virginia and married Hanna Little, daughter of Elijah and Mary Sayre Little.



Doll Sayre and great grandchildren

Caroline Minerva (called Dollie) born August 17, 1890 in West Virginia, died March 25, 1969, married and divorced (1) Otho C. Sayre, born August 3, 1890, married (2) Jay Large, born May 7, 1892, died July 13, 1955. Mom and Jay buried at Forrest Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. Nine children were born to Otho and Caroline Sayre in West Virginia and are listed as follows below.

(1) Clarence O. Sayre born May 1912, died November 3, 1966 (buried Forrest Lawn) married Thelma Young who died February 1, 1952. Children born to Clarence and Thelma were Gladys and June.

(2) Velma Margaret Sayre born July 19, 1914, died July 13, 1980 (buried Forrest Lawn) married Cline S. Stutler, born April 30, 1908, on April 3, 1931. Children of Velma and Cline listed below. (a) Dwight C. born November 20, 1932, married Sue Boggess September 1951. Dwight and Sue's children were: Michael, single; Nancy Sue married Mark Weinberg and have daughter Natasha; Dave married Kristin and have daughter LaShae. (b) Bernice A. Stutler born October 25, 1934, married Bob Langbein, divorced. Langbein children: John married Becky and their children were Jason and Amy; Pam married (1) Alvin Blake, one son Brian, divorced and married (2) Tom Lawrence, son and daughter; Tom married Quanita, children Brandy and Leslie; Carolyn M. born August 12, 1938 married (1) Larry Ward, and children of this marriage were: Becky Ward who married Keith Emerson and their children were Ben, Kelly, Sam and Eric; Sandy Ward, children Amber and Joey. Carolyn M. married (2) Wallace Cox, divorced. The Cox children were: Brenda Cox married James Detty, children Daniel and Sara; Marjorie Cox married Mike Randasio, son Michael.

(3) Romeo Curtis Sayre born April 1916 married (1) Rosalee and had two children, Curtis Lee and Velona. Romeo Curtis divorced Rosalee and married June, divorced. Romeo Curtis died in California and buried September 28, 1951, in Forrest Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. He was 35 years of age.

(4) Ronald Ralph Sayre born July 21, 1918, died August 25, 1983 (buried Greenlawn Cemetery) married (1) Donna, divorced, married (2) Mary Dyer, divorced. Children of Ronald and Mary Dyer were: Shelia A. Sayre, married and had a daughter; Stephanie; Ronnie Jay born May 21, 1947, died November 4, 1953, buried Greenlawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio; Tony; Tammie; Ronald died August 25, 1983, buried Greenlawn Cemetery.

(5) Emerson O'Conner Sayre, born February 10, 1920, died July 17, 1963 (buried Sunset Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio), married Blanche H. Brown in 1946 and one son Phillip D. Blanche's first marriage was to S. Brown. Emerson served in

World War II.

(6) Handley Ford (called John) Sayre, born July 22, 1921 Ca., died November 5, 1984 (buried Obetz Cemetery, Ohio), married Vina Mae Candle; children Doris, N., Lorain, John, Raymond, Dennis and Linda. Handley Ford served in World War II.

(7) Lorain P. Sayre, born January 20, 1923, buried Forrest Lawn Cemetery August 4, 1953, married (1) James S. Emmons who served in 37th Infantry Division World War II. Divorced James S. and married (2) Tom Byers. Lorain and James' children were: Jimmy born February 17, 1939, infant death; Blanche E., born February 16, 1941, married Charles W. Beckwith; son Scott J. born May 7, 1961, married Jackie Hanna and their children were Casey, born January 19, 1982 and Claire Marie, born April 13, 1988; Charles Mark, born August 6, 1963, died December 30, 1979, and buried Sunset Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

(8) Evallee Sayre, born January 6, 1926, married (1) Herman Kienly, divorced and married (2) Walter Wrobel. He is retired from the Navy World War II. They live in South Carolina.

(9) Louise Omegia Sayre (called Meg), born December 30, 1929, married William Wayne Sanders, born May 6, 1925, on February 11, 1950, No. Hollywood, California. Children of Louise and William were: Terry Wayne, born December 12, 1950, Glendale, California, married Judith Willett, divorced; Louise Sanders; Terry married Leslie Speakman July 3, 1974, one daughter, Amy Louise, born October 4, 1979; Michael William, born August 11, 1953, Columbus, Ohio, married Pam Smith June 2, 1973 and their children were Shawn Michael, born August 9, 1975, and Leah Michelle, born November 20, 1980.

William Wayne Sanders served in World War II, in the U.S. Navy August 13, 1943, served in American Area, Victory Medal... Asiatic Pacific 4 stars, Philippine Liberation 2 stars, Honorable Discharge April 5, 1946. The Sanders families live in Columbus, Ohio. *Submitted by Louise O. Sanders and Michael William Sanders*

CLIFFORD LYNN SAYRE

Clifford Sayre, born July 13, 1904 and died 1970, buried in Long View Cemetery at Evans, WV, is the son of McComas and Nora (Love) Sayre. Was a farmer and a Department of Highway employee. Lived his lifetime on John's Run near Evans, WV. Married Mary Jane Morrison, born 6/9/1907, daughter of Bert and Maggie (Hill) Morrison. She had three sisters and two brothers; Edna, Elva, Rayme, Ray, and Dencil. Clifford Sayre had two sisters and five brothers. Their names were Lena, Faye, Henry, George, Sam, Della, and Holly. Clifford and Mary Jane Sayre were the parents of three daughters and one son; Virginia, Bernice, Clarice, and LeRoy.



first row: Lena; second row: Sam, Holley and Della; third row: Henry, George and Clifford Sayre

Virginia married Ralph Sayre and lives in St. Albans, WV. Ralph is retired from Union Carbide. There are no children.

Bernice married Lloyd Wilkinson of LeRoy, WV and lives in Canton, Ohio. Lloyd is retired from Republic Steel. Two sons were born to this

union, Lynn and Gary.

Clarice, born 10/28/1934, married Charles Lester, born 12/21/1924 of Spencer, WV. Charles a graduate of WVU in Electrical Engineering and a Naval Veteran of World War II, is retired from Ohio Power Company. Clarice and Charles are now living on the Clifford and Mary's old home place. They have three daughters; Jan, born 4/19/1957; Jill, born 9/16/1958; and June born 4/18/1970. Jan is married to Robert Strope, born 1956 and lives in Cross Lanes, WV. They are proud parents of a son, Charles Thomas, born 5/29/1986. Jan and Bob are both graduates of WVU. Bob is a Mechanical Engineer for Applachian Power Company. Jan is a CPA for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance Company. Jill is married to Oscar Perez, born 10/2/1957 and lives in Buda, Texas. Jill and Oscar are both graduates in Criminal Justice and are employed by the Travis County Sheriff Department in Austin, Texas. Jill graduated from Marshall University while Oscar graduated from Saint Edward University in Austin, Texas. There are no children. June, born 4/18/1970 the third daughter of Clarice and Charles, is a student at Marshall University majoring in Business Administration.

LeRoy is married to Ethel Atkinson and employed with Board of Education Transportation Department and operate a farm on Beech Grove Road near Evans, WV. He has one daughter Jane Elizabeth who lives in South Dakota. *Submitted by Clarice Lester*

CRISS AND MARY (MILLER) SAYRE

Criss Coe Sayre, son of George and Mazilla Henderson Sayre, was born July 28, 1897 at Cow Run, Mason County. He was three when his family moved to Jackson County. He attended Beech Grove school. All of George's boys inherited his love of horses but Criss most of all. This family trait went back to Grandpa Abel who was a jockey and weighed 90 pounds. The boys loved to ride the horses. Farmers mostly kept the Morgan breed — a general purpose horse used for riding as well as working or in their buggies and wagons. There were no draft horses.

When Criss was old enough, he went to a railroad job in Columbus, Ohio. His older brothers, and other Cow Run boys, were already working there. They got up early on Monday morning and walked to Millwood to catch the train. Criss soon earned enough money to buy his first saddle horse. Her name was "Ginger." Now he didn't have to ride "Pa's" horses any more.

The Cow Run boys would ride into other communities to dances or church events, sometimes causing quite a stir. This made the local boys angry and sometimes there would be a fight. Most all boys carried some kind of protection — knives, pistols, or "knucks" — the latter were made of metal and fit over the fingers. When Grandpa's well in the yard (walled up with rock) was cleaned out they found "knucks" that Grandma had thrown in at some time.

After a trip across the country to Poplar Creek (near Leon) Criss came home telling the folks



Mary, Sidney and Criss Sayre

about his pretty, little girl friend. Criss married Mary Lena Miller (born April 5, 1902), daughter of John and Margaret Pickens Miller. Their children: Dorsel, Flossie, Cecil, Ann, Raymond, Sidney and Gay Lee. They lived on farms when their children were small, moving to Toledo during WWII.

While living in the country, Criss was never without a horse or two. He liked to trade for (or buy) a horse that had some flaw or limp and doctor it up. That's how he came by his first race horse, "Betty Barrett." She had been a winner but something had put her on the market. Criss shaped her up and entered her in races at the local fairs but would never put her in the long races. He found out later that's where she did best. They took her to Dunbar and Rock Springs, but the highlight of the year was Evans Fair. It was a gathering place all summer to watch the horses work out. Criss followed horse racing all the rest of his life, working with his son Raymond's horses at Toledo Raceway, Beulah Park, and Cleveland.



Janet, son Mike, Gay, unidentified man holding horse "Three Bears", Jockey John Dunn, Raymond (owner of horse), Criss (holding rein), and Cecil

Criss worked ten years at American Shipyards in Toledo, OH. Mary worked eleven years at Johns Mansville in Waterville, OH. While living in Jackson County, she worked at the Courthouse in the Book and Craft room.

They moved back to Evans (Rte. 87) in 1957. Criss got another horse and Mary began planting her trees and flowers that are so beautiful now. She still takes care of her flowers at her home in Toledo. Criss had a quick wit and a quick temper. He could come up with original expressions. Stories told while fox-hunting are still being repeated today. Criss died Dec. 7, 1969, and buried in Long View Cemetery.

Dorsel, born Mar. 31, 1922, and his cousin "Lo" joined the Navy in Oct. 1941, serving in the South Pacific during the war and were never separated. Dorsel married Pauline Graham Johnson, born 1922. They had three children: George Ezekiel, born Sept. 1950; twins — James and Shirley, born March 23, 1952. Dorsel died May 12, 1974.

Flossie, born Feb. 16, 1924, married Londus Sayre, born Dec. 8, 1913. They have five children and one adopted: Larry, born May 13, 1940 — two children — Dawn and Todd, born Feb. 26, 1945; Carl, born April 28, 1946 — four children, Shaun, Carl, Jr., Christeen and Jennifer, and one grandchild — Catlin Elizabeth; Roger, born 1948, has three children, Bryan, Jamison, and Tiffany; Jeff, born Dec. 19, 1958 (killed in a car accident in 1978); Michele, born September 19, 1966.

Cecil, born June 1, 1926, married Pansy Mullens Sayre. They have four children: Cathy, born Dec. 14, 1950, married Douglas Baron (see Baron); Debra, born Jan. 12, 1956; Danny, born Sept. 22, 1957 — has one son Nicholas, born Aug. 21, 1986; Corrine, born March 13, 1960.

Ann, born June 7, 1928, married Sam King, born Feb. 23, 1924. They have three children: Terry, born Oct. 25, 1949 married Beverly Bower, born Mar. 23, 1953 — one son Shawn, born May



Douglas and Cathy Baron with John and Greg
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13, 1973; Stephen, born April 23, 1952, married Madelyne Elizabeth Tisdale, born April 12, 1952; Marquita, born Nov. 3, 1953, married Mike McIntyre, born Aug. 11, 1952 — one child Holly, born September 10, 1979.

Raymond, born Oct. 10, 1930, married Janet Butler Sayre, born July 24, 1933 — one son Mike, born Dec. 1, 1959, then married Terry Cox, born Dec. 29, 1967 — one child Brittany Rosanne, born Nov. 23, 1988.

Sidney, born Mar. 23, 1933, married Delores Russ Sayre, born June 1937, and had four children: Criss, born July 28, 1956 — has three sons, Jesse, Nathan and Criss, Jr.; Cindy, born 1954 — one son, Nicholas; Ryan, born 1962, was killed in a car accident in 1978; Sidney Paul, born 1964.

Gay Lee, born June 25, 1935, married Mary Ann Betts Sayre, born Nov. 7, 1939. They have four children: Marsha — has one son, Michael; Elaine, has three children — Jason, Douglas and Brandon; Gay Lee, Jr. (died at age eight of leukemia); John, born 1964, not married, works for Nestle's Corporation. Submitted by Ann Sayre King and Beverly King

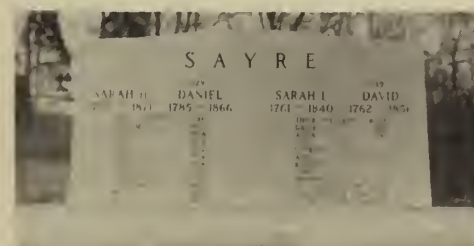
DANIEL SAYRE

Daniel Sayre 1329-7 (22 March 1785-7 March 1866) son of David 549-6 and Sarah (Little) Sayre was born in Monongalia County, Virginia now W. Va. In Gallia County, Ohio, now Meigs County, Daniel married 19 June 1806 Sarah Hall (1782-1871) daughter of Joseph Hall. (His uncle Daniel 548-6 also married a Sarah Hall). Daniel and Sarah were pioneer settlers in what is now Jackson County near Evans, W.Va. Daniel was on the personal property tax list of that area in 1807.

Daniel 1329-7 owned a large acreage of land which included 1000 acres that he purchased in 1834 from Benjamin Wright Jr. This property was known as Sarah Provence land. She was first woman and one of few property holders in that part of Mason County which later became Jackson County. This land is along present day Route 87 and old U.S. 33, west and northwest of Evans, W.Va.

History indicates that Daniel was greatly interested in the growth and development of the area. He served from 1839 to 1861 as a member of Jackson County Justice's Court under the Commonwealth of Virginia. Daniel was a farmer and local preacher in the Methodist Church.

Daniel and Sarah are buried beside Daniel's parents in Staats Cemetery near Evans, W.Va. A



Sayre Monument, Staats Cemetery

large granite marker "The Sayre Memorial" was dedicated on the Sayre plot in 1964. They were the parents of the following eleven children:

1. Benjamin 2700-8 (1807-1830) married 16 January 1828 Delilah Hughes (1810-1879) daughter of William and Rebecca (Staats) Hughes. One son, Andrew. (See Benjamin Sayre 2700-8 to follow)

2. Joseph 2701-8 (28 December 1808-6 June 1899) married first 30 June 1830 Malinda Staats 1814-1836, no children. After Malinda's death he married 23 August 1838 Rachel McQuire (8 February 1813-4 February 1885). They were the parents of Martha Virginia, Benjamin F., Columbus, Lafayette and Josephus. (See Joseph Sayre 2701-8 to follow).

3. David 2702-8 (20 October 1810-15 February 1895) married four times. First 27 September 1838 Minerva Stone (25 March 1819-13 April 1851) the daughter of George and Lucinda (Miller) Stone. Their children: George W., Lucy Ann, Daniel, Caroline and Ruben. Second 28 August 1851 Marthenia Hill (1 October 1832-10 March 1872) daughter of Laben and Rebecca (Woodruff) Hill. Their children: Lucian, Oscar, Minerva, David and Ira Virgil. Married third 18 July 1875 Mary J. Stephenson (1824-1875). No children. Married fourth 27 July 1876 Nancy Scantlin (6 January 1836-3 Feb. 1928) daughter of John and Nancy (Taylor) Scantlin. No children. (See David Sayre 2702-8 to follow).

4. Mark 2703-8 (1812-1850) married his cousin, Anna Roush, about 1834 and settled at Great Bend, Meigs County, Ohio. Both are buried in Great Bend Cemetery (site of former Great Bend Methodist Church). Their children: Isabella, Franklin, Lydia, Caroline, William Morris, Nancy Matilda and Mark Jr.

5. Enoch 2704-8 (18 August 1814-8 January 1852) married 13 January 1843 Elizabeth Stone (16 April 1822-24 February 1907) daughter George and Lucinda (Miller) Stone. Two children: John Wesley and Samatha Jane. (See Enoch Sayre 2704-8 to follow).

6. Elijah 2705-8 (16 September 1816-29 March 1910) married 1 March 1840 Mary Jane Hunt (1826-1923) daughter of Abijah and Mary Jane (Hughes) Hunt. Their children: Sarah Ann, Wesley, Louise, Fielding, Mary Isabelle, John Oliver, Jasper, Daniel, Floyd, Fisher and Elijah Jr. (See Elijah Sayre 2705-8 to follow).

7. Hannah 2706-8 (1818-died before 1870) married 3 October 1835 Julius Campbell. Known children: Mary, Sarah, Louise, Malinda, Almira and Daniel Thomas.

8. Daniel Bennett 2707-8 (29 July 1820-14 June 1874) married first 3 October 1844 Mary Ellen Stephenson (28 September 1828-15 July 1848) daughter of James Stephenson. One son, Issac. Married second 2 April 1876 Ruami Sinclair, one son Hugh Jasper. (See Daniel Bennett Sayre 2707-8 to follow)

9. Ephraim 2708-8 (7 July 1822-14 April 1892) married 22 September 1845 Mazilla Hunt (1829-1913) daughter of Abijah and Mary Jane (Hughes) Hunt. Their children: Abijah, Keziah, Peter Pierce, Nancy Belle and Benjamin Wesley. (See Ephraim Sayre 2707-8 to follow)

10. Wesley 2709-8 (18 September 1825-24 February 1858) married 19 April 1849 Elzina Hill (29 March 1832-2 August 1920) daughter of Laban and Rebecca (Woodruff) Hill. Three children: Marthens, Laban and Daniel Bennett. (See Wesley Sayre 2709-8 to follow)

11. Mary 2710-8 (10 August 1827-23 January 1909) married 17 October 1844 Elijah Little son of David and Sarah Little. Their children: Emily J., Elizabeth, Parkerson, Oliver, Enoch, Lenora, Austin, Hannah, Nancy, Eliza, Iona and Joel. (See Mary Sayre 2710-8 and Elijah Little to follow).

We are the great, great, great grandchildren of Daniel Sayre 1329-7. From him our paternal line

is Ephraim 2708-8, Abijah, Thomas Edison and Don C. Sayre, our father. Submitted by Dan Thomas Sayre and Donna M. Sayre

DANIEL BENNETT SAYRE

Daniel Bennett Sayre 2707-8 (29 July 1820-14 June 1872), eighth child of Daniel Sayre 1329-7, married 3 October 1844 Mary Ellen Stephenson (28 September 1828-15 July 1848), the daughter of James Stephenson who had served in the war of 1812. Daniel Bennett was a second Sergeant in the Jackson Co. Home Guards during the Civil War. They had one son, Isaac, who was less than two years old when his mother died.

On 19 September 1850 Daniel Bennett married second Ruami Sinclair. They had one son, Hugh Jasper, who died 30 April 1882 at the age of 21 years 10 months.

Isaac (10 December 1846-2 July 1882), son of Daniel Bennett Sayre by the first marriage, married 2 May 1867 Sarah Margaret Love (8 November 1849-20 December 1899), the daughter of Thomas and Lydia (McKown) Love. Isaac served 15 months with Co. F Fourth W. Va. Infantry during the Civil War. He served as Justice of Peace in Jackson County, was a farmer, carpenter and merchant at Angerona, W. Va. The house he built and lived in at Angerona was still standing and inhabited in 1989. His death was caused by being wedged against the railroad platform at Angerona by a moving train. Isaac and Sarah were the parents of six children:

1. John Thomas (31 October 1867-1952) married 21 October 1890 Delia Shinn, daughter of Allen and Sarah Ann (Sayre) Shinn. They established their home at Evans, W. Va. where he was a farmer, merchant, station agent and postmaster. The house he built there was still standing and inhabited in 1989. Their children who lived to adulthood were Zora, Isaac, Russell, Susie, Arlene, Marshall and Genevieve.

2. George B., born and died 1869.

3. Harmonie "Mona" (14 March 1871-3 February 1964) married 26 October 1911 William E. Carpenter. They made their home near Weston, W. Va. She had attended "The Academy" at Buckhannon, W. Va., now West Virginia Wesleyan College. No children.

4. Samuel S. (1873-1874).

5. Lydia (23 October 1875-3 February 1952) married first 6 June 1896 William M. Flinn (1872-1913). They were the parents of Roscoe, Margaret, Paul and Glenn. She married second 9 June 1921 Charles R. Buffington. No children.

6. Mary M. (14 June 1882-30 December 1940) married 8 July 1901 James Everett McIntyre, son of Enoch and Sarah (Keller) McIntyre. They were parents of twelve children. Those living at time of their death were; Thelma, Beulah, Geraldine, Everett Jean, Herbert and Marion.

I am the great, great, great, great-grandson of Daniel Bennett Sayre. From him my paternal line is Isaac, John Thomas, Isaac Allen, Warren Allen and John Franklin, my father. Submitted by John Isaac Sayre

DAVID SAYRE

David Sayre 2702-8 (20 October 1810-15 February 1895) son of Daniel 1329-7 and Sarah (Hall) Sayre was married four times. First on 27 September 1838 to Minerva Stone (25 March 1819-13 April 1851) the daughter of George and Lucinda (Miller) Stone who came from Green County, Pa. to the Jackson County area of (W)V in October of 1823. Their children:

1. George W. (26 June 1839-6 July 1938) married 25 December 1861 Mary Jane Lewis (3 January 1939-26 February 1899) daughter of William and Diana (Flowers) Lewis. They were parents of nine children: Lenora Ellen, Thomas Lewis, Myrtle Ivy, William David, Lydia Diana,

George Harvy, Early Douglas, Mary Agnes "Mayme" and John Jerome. (See George W. Sayre family to follow)

2. Lucy Ann (20 October 1842-17 February 1869) married 26 August 1866 Joseph Wheeler. They were the parents of Rosa Jane who married John Ira Wedge and had ten children.

3. Daniel (21 April 1845-1920) married 10 June 1863 Ruamia Hunt daughter of Abijah and Mary Jane (Hughes) Hunt. Daniel served with the Union Army 1861-1865 in the Civil War. Parents of nine children: William Lee, Rosilla, Charles Asbury, Holsten D., Henry Fisher, Lillian May, Mary Minerva "Molly," Grover Cleveland, and Hannah Elizabeth.

4. Caroline (26 February 1848-26 May 1909) married 3 February 1870 John Paul Jones son of Silas and Dorothy (Roush) Jones. Buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason Co. Parents of ten children: David Wallace, Lorenzo, Ernest, Oda Sivera, Sarah Marie, Lettie E., Minnie, Pearl, Vernon, and Arla.

5. Ruben (1 May 1850-12 April 1877) never married. He was a minister. Buried in cemetery beside Otterbein Church.

David married second 28 August 1851 Marthenia Hill (1 October 1832-10 March 1872), daughter of Laben and Rebecca (Woodruff) Hill. Their children:

1. Lucian (born 9 November 1853) went west and died there in 1880. Never married.

2. Oscar (5 May 1856-5 Sept. 1942) married 23 January 1879 Eliza June King daughter of Francis and Ruth (Barimore) King. Their children: Arthur, Samuel, Gertie, Clara, Ruth, Edith, Elmer, Florence, infant daughter and Lillie. (See Oscar Sayre Family to follow)

3. Minerva (24 February 1859-16 February 1943) married 17 May 1877 William Crayon Dunlap. They moved to California and buried in Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California. Their children are: Therea, Iva Lora, Willie Ethel, Daniel David, and Edna Arilla.

4. David Wesley (12 April 1864-1 August 1944) married 24 February 1887 Mary D. Barnette, daughter of James and Eliza (Lewis) Barnette. Their children: Grover, Iva Lora, Minnie Myrtle, Adley E., Birdie, Hobart, Nellie and David.

5. Ira Virgil (6 August 1867-11 July 1882). Married third 18 July 1875 Mary J. Stephenson (1824-1875). No children. Married fourth 27 July 1876 Nancy Scantling (6 January 1836-8 February 1928) daughter of John and Nancy (Taylor) Scantling.



David Sayre on Queenie

David Sayre 2702-8 owned large acreage of land in Jackson and Mason Counties. He was always liberal with anything for community betterment, having given land for schools, churches, railroad and cemeteries. He gave each of his children a good farm. He was a minister, records show that he united several couples in holy matrimony. He is said to have owned the first steam sawmill in that area and had a tannery on his farm. He is buried in a family cemetery on left fork of Cow Run, Jackson County, with three of his wives.

We are the great great grandchildren of David 2702-81. Our paternal line from David Sayre 2702-8 is George W. John Jerome to our father, Herbert Douglas Sayre. Submitted by Greg A. Sayre, Judy (Sayre) Phares

ELIJAH SAYRE

Elijah Sayre, 2705-8, son of Daniel and Sarah Hall, born September 16, 1816, died March 29, 1910. His grandfather, David Sayre (born 1762) brought his family from New Jersey in 1799 to Virginia, then to Letart Falls, Ohio, from there to Jackson County, (West) Virginia near Evans in 1801. Elijah's father, Daniel, became owner of large amount of land in the Evans, Cow Run and Parchment area.

March 1, 1840 Elijah Sayre married Mary Jane Hunt (March 1826-1923) daughter of Abijah and Mary Jane Hughes Hunt. Records show they were still living on Cow Run in 1860 and sometime later moved to the Parchment Valley community (Johns Run) which is now the Paul McIntyre place. Here Elijah and his boys cleared the hills for pasture and cut virgin timber for their new barn, house, and out buildings. With a big family to support, it took a long time to save enough money for the new house. The story is told how Grandma sewed this savings into their feather tick for safe keeping. The house they built lived in the memory of grand-daughter all her life; the big fireplace with the cherry woodwork on each side, the mantel-piece, the curved stairway, big halls and porticoes, and the beautiful picket fence. Cut stone foundations, huge sills and beams have kept it standing straight and tall to this day. At that time carpenters lived with the family while building a new house.



Elijah Sayre house

In this house, in beautiful Johns Run Valley (it flows into Parchment), they raised the following children:

1. Sarah Ann (October 13, 1844-December 17, 1937) married Alfred Allen Shinn October 2, 1861, son of Charles and Rebecca (Miller) Shinn. Buried at Otterbein Cemetery. Their children were: Adeline, Austin, Della, John, William, Jacob, Mary, and Lillie.

2. Wesley (April 21, 1847-1909) married Mary Anna Wink, May 16, 1872 in Meigs County, Ohio. She was the daughter of David and Margreade Econde Wink. They were buried in Otterbein Cemetery. Their children were: Adam, Theodore J., Freda Marie Marguerite, Lelia Belle, David, Leo P., and Clara.

3. Louise (1848-1928) married Samuel Fernan first and they had no children. Her second marriage was to Benjamin Smith in July 1879. Their children were: Glendola, Arthur Warren, Vena Belle, Elijah Aaron, and Benjamin Franklin Smith. Her third marriage was to Augustus Marion Steele. They had two children: Marion Golden and Orval Asbury Steele. In her fourth marriage to Jonothan Chase she had no children. She is buried in Cherry Grove Cemetery beside her first husband.

4. Fielding (1850-1852).

5. Mary Isabelle (March 2, 1852-?) married James Ellis Barnett March 25, 1875, son of Robert

and Elizabeth Casto Barnett. Their children were: Effie Jane, Asbury, and Ivy Isabelle.

6. John Oliver (1856-?) married Almira Campbell, the daughter of Julius and Hannah (Sayre) Campbell. Their children were Orval and Oliver. His second marriage was to Alice Jane Holmes on August 11, 1879. She was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Biven) Holmes. Their children were: Vaught, Gale Ferman, Mary, Vena, John Owen, and Alice. His third marriage was to Maggie Jane Cain September 1893. Their children were: Almira, Edna, Minerva, Luella, Pearl, Ada, Vesta, Arnold, and Armor. John Oliver is buried in the Sayre family cemetery with his first two wives. His third wife, Mary Cain Sayre, is buried at Creston.

7. Jasper (June 16, 1858-February 1938) married Martha Ann Barnett (June 11, 1858-April 1934), daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Casto) Barnett. Their children were: Samuel, Margaret, Floyd, Hugh, Raleigh, Virgil, and Howard.

8. Daniel Floyd (1859-1936) married Virena Anderson in 1862. She is the daughter of Samuel and Victoria (Edmonds) Anderson. They are buried in the family cemetery on the Sayre farm. Their children were: Stella May, Floyd, Thurman, Otho, Everett, Nellie Pauline, Jennie Edith, Ralph, June Marie, and Verta.

9. Fisher (August 1864-October 1865).

10. Elijah Jr. (1871-1941) married Alpina Margaret Anderson (1873-1933) daughter of Samuel and Victoria Edmonds Anderson February 10, 1890. They raised their family on the home place. They are buried in Long View Cemetery. Their children were: Delbert, Louise (died at age 21), Letitia (Creota and Wirt died young), Beatrice, Delia, Walter, Beulah, Lillie (died as an infant), and Lola.



Elijah and Mary Jane (Hunt) Sayre

Elijah died March 29, 1910 at age 93 years, 6 months, 11 days. The following quote is taken from his obituary, contributed possibly by Sam Brooks, "He was an honest man and a great benefactor of the poor. He was not only a believer in relieving suffering of the poor but a doer in reality and truth. No strange or poor man was ever turned from his door. He divided with the needy and the poor. As an illustration of this he raised 18 orphans and did a good part by them. Me thinks I can hear Christ say, 'In as much as you have done it unto these, you have done it unto me'."

He is buried in the family cemetery on his farm. Mary Jane died in 1923 at the age of 97. She is buried at Otterbein. Submitted by Lena Sayre and Rita (Sayre) Poling

ENOCB SAYRE

Enoch Sayre 2704-8 (18 August 1814-8 January 1852) son of Daniel 1329-7 and Sarah (Hall) Sayre married 13 January 1843 Elizabeth Stone (16 April 1822-24 February 1907) daughter of George and Lucinda (Miller) Stone. To this union were born two children, John Wesley and Samantha Jane. Enoch is buried in Rockcastle Cemetery in Mason County, W.Va. and Elizabeth in Fairplain Cemetery with her second husband, George W. Shinn.

John Wesley (24 November 1843-14 February 1903) married 30 August 1864 Narcissa Jane Brown (21 May 1838-21 June 1906). John Wesley served three years in the Civil War with the Union Army. John Wesley and Narcissa are buried in Rockcastle Cemetery in Mason County with his father, Enoch. Their children:

1. Elizabeth Ellen born 26 September 1865. Married 25 September 1881 Charles Ferguson.

2. Enoch Jefferson (14 March 1868-1949). Married 23 January 1898 Mary E. Reynolds (1881-1954).

3. Silvestor Brown (1 November 1870-20 December 1940). Married 12 November 1891 Clara Mazilla Kessel (1872-1959).

4. George William (27 May 1872 -). Married 12 November 1895 Bertha Jividen (1878-1966).

5. Mary Alice (15 October 1874-1934). Married 2 July 1896 William Stern (1875-1936).

6. Jesse (7 May 1879-28 August 1879).

Samantha Jane (22 October 1847-8 November 1915). Married 15 November 1864 Solomon Wallace Harpold (13 April 1843-19 January 1919). Both are buried in Fairplain Cemetery. Their children:

1. George W. (1866 -). Married 15 February 1896 Elizabeth C. Bachtel.

2. John Oley (1868-1955). Married 8 April 1886 Susan R. Fisher (1870-1953).

3. Flora E. (1871-1953). Married 2 October 1888 Daniel Webster Shamblin (1868-1931).

4. Cora Ann (1876-19-). Married 1 October 1891 Okey J. Morrison (1869-1952).

I am the great, great grandson of Enoch Sayre 2704-8. My paternal line from Enoch is John Wesley to Silvestor Brown to my father, Floyd Sayre, Sr. (See Silvestor Brown Sayre history)

Submitted by Floyd M. Sayre, Jr.

EPHRAIM SAYRE

Ephraim Sayre 2708-8 (7 July 1822-14 April 1892) son of Daniel 1329-7 and Sarah (Hall) Sayre married 22 September 1845 Mazilla Hunt (1829-1913) daughter of Abijah and Mary Jane (Hughes) Hunt. They established their home in the Cow Run area of Jackson County where they were farmers. On their farm of 400 acres several families built log shanties and here made a living for their families. Ephraim gave each of his children 25 acres when they got married. Ephraim and Mazilla's home was a gathering place for the young people of the community.



Ephraim and Mazilla (Hunt) Sayre

In 1861 Ephraim gave land for the Antioch School to be built on. Ephraim cut and hewed the logs and put the building up for \$100.00. In 1882 a new school was built near by on the farm. A descendant of Ephraim was always in attendance at Antioch until its closing in 1940.

Ephraim served in the Home Guards during the Civil War.

Ephraim and Mazilla are buried in Antioch Cemetery. Their children were:

1. Mary (26 August 1846-1 February 1922)

married 20 December 1874 Benjamin Franklin Sayre (23 October 1844-9 October 1926). Children were: Homer, Blanche, Ethel, Ephraim and Joseph (twins), Benjamin Franklin Jr., Estella and Ellen.

2. Abijah (17 May 1849-25 January 1925) married 24 December 1874 Ellen Hartley (22 July 1850-21 September 1934) daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Tomlinson) Hartley. Children were: Holly, Stephen, Anna, Josie, Lora, Thomas and Mary. (See Abijah Sayre)

3. Keziah (18 June 1852-10 February 1909) married 3 December 1874 Alonzo Stewart, son of John and Elizabeth (Coon) Stewart. Buried at Antioch Cemetery. Children: Elizabeth, Lucian, Myrtle, Clyde, Kenna and Lonnie.

4. Peter Pierce (2 March 1856-1943) married 8 March 1883 Sarah Margaret Furget (1857-1923). Buried in Antioch Cemetery. Children were: Wilbur, Mary Eva, Louise, Kenna and Roy.

5. Nancy Belle (1 July 1863-1951) married 16 February 1884 Robert B. Rardon. She was a school teacher. She is buried in Antioch Cemetery. Their children: Raliegh, Irene, Elizabeth, Jessie, Pauline and Amy.

6. Benjamin Wesley (22 February 1836-1937) married 16 August 1884 Florence Roseberry (1866-1950) daughter of William and Isabelle (Hunt) Roseberry. They lived on a farm on left fork of Cow Run. Buried in Otterbein Cemetery. Their children: Lettie, Harley, Marie, Ronald, Roscoe and Clayton.

I am the only living grandchild of Ephraim and Mazilla. I was only fourteen months old when my grandfather died. I've been told he asked to see the baby and that my sister, Anna carried me to see him. I well remember my grandmother. I helped to haul her casket from the undertakers, Daniel Rhodes, in Cottageville.

I was born 11 December 1890 and will be 99 years old in December of 1989. Submitted by Thomas Edison Sayre

GEORGE AND MAZILLA SAYRE

George Sayre, son of Able and Catherine Anderson Sayre, born October 22, 1860, Parchment Valley, near Evans, Jackson County. When very young he went to stay with "Uncle Davy" Sayre, who kept several work hands to clear land and plant crops on his big farm. Being small, he was paid half wages. One day as they were cradling wheat and had stopped for a rest, Davy said, "George, I've been watching you and you are doing as much work as the others, so I'll pay you full wages."

At this time there were several Sayre families in the neighborhood of Cow Run, Evans, Angerona and Parchment. The cousins worked together, stayed in each others home and were more like brothers and sisters. They, along with other young people made a road full of couples walking to and from Church, pie suppers, skating parties or whatever. Any house or barn being built called for a square dance. The fiddlers for these parties were Pete Herdman and his boys. The youngest of this large family was Mazilla Jane. Her mother, Nancy,



George Sayre with Prince and Spencer

died when Mazilla was six. George Sayre and Mazilla became dancing partners and on June 25, 1883 they were married. Their first home was at the head of Cow Run, right fork, on the hill above "Owl Hollow" in Mason County. In 1900 they moved to Jackson County, left fork of Cow Run, above Beech Grove, directly below Long View Ridge. A short time later George bought the adjoining property down the creek. This farm had two log cabins, one above the other. He joined the two, working with skids and a team of mules. He built a bedroom addition, making the house an L shape. The stairs to the loft went up by the large fireplace. Their next and permanent home was about a quarter mile down around the hill. This house had two large rooms with a steep roof. Grandpa built on to it with upstairs, making room for their family of eight. It was also home for two nephews who lost their mother, and later Jesse and Russell (Verna's two boys) came to stay with their Grandpa. George and his boys farmed other land, as well as their own. As the boys became old enough they went to work on the railroad, and came home every two weeks. Grandma washed their clothes down by the creek where she had her tubs, kettle, and clothes line. This was under two large trees covered with wild grape vines. Their clothes would be ready next time they came home. She always sang as she worked. She loved music; it being an inherited talent. She wanted to play the fiddle like her brothers, but at that time it wasn't considered lady-like. She would go out in the yard at night and listen to the foxhounds as they came over the hills and say, "what beautiful music!" To the little girl with her it just sounded like dogs barking. She loved flowers and had many different kinds around their picket fence. She rang the dinner bell at eleven o'clock for the workers in the field. Supper was at four. She was a true Christian. Granddaughters walked from church by her lantern light and later tried to imitate her calm way of life. In late October Mazilla suffered a stroke. Their youngest son, Tom, and his family moved in with them. She died December 5, 1939.

Grandpa George Sayre had a good memory as long as he lived. He was a good story-teller. The children would have him tell over and over about life at "Uncle Davys" and the bear he kept in his yard. He died January 21, 1950. He and Mazilla are buried at Creston, Mason County.



Mazilla (Herdman) Sayre

The children of George and Mazilla Sayre are as follows: (1) Wade Sayre (May 19, 1884), married Ona Dunham Miller, widow of Oak Miller. Their daughter, Edith, married Londis Miller and had one son, Harold Miller. (2) Lieu Verna Sayre (April 15, 1886 - died 1914), married Charles Melvin Donohew (Sept 30, 1884). Had two sons: Jesse Oliver and Russell Teddy. (3) Ira Virgil Sayre (March 24, 1888), married Effie Miller. Their children: Earl, Ira, Mabel, Violet, Ray, Velva, Dale, and Ruby. (4) Roy Oliver Sayre (October 3, 1892), married Ida Davis (Feb. 21, 1898). Had son, Richard Oliver Sayre, June 16, 1929. (5)

Nancy Cathorin Sayre (Feb. 14, 1895), married Hosea J. Shinn (April 8, 1889). Their children: Olive, Roy, Woodrow, Gladys Lucille, Arnold, Blanche, Naome Jane, Margaret, Dan and Darrell (twins). Clark Lee died when he was one year old. (6) Criss Coe Sayre (July 28, 1897), married Mary Lena Miller, born April 5, 1902. Their children: Dorsel, Flossie, Cecil, Ann, Raymond, Sidney, and Gay Lee. (7) George Thomas Sayre (August 31, 1899), married Corda Miller, born March 7, 1899. Their children: Lena, Mildred, Lorain, Londis, Bryce and Howard. Walter Lewis, stepson (Nov. 29, 1876) married Ethel _____. Their children: Edna, Violet and Samuel. They lived in Chicago. Have no information on this family. Submitted by Lena Sayre, Joy Sayre

GEORGE THOMAS SAYRE

George Thomas Sayre, son of George and Mazilla Herdman Sayre, was born August 31, 1899 in Mason County, W.Va. He married Corda Minerva Miller, daughter of Frank and Emma Stone Miller. George Stone brought his family to Jackson County in 1822 from Pennsylvania and settled below Ripley, his son John Stone reared two large families on 13 Mile Creek (Long Hollow) in Mason County (great grandfather and grandfather of Corda M. Miller).



G.T. Sayre and Tony

George "Tom" Sayre farmed with his father and worked on the railroad part time and in 1925 worked with his brother-in-law Dorsey Sayre at Goodyear in Akron, Ohio. Tom and Corda Sayre's first home was a log structure on the home place. In November 1925 the family moved to Dorsey Sayre's farm in Mason County. Grandpa Miller lived on the hill above the Sayre farm and Aunt Mamie's family lived on the opposite hill. The Sayre farm had a large house, barn and out-buildings. Tom could trade horses, fox hunt and work at his own speed. Corda was back near her homeplace and Lone Cedar School, and soon made this place home for her family. She enjoyed the farm life, having her own garden, raising chickens and turkeys. She kept her incubator in the back bedroom. She ordered a cream separator from Sears Roebuck and paid for it on a \$5.00 monthly payment plan. Cordia Sayre had many talents. She could play the organ at Church and took great pride in her young people's group. She could sew and often made her daughter's dresses without a pattern. The catalogues were our shopping centers. When Corda's son "Lo" showed musical talent she ordered him a guitar from Sears. Tom Sayre and his son carried their instruments in pillow cases to the parties. Tom would play his fiddle after dinner every day. Tom's main interest was horses. He and brother Criss liked to go to the Evans Fairground and mix with the racing crowd. He had a taste of victory when in 1938 his horse "Dr. Joe Ervin" came in first, another time in second place.

Tom Sayre and his family moved back to his homeplace after his mother was stricken in 1939. They turned this farm into a miniature Turkey Ranch for several years. During World War II Tom worked at the T.N.T. Plant in Pt. Pleasant and later for Cunningham Construction Company. He kept two "American Bred" saddle mares and raised colts. Later changing his hobby to "Walker Fox hounds," he and his son "Tink" traveled to the dog shows, and often bringing back trophies. Tom traded for a cane mill and Corda became an expert tending the "pan." Tom fed the cane into the mill, with "Old Dot" at the end of the pole.



Bryce, Lorain, Londis, Mildred, Lena, Corda, and Tom Sayre; standing in front: Howard

The children of George "Thomas" Sayre and Corda Minerva Miller are as follows:

1. Lena Evelyn Sayre, b. July 16, 1917, married Ted Arnold Sayre, born June 6, 1913. Their children: (A) Rita Margaret, b. Aug. 21, 1942, married Charles Poling, born Aug 20, 1933. Children: (a) Mark Aden Poling, b. Nov. 29, 1963, married Sandra Aamodt, b. May 2, 1966, and (b) Julie Janine Poling, b. Dec. 16, 1965, married Aaron Nelson, b. Aug. 13, 1966. (B) Kitty Elaine, b. September 21, 1944, married Charles Bowles, b. June 6, 1936, children: (a) Charles Adam Bowles, b. July 5, 1964 and (b) James Joseph Bowles, b. Feb. 18, 1967. (C) Dwight Wayne, born January 28, 1948, married Janice (Coutz) (Kerns), born Aug. 23, 1946. Children: (a) Joy Renee Sayre, born August 25, 1980. Janice has two children by a previous marriage to O.A. Kerns. (1) Angela Yvonne Kerns, born April 10, 1964, married David R. Fisher, b. July 14, 1960. and (2) Jeffrey Scott Kerns, born October 23, 1966.

2. Velma Mildred Sayre, born August 7, 1919, married Paul Eugene McIntyre, born March 7, 1915. Their children: (A) Paul Allen McIntyre, born January 21, 1939, married Sibly (Coleman), born May 12, 1941. Their child: (a) Pamela Ann McIntyre, born August 1961, married David Thomas, born March 28, 1958, and had child, Emily Elaine Thomas, born Mar. 2, 1987. (b) Melvin Allen McIntyre, born Feb. 17, 1964. (B) Evelyn Faye McIntyre, born October 4, 1941, married Dwight Sargent, born September 30, 1945. Their children: (a) Larry Allen Sargent, born September 30, 1957, married Lora Wandling, and had Tommy Clayton Sargent, born Oct. 5, 1976. Second marriage to Patricia Shamblin, born October 1, 1963, and they had: Amy Beth Sargent, born April 10, 1980, and Amber Nicole Sargent, born December 7, 1981. (C) Michael Randy McIntyre, born August 11, 1952, married Marguita Ann King, born Nov. 3, 1953 and they had: Holly Breann, born Sept 10, 1979. James Daniel Sargent, born May 9, 1962.

3. Burnis Lorain "Lo" Sayre, born July 15, 1922, married Alta Ercyl McCloud, born March 15, 1925. They had daughter, (A) Lois Dianne Sayre, born July 25, 1954, married Michael Mercer, born Nov. 10, 1951. Their children: (a) Michael Lorraine Mercer, born February 11, 1986, and (b) Elisha Dianne Mercer, born October 22, 1988.

4. Londas Bernard Sayre, born November 7,

1925, married Irene Bell McQuaid born May 16, 1928. Their children: (A) Judy Lorene Sayre, born April 2, 1952, married Ronald Dean Boyd (divorced), had children: (a) Ronald D. Boyd, born Dec. 15, 1975 and (b) Donald D. Boyd, born April 20, 1977. Judy married Lawrence McDonald (second marriage) and had son: Lawrence Norman McDonald, born Dec. 4, 1988.

5. Bryce Audbert Sayre, born June 27, 1928, married (7-18-1949) to Iva Louise King, born Sept. 20, 1930, children: (A) Roger Audbert Sayre born October 10, 1951, married Ella Drennen, born Sept. 24, 1958, children: (a) Crystal Rene Sayre, born Feb. 14, 1973, and (b) Roger Darin Sayre, born December 25, 1974. (B) Tracy Joe Sayre, born April 24, 1958, married Janine Myers, born November 12, 1959. Children: (a) Tyler John Sayre, born July 15, 1984, and (b) Ali Nicole Sayre, July 21, 1987. (C) Albert Alvin King (brother to Iva Louise King) born November 25, 1950, married Shelby Beegle, and had twins, Nina Mae King and Albert Louis King, born Nov. 30, 1976. Albert Alvin King, second marriage to Vickie White, born July 30, 1957. Children: Breanna Joy King, born April 9, 1984, and Leslie Ann King, born Dec. 15, 1977.

6. Howard Eugene Sayre, born July 10, 1936, married Charlotte Jones and had daughter, (A) Sherry Lynn Sayre, born July 16, 1960, married Brett Hamm, born Sept. 22, 1979, their children: (a) Heather Noel Hamm, born December 19, 1983, and (b) Jordan Matthew Hamm, born Aug. 9, 1973. (B) Sabrina Lee Sayre, born April 30, 1973. Howard Sayre's second marriage was to Iris Ann Roush, born January 16, 1940. *Submitted by Julie Poling Nelson and Crystal Sayre*

GEORGE W. SAYRE



Thelma Withrow with Glen Allen Withrow, Glen E. and Lenora (Sayre) Beckwith, and George W. Sayre, age 93.

Pictured above are five generations of the George W. Sayre family; George W. (93); daughter Lenora E. Sayre Beckwith (69); grandson Glen E. Beckwith (45); great-granddaughter Thelma Beckwith Withrow (23) and great-great-grandson Glen Allen Withrow (8 months).

This line of our ancestors appears elsewhere in this publication, so I will go no further back than great-great-grandfather, George W. Sayre (6/26/1839-7/06/1938, Otterbein), son of David Sayre and Minerva Stone, and great-great-grandmother Mary Jane Lewis (1/03/1839-2/16/1899, Otterbein), daughter of William Lewis Sayre and Diana (Flowers) Lewis. They were married 12/25/1861, and after her death he married Frances R. Mintern (1858-8/01/1942) on 2/03/1900.

George and Mary Jane were parents of nine children: *Lenora Ellen (Ella) (5/11/1863-1/03/1945, Blaine Memorial); Thomas Lewis (8/01/1865- 6/06/1882, Otterbein); Myrtle Ivy (4/17/1866-12/07/1924, Otterbein); William David (2/02/1868-6/06/1882, Otterbein); Lyddia Diana (Anna) (1/18/1870-12/31/1945); George Harvey (4/29/1872-7/15/1969); Early Douglas (3/28/1875-4/17/1926); Mary Agnes (Mayme) (2/26/1876-7/18/1962); John Jerome

(8/22/1878-12/23/1937).

*Lenora Ellen married (1/15/1885) William Lewis Beckwith (9/16/1861-5/24/1942, Blaine), son of Lewis Beckwith and Sarah Deen Grancil Steward. Their children were Glen Eustice (4/06/1887-10/25/1959, Blaine); **Olevia May (9/23/1890, Blaine); Frank Lewis (3/01/1892-7/17/1893, Antioch); Ray Oscar (2/21/1895-8/29/1915, Blaine); Elsie (2/21/1895-11/30/1897, Antioch); infant son, born and died 4/27/1902.

**Olevia May married William Lloyd Pinnell 1/09/1912. He was the son of William Perry Pinnell and Czrena Alwilda Williamson Lloyd. (See Beckwith, Pinnell, Lloyd) *Submitted by Virginia K. Shorts*

GEORGE W. AND ISABELLA SAYRE

George W. Sayre was born December 2, 1838, on Parchment Creek, Jackson County. His parents were Abel, Sr. and Ruth Parsons Sayre.

At his father's death, George was required by his father's will to look after and take care of his mother, Ruth, until her death and his unmarried sisters until they married. He inherited the acreage on which the homestead stood.

George served in the Jackson County Home Guards being mustered in with many others on July 20, 1863.

On November 3, 1864, George married Isabella Casto, the daughter of Elmore and Phoebe Cunningham Casto. Isabella was born November 27, 1844.

Elmore and Phoebe Casto were buried in the Webster cemetery on Angel Ridge near Fairplain.

George and Isabella Sayre were buried in the Mount Moriah cemetery near his parents.

Children of George and Isabella Sayre were:

Andrew Delmar, 1867-1944, m. Ada Rebecca Unrue. Abel, 1869-1945, m. Sarah E. Harpold. McCommas, 1871-1938, m. Lenora Love. Martha Alice, 1875-1925, m. Daniel Edward Bayer. Elmer, 1877-1938, m. Mary Jane (Nana) Stewart. Lin, 1865-1866, Renia M., 1880-1884, Cordelia,



front: Cora, Isabelle, Martha, and George Sayre; upstairs: McCommas, Elmer, Abe, and Della Sayre

1884-1886, died as infants.

The Sayre land continues to be owned and operated by his descendants. *Submitted by Mrs. Freda C. Crum*

GEORGE W. AND MARY JANE (LEWIS) SAYRE

George Washington Sayre was the oldest of ten children of David Sayre, 1810-1895. David had five children by his first wife, Minerva Stone, 1819-1851, daughter of George and Lucinda Miller Stone and five by his second wife, Marthenia Hill, 1832-1872, daughter of Laben and Rebecca Woodruff Hill. David and wives are buried in Sayre Cemetery, Cow Run, Cottageville, WV.

George married Mary Jane Lewis, 1839-1899, daughter of William Lewis, 1818-1893 and Diana



George W. and Mary Jane Sayre

Flowers Lewis, 1817-1909. They are all buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Evans, WV. Her paternal grandparents were Andrew Lewis, 1799-1850, who married Jennie Boswell. Her great grandparents were Thomas Lewis, 1752-1800, who married Sallie Thornton and her great great grandfather was General Andrew Lewis, 1720-1781, who defeated the British and Indians at the Battle of Point Pleasant, the first battle of the American Revolution. General Lewis' wife was Elizabeth Givens and his parents were John Lewis 1678-1762, founder of Staunton, Virginia and Lady Margaret Lynn Lewis, daughter of the Lord of Loch Lynn, Scotland. John Lewis' parents were Andrew Lewis and Mary Calhoun, Donegal County, Ireland.

George and Mary Jane had nine children: Lenore Ellen (Ella) 1863-1945 who married William Beckwith, both buried at Blaine Memorial Cemetery, Cottageville, WV; Thomas Lewis, 1864-1882, buried Otterbein Cemetery; Minnie Myrtle, 1866-1924 who married William Henry Sayre, she is buried at Otterbein, he is buried at Kimberling-Sayre Cemetery, Arbuckle, Mason Co, WV; William David, 1868-1882, buried at Otterbein; Lydia Diana (Annie), 1870-1945, married James Okey Crum, buried at Antioch Cemetery, Cow Run, Cottageville, WV; George Harvey, 1872-1969, married first Arkie Ann Dulin, second Fanny Paugh, buried at Otterbein; Early Douglas 1875-1926, who married Minerva Barr, lived and died in Gaston, Indiana; Mary Agnes (Mayme) 1876-1962, who married Thornton Lloyd, buried at Blaine Memorial; John Jerome, 1878-1937, married first Emma Jean Barr, second Ella M. Cozart, buried at Otterbein. (Refer to John J. Sayre history)

Tragedy struck the family in 1882 when sons, Thomas and William drowned together in Cow Run while rafting logs.

After the death of Mary Jane in 1899, George married Frances Mintern. One child was born to this marriage who died in infancy.

George's grandfather, Daniel, 1785-1866 (Staats Cemetery, Evans, WV) and great grandfather, David, 1762-1856 (Staats Cemetery), were pioneers in Jackson County, settling in the Evans flats in 1800. This David's father was the David Sayre, 1736-1826, Revolutionary War soldier buried at Letart Falls Cemetery, Letart Falls, Ohio with an official D.A.R. marker at his grave.

"Pap George," as he was commonly called, was one of Union district's best known and best loved citizens. He operated a large farm during the greater part of his life, retiring and moving to Cottageville at the age of eighty. He lived to see Jackson County develop from a vast timber-land wilderness to one of the richest agricultural counties in West Virginia. His life spanned an incredible culture change and he liked to regale his many grandchildren with tales of his past. One story was about the Sayre School he attended in the 1840s. Of log construction, it didn't have windows, instead a log was left out and that opening was covered with greased paper which let light filter through. One wintery morning, teachers and students arrived to find a hungry hound dog had eaten the

greased paper! School went on as usual with a cold west wind swirling through the opening, making the day pretty miserable for all.

George was a very thorough man throughout his long life. He planned things down to the smallest detail, even having made arrangements for his own funeral. From his many grandsons, he selected six to carry him to his final resting place. Years before his death, he commissioned a carpenter grandson, Hoyt Crum, to build a coffin of the finest cedar finished like a fine piece of furniture. Originally it was lined with cheesecloth, but when his daughter-in-law, Ella Cozart Sayre saw it, she purchased satin lining from a casket company and sewed and quilted and padded until the interior duplicated that of a purchased casket. When he inspected the final result, "Pap George" said "Gawsh, Gawsh!", his favorite expression, "that's fine enough to sleep in!"

George's ninety-ninth birthday was June 26, 1938 and on July 6, Jackson County's oldest citizen died. The man, in whose welfare a whole county had been interested, was carried to his final resting place in his beautiful cedar casket.

Submitted by Sharon Hartley Brundige and Debby Hartley Shinn

IRA AND EFFIE M. SAYRE

Ira Virgil Sayre (3/24/1888), son of George and Mazilla Herdman Sayre married Effie Miller, daughter of John and Elzina Barr Miller. They went by horse and buggy to Ripley and were married on the covered bridge. Their children are: Earl, Ira, Mabel, Violet, Ray, Velva, Dale and Ruby Doll. All the children were born in Jackson County, near Beech Grove, around the hill from Grandpa Sayre's. The family farmed, raised their own vegetables, "holed" up their potatoes, apples, and cabbage for winter use. Virgil worked on the railroad, mending track. He and his brother-in-law, Waldo Herdman, walked to Angerona (about two miles), rode the "skeeter," (hand car), to the job and walked back in the evening.

The older children grew up with their Sayre cousins and all went to Beech Grove School. There were three special events at the schools each year; pie suppers, Christmas programs, and the last day of school. The whole community turned out for these. Christmas was so exciting for the four little Sayre cousins: Mabel, Violet, Lena and Mildred. The program would hardly be finished when we would hear the firecrackers and yells of the boys outside that meant Santa was coming. He came in with a lot of stomping and whacking his cane, and carrying a big sack with a treat for every student. The Sayre boys were usually the ones making the most noise.

Earl and Ira had good friends on the hill above, John Fox and Ted Sayre. They hunted together, walked to church together and rode horses through the "Donohew Lease" to "Pickle-bean" Church. Ray's "buddies" were Pete and Babe Sayre, Ted's brothers. Ray helped them work their calves and ride on the buggy frame. They traveled many miles down the hills. Velva was the happy go lucky, high-spirited one. Dale loved the family pets. He was four when they moved, Ruby was the baby.



Ira Virgil Sayre with horse

It was a sad time for these cousins and friends when they heard talk that Virgil's family might move to Ohio. Earl at 17 worked for Dan McKown who owned a farm below Ripley. When Dan bought a farm in Ohio, Earl went there to work and soon located a big farm that was for rent at Burgoon, Ohio. Virgil rented this farm, bought three horses on Cow Run, and he and Jessee Fox hauled them to Ohio at night. A few days later Virgil's family moved to Ohio. Hoyt McCloud (Effie's sister, Alma's husband) had rented a farm there too, so both families moved at the same time.

Virgil's place was down a lane with a beautiful big house, barn and all kinds of equipment to work with. Their main crop for a while was sugar beets. Effie worked at the Heinz Company in Freemont. Virgil was a good farmer with plenty of help, and in a few years was able to have a place of his own. The family grew up, married, and most of them settled in that same section of Ohio. They always came back to West Virginia, especially to the family reunions. Several of the Shinn cousins are in that part of Ohio too, and keep in touch.

Virgil, Effie and Earl are buried in McCormley Cemetery, Ohio.



row 1: Ruby; row 2: Dale, Velva and Ray; row 3: Violet, Earl, Virgil, Ira, Effie and Mabel

Children of Ira Virgil and Effie Miller Sayre follows below.

1. Earl (10/15/1912) (2/1/1973), married Ruth J. King, (10/16/1917), Utah. Their children: (a) Sandra (10/7/1940) (Burgoon, Ohio), married Donald B. Friend (Utah), and children: Michael (4/13/1960), married Rhnea Garrett (Dallas, Texas) and Michelle (1/20/1970); (b) Judith (10/22/1944) (Freemont, Ohio) married David Osterburg and their children were Timothy (4/2/1965), Anthony (9/6/1968), Toby (12/21/1971) and Tonya (2/1/1973); (c) Stanley (4/8/1955), married Annie Hoelzle (Freemont, Ohio) and their children Katherine (12/24/1980), Donald (2/5/1984), and William (4/17/1987); 2. Ira (12/15/1914) married Viola Mullens (Dayton, Ohio), son Roger b. Sept. 19, 1940; 3. Mable (7/14/1915), married Russell Hade, their children (a) Trolas (1/28/1936) (Tiffon, Ohio), married James Van de Kirkhoff, children were Susan (1/17/1975), Andrew (12/6/1977), and Nicholas (6/18/1978); (b) Dallas (9/11/1942), married Rose Ardner (Tiffon) their children, Frank (8/22/1964) and Freddy (12/13/1965); (c) Garnett (9/11/1942), married Daryl Swander (Tiffon), children born Janel (10/14/1962) and Petra (4/27/1965); (d) Sammy (7/21/1950), married Bonnie Levans, (Tiffon), children were Kristie (3/21/1971) and Mistie (6/27/1977); 4. Violet (1/16/1918), married Howard Shawl, children (a) John (2/8/1941) (Ohio), married Betty Jo Bowen (Oklahoma) their children were Johnny (6/25/1966) (Oregon) and Rebecca (5/5/1968) (Oregon); (b) Dianna (11/24/1945) married George Hatfield (California), son, William Hatfield (5/4/1968) (Oregon); 5. Ray (1/4/1920), married Patricia Dye (Fostoria, Ohio), son, David (9/17/1946), married (1) Rachel Tressler, married (2) Shirley Franklin, daughters born were Sheryl Lynn, 1970 and Tamra, 1972; 6. Velva (Rusty)

(5/22/1921) m. Nilian Fick (2/14/1923) (Port Clinton, Ohio), sons (a) Jan Dale (5/23/1943), m. Kathleen Gresh (7/6/1946), and their children were: Bradley (10/26/1966), m. Michelle Cutter (9/10/1970) their daughter, Rebecca born Feb. 21, 1987; and Derek (5/4/1970); (b) Ira Dean (8/11/1955), m. Sandra Reyome (6/2/1956) and daughters born Tabitha (5/1/1979), and Kimberly (12/13/1983). 7. Dale, born March 6, 1923, married June Miller (Dayton, Ohio), divorced. Children were: Dale, Debra, Coleen, Larry, Carol, Star, Brenda, and Kenneth. 8. Ruby (7/27/27), married Ernest Swaisgood (11/3/25) (Helena, Ohio) son of Vernon and Sara Hower Swaisgood. Children: (a) Linda (4/30/1954) (Freemont, Ohio) m. (1) James West (10/5/1951) (Tiffon) Sons: Brian (9/21/1974) (Freemont) and Craig (7/29/1977), divorced, married (2) Davy Fox; (b). Teresa (2/19/1957) married (1) Robert Whitt, divorced, married (2) Timothy Kinnin, Children were Jason (Whitt) Kinnin (10/19/1976) (Freemont, Ohio) and Brandi (Whitt) Kinnin (8/10/1977); (c) Steven (3/21/1958), married Julie Legg (10/15/1960) (West Virginia), children were Angela (7/24/1978) (Sandusky, Ohio) and Jackolyn (4/8/1981); (d) Stacy (9/15/1965) married Jill Clary (Freemont, Ohio). *Submitted by Ruth Sayre and Ruby Swaisgood*

ISAAC AND ANNA (BENNETT) SAYRE

Our father Isaac Allen Sayre (27 July 1893-6 February 1975) was born at Evans, W.Va. the son of John Thomas and Della (Shinn) Sayre. He married 21 September 1912, at Moundsville, W.Va., Anna Bennett who was born at Cottageville, W.Va. the daughter of Lewis "Jake" and Charity "Aunt Coon" (Sayre) Bennett.

Early in life father learned the skills of his father and grandfather in the carpenter trade. Father worked on many construction jobs in Pennsylvania, Ohio and W.Va. He retired from Union Carbide in South Charleston, W. Va. where he was carpenter.



Isaac and Anna (Bennett) Sayre, 50th Wedding Anniv.

Our mother was a homemaker and the mother of thirteen children:

1. Franklin Lewis born 31 July 1913 at Cottageville, W.Va. He graduated from Union High School at Cottageville in 1933. On 7 August 1938 he married Ada Ruth Sayre the daughter of Thomas Edison and Florence Sayre. They have made their home at 325 20th Street, Dunbar, W.Va. over 51 years. Frank is a retired sheet metal worker. No children.

2. Elizabeth born 1 April 1915 in Pennsylvania. In Kanawha Co., W.Va. she married Earl Hawkins. On 26 October 1933 she died in Charleston, W.Va.

3. Katherine born 6 August 1916 in Pennsylvania and died there 16 October 1916.

- 4 & 5. Twins: Paul and Pauline born 25 December 1917 at Cottageville, W.Va. Paul died 9 September 1918. Pauline married 7 December 1935 Harsel Andrew Barnette, son of Clyde and Lucy (Stover) Barnette. They lived in Dunbar, W.Va. until 1957 when they moved to Melbourne,

Fla. Their two children, Hearsel Ray and Lou Ann were born in Dunbar, W. Va.

6. Jeanette born 28 October 1919 at Cottageville, W.Va. She married 13 March 1938 Benjamin Trent and were the parents of two children: Gary and Rhonda. They divorced and she married 12 August 1957 Herchel Winter son of James Emmett and Ruby (Washington) Winter. Four children: Vickie, Ricky, Mark and Pamela. They reside in Nitro, W.Va.

7. Geraldine born 5 February 1921 at Cottageville, W.Va. She married 23 December 1939 Otho Higginbotham son of Leander and Eva (Higginbotham) Higginbotham. They made their home in Eleanor, W.Va. and had three children: Sharon Elizabeth, Ronald Edward and John Leander. She died 28 June 1979 and is buried in Tyler Mountain Cemetery, Kanawha Co. W.Va.

8. Warren Allen born 13 July 1922 at Cottageville, W.Va. married Julia Snodgrass daughter of James and Pearl Mae (Roach) Snodgrass. They made their home in St. Albans, W.Va. and are the parents of three children: Robert Allen, John Franklin and Robin Renee. Warren followed in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and great grandfather in the carpenter trade and is retired from Union Carbide where he was a construction carpenter foreman.

9. Mary Maxine born 27 March 1926 in Columbus, Ohio married 17 May 1944 Raymond Jordan (1924-1982) son of Harry A. and Pearl (Crum) Jordan. They made their home on a farm near Red House, W.Va. Two children: Connie Sue and Daniel O'Brien. On 25 June 1987 Maxine married second Sebert Witt.

10. Donald Eugene born 9 August in Columbus, Ohio married 20 August 1949 Verjean Jividen daughter of William Hollie and Zelma (Gibson) Jividen. They made their home in Eleanor, W.Va. and had four children: Diana Kay, Darrell Eugene, William Edwin and Jeffery Allen. Donald is a retired sheet metal worker.

11 & 12. Twins: Robert Wade and William Wayne born 17 June 1929 at Evans, W.Va. They died in August of 1929 at Dunbar, W.Va.

13. Lawrence Edward born 31 May 1933 in Dunbar, W.Va. married first Mary Ruth Powell and had three children: Larry, Julie and Penny. They divorced and he married second Aunita Whittington and they had two sons: Lawrence, Jr. and Clayton. They divorced and he married third Patty Hite and they had one son Jimmy. They live in St. Albans, W.Va. Lawrence is a sheet metal worker.

Our father, three brothers and two sisters are buried in Blaine Memorial Cemetery at Cottageville, W.Va.

Our mother lives in Nitro, W.Va. by herself and will celebrate her 95th birthday on February 2, 1990. She has 88 living descendants. *Submitted by Warren Allen Sayre and Donald Eugene Sayre*

J. J. AND ELLA M. (COZART) SAYRE

John, buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Jackson Co., WV was the youngest of nine children of George Washington Sayre (1839-1938) and Mary Jane Lewis Sayre (1839-1899). He was a well known and respected teacher in Jackson Co., teaching from 1900 to 1935. He had a Lifetime Teaching Certificate, an indication of his scholastic ability.

Over his lifetime of teaching, he taught at Antioch, Brown, Silver Valley, Beech Grove, Walnut Grove (Angerona), Lone Oak, Fairview and Millwood schools.

In Anderson, Indiana, John married Emma Jean Barr, sister of his brother Douglas' wife, Minerva. The sister's parents were John W. "Buck" Barr (1831-1891) and Nancy Miriam (Hunt) Barr (1840-1917) who are buried in Spruce Cemetery, Jackson Co., WV. John taught that year, 1903-

1904, Spiceland School, Madison Co., Indiana. John and Emma then returned to Jackson Co., WV and bought a farm on Cow Run. In 1909, their son, Clinton Lewis was born. In 1912 Emma Jean died.

In 1915, John was attending Teachers Institute (College) in Ripley. His sister, Myrtle started him corresponding with her husband's niece, Ella Cozart from Charleston, WV. Myrtle's match-making worked for after a summer of letter writing, John and Ella met and were married that September. In 1919, their daughter, Reba Carmen was born. A year later she died of pneumonia. In 1923, another daughter, Audrey Lillian was born. In 1928, their third and last child, Herbert Douglas was born.



John Jerome and Ella M. (Cozart) Sayre

Ella Mahalia Cozart (Otterbein Cemetery) was the daughter of Isaac Cozart (1859-1916), oldest son of Lafayette (1836-1906) and Mahalia (Sayre) Cozart (1840-1920). Ella's mother was Sarah Hannah Sayre (1865-1943), daughter of Mark Gilman Sayre (1830-1917) and Mary Charlotte Parsons (1834-1916). Mark Sayre held the rank of second lieutenant in the Virginia militia in 1861. On August 29, 1862, he enlisted in the 13th Virginia regiment, took rank as corporal, participated in eighteen hard fought battles in the Civil War and received honorable discharge on June 22, 1865 at Wheeling, WV. Mark Sayre's parents were Ezekiel and Hannah (Gilman) Sayre, grandparents were David and Sarah Little Sayre who settled in the Evans flats in 1800. His great grandparents were David and Hannan (Frazier) Sayre. This David (1736-1826) was the Revolutionary War soldier buried at Letart Falls, Ohio.

Isaac and Sarah Hannah Sayre Cozart are buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston, WV. Mark Gilman and Mary Charlotte Parsons Sayre are buried in Kimberling-Sayre Cemetery, Mason Co., WV.

In 1911, Ella Cozart began work as a telephone operator in Charleston. Starting at six in the evening, she worked the switchboard until midnight. She could then go to bed, in a bed kept behind the lockers, until five A.M. Then it was back to work until seven when the day shift came. When C&P took over, one year later, they did away with this shift and removed the bed.

The first floor of the telephone building was offices, the second floor was rest rooms with another room where a matron, a Mrs. Dabney, looked after the telephone girls. Each girl took something, a potato and a chunk of sidemeat for example, and the matron cooked it for that girl's lunch. The telephone operators worked on the third floor amid a lot of heavy machinery. A precarious situation developed when it was discovered the large beams supporting the third story were riddled with termites. These beams had to be replaced, very carefully!

Ella made the munificent sum of twelve cents an hour at this job. Her previous job at the 5&10 store had only paid seven cents an hour. After working at the telephone company for a time, she started college and in 1915, graduated from Capitol City Commercial College with high marks, ready to join the business world. However, romance

intervened and she married instead and moved to her husband's farm in Jackson Co. Her new husband, John, was proud of his college educated wife. He framed her diploma and hung it on their "sitting" room wall where he pointed it out to visitors. This did not endear her to the neighborhood wives who thought that since she was from the city she was uppity anyway!

Clinton Lewis Sayre (1908-1979), only child of John Jerome and Emma Jean (Barr) Sayre, married Olive Anderson (1912 -). They were the parents of five children: Karl, Ruth Ann, Pearl Jean, Eleanor, Cecil Ray. Karl Lewis (1934-34) and Ruth Ann (1939-39), died in infancy.

Pearl Jean (1935 -) married Keith Radar. One child: Vickie Jo (1954 -); Jean divorced, married Joseph Fowler (1925 -), one child: Jonathan (1969 -).

Eleanor (1940 -) married William Grubbs (1931 -). Three children: Tami (1963 -), married Bryan Wheat; Samantha (1974 -) and William (1977 -).

Cecil Ray (1943 -) married Carol Noll (1942 -). Three children: Denise (1965 -); Jeffrey (1969 -) and Dianne (1974 -).

Audrey Lillian Sayre, daughter of John Jerome and Ella (Cozart) Sayre married Edward C. Hartley and had five children: Stephen, Nicholas, Randall, Sharon, and Deborah. Stephen (1942-1943) died of a throat infection and Nicholas (1944-1954) died of polio. The surviving children are:

Randall Ray (1947 -) married Sandra Milla (1951 -). Three children: Carla Rae (1971 -); Melanie Lea (1975 -); Thomas Edward (1977 -).

Sharon Sue (1950 -) married Charles Palmer, divorced; married James R. Brundige (1953 -). One child: James R. Brundige (1983 -).

Deborah Diane (1952 -) married Opie L. Tackett. Two children: Ryan Lewis (1974 -) and Tanya Nicole (1977 -); divorced, married Dennie Lee Shinn (1950 -), one child: Lance Parker Shinn (1983 -).

Herbert Douglas Sayre (1928 -), only son of John Jerome and Ella (Cozart) Sayre married Eloise Koontz (1927 -). Two children; Gregory Allen and Judith Ann.

Gregory (1956 -) married Jane Anderson, one child: Christopher Sean (1983 -); divorced, married Toni Renee Dolan (1965 -) who has one daughter, Renee (1982 -).

Judith (1959 -) married Douglas Phares (1959 -).

Submitted by Herbert D. Sayre and Audrey Sayre Hartley

JASPER SAYRE

Jasper Newton Sayre, son of Elijah Sayre and Mary Jane Hunt Sayre and grandson of Daniel Sayre and Sarah Hall Sayre. Jasper was born January 16, 1858 at Huntsville (Cow Run), Jackson County. His brothers and sisters were Sarah Ann, Wesley, Louise, Fielding, Mary Isabelle, John Oliver, Daniel Floyd, Fisher, and Elijah Jr.

Jasper married Martha Anne Barnett, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Casto Barnett on June 16, 1878. She was born in Mason County on



Jasper and Martha (Barnett) Sayre with sons, Virgil, John and Floyd

June 11, 1858. Jasper and Martha's first home was in the Rockcastle Community, living there until their first child Samuel was born. After that they moved to Huntsville on Cow Run. Jasper was a good farmer and Martha a good help mate and as their family grew they prospered, and by the time our father Virgil was born they had bought the farm on the hill above them. It was on this land that they began building their dream home.

Their seventh child Howard was born in the new house. The new place overlooked beautiful Cow Run Valley. The barn Jasper built is still a landmark in that community today. It can be seen for miles around. The barn was made by building a wall of stone in the underground portion of it. The stones were hauled one at a time on a wagon drawn by three horses.

Jasper and his boys farmed the ridges overlooking Cow Run. They also went through the country buying livestock. This livestock was driven to Millwood and shipped to Pittsburgh either by boat or freight.

Grandma Martha was a strong lady, always keeping a large flock of chickens and turkeys. She raised a garden, canned, and she set a fine table for their family, work hands, or other guests that might stop by the house. Grandma was also an excellent horse woman. She could saddle up her own horse, hitch her own horse and buggy to visit her grandchildren across the hills.

Grandma Martha had a particularly close bond to her grandchildren because she raised some of them. One of these grandchildren, Avelce, was raised entirely by her. The trips alone with her horses gave her much time to think of her family. Many of her family had settled in Rockcastle, some later moving to Oklahoma. Martha's mother and father were among those who moved to Oklahoma. Jasper and Martha were members of Fairview Advent Church.

Jasper and Martha's children are:

1. Samuel Furman (December 9, 1878-October 23, 1957) married Julia Ann Mullinax. Their children are: Samuel Lucian Sayre, and Avelce Sayre Brown.

His second marriage was to Edith Alice Canter Sayre. Their children are Floy Elizabeth who died at the age of one year and four days, and Edith Sayre Click.

2. Margaret Sayre Barnett (August 18, 1880-September 1, 1941) at Pomeroy, Ohio. She married Wallace Bradford Barnett. He was the Sheriff of Mason County. Their children are: Elpha Barnett Ebersbach, Edith Barnett Hordin, Bessie Barnett Musgrave, Eunice Barnett Sheline Hesson.

3. Preston Floyd (September 13, 1883-April 30, 1963) married Edith Elizabeth Frampton. They had one adopted daughter Madalyn Sayre King.

4. Hugh Jasper Sayre (September 4, 1885-February 8, 1975) married Lillie Shinn Sayre. Their children are: Harry Blake Sayre, Virgil Bradford Sayre, Mabel Sayre Burdick, Imogene Sayre Rhodes, Jasper Allen Sayre, Maxine (Patty) Sayre Fowler, King Sayre, Ferrell Sayre Mundy, Troy Sayre, Justine Sayre, Walden Ray Sayre.

5. Raleigh Butcher Sayre (John) (September 18, 1887-1977) married Dora Matheny. Their children are: Dora Margaret (Leota) Sayre Click Bailey. His second wife was Cynthia Mae Wilcoxin. Their children are: Leone Sayre Jacques, Blaine Sayre, Layton Sayre, Dwight Sayre, Ralph Sayre, and Beryl Eileen Sayre Riggs Lawton

6. Delbert Virgil Sayre (May 2, 1890-September 20, 1983) married Lola Margaret (Maggie) Fox. Their children are: Arnold (Ted) Sayre, Marion Marshall, Beulah Bell, Cletis Wayne (Pete), Virgil Ledford (Babe), Donald Bedford (Tommy), and Lola Ardella Sayre Click.

7. James Howard Sayre (May 17, 1892-July 17, 1971) married Ida Durst. Their children are: Landus, Charlotte Sayre Robinson, Bernice Sayre

Dixon Saunders, and Madalyn Sayre King.

His second wife was Nancy Myrtle Donahew. Their children are: Floyd, Wyona Sayre Hill, Macile Sayre Allen, Viola Sayre Harris, and Keith.

Grandma Martha died April 1, 1934 on Easter Sunday at her home in Cottageville, WV. After her death a grandson Lucian came to live with Grandpa. Lucian later got a job in Pittsburgh, PA and later married there. Grandpa then gave up his home. He spent some time living with his son Hugh and later lived with his son Virgil. He died February 7, 1938. He and grandma are both buried at Otterbein. Submitted by Ardella Sayre Click and Nichole Mounts

JOEL SAYRE

Joel Sayre 1330-7 was born 9 January 1793, in Monongalia County, Virginia, now West Virginia, the son of Sarah (Little) and David Sayre 549-6. The first record we find of his residing in what is now Jackson County was when he appeared on the 1814 personal property tax list of that area. He first married Katherine Starcher, the daughter of Jacob and Anna (Staats) Starcher. They were the parents of eight children:



Joel Sayre

1. Rhoda Sayre the oldest married 8 April, 1838, William Beatty. Rhoda died 1838 in childbirth with their son, George. George was premature, but was nursed to health by his step-grandmother, Amelia (Rice) Sayre. George married 26 November, 1865, Mary E. Romine.

2. Hannah Sayre a deaf mute, never married. She and sister, Katherine, went to a school for the deaf in Staunton, Virginia. There they learned to read, write, and spell with their hands.

3. Katherine Sayre met a young man, John Flythe, in the school of the deaf, and they were married 26 February, 1871.

4. Jacob Starcher Sayre born 1818 was named for his grandfather, Jacob Starcher. In 1839 he married Mary Ables. In 1839 Jacob bought the Ripley grist mill from his father, Joel. In 1840 Jacob built a new grist mill on the bank of Mill Creek, opposite from the first mill. He also rebuilt the dam, built a saw mill, and added a bolting chest to the mill. In 1842 he added a carding machine which was run by water power. In 1853 he sold the mill, and after his father's death, he and the family moved to near Wabash, Indiana. Banta's history of "The Sayre Family" listed eleven children: Henry H., Benjamin Franklin, Harriet, Mazilla, Jacob N., John H., Maria, Alice, William H., Lewis C., and Mary C. Mary, the wife, died in Indiana. After her death Jacob made several trips back to Jackson County and finally returned to finish his last days here.

5. Laban Sayre died in 1835 when a team of horses ran away with him on his father's farm. He was a deaf mute.

6. Sarah Sayre married Alpheus Armstrong, son of Andrew and Rachel Armstrong. They had seven children: James A., Rosetta, Hannah C., Hoyt, Rose

L., Thomas W., Annie, and Samuel A.

7. Jane Sayre (1822-1905) married 7 June, 1844, John Ewing (1818-1907) born in Ohio. He was a farmer and a tanner. According to census records, they were the parents of Adeline, Joel S., James H., Elisha, Mary C., William, John D., and Jennings.

8. Anna Sayre married first, Isaac Cunningham and they were the parents of Edward, Mildred Amelia, and Isaac Spencer Cunningham. Anna married second, Robert Little and they were the parents of Sarah Jane, Phoebe Catherine, and Hannah Little.

After the death of Katherine, Joel married second, 27 August, 1829, Amelia "Millie" Rice (1809-1885) daughter of Shadrack and Mary (Boice) Rice. They were the parents of eight children:

1. Daughter died soon after birth.

2. Lydia Sayre married Elisha Walton. They were the parents of Theodore, Ida M., Florence R., and Morris Delmer Walton.

3. Nehemiah Smith Sayre, born 1836, married 21 August, 1856, Rebecca Riser, daughter of Boston and Elizabeth Riser. Nehemiah was a saw mill operator. They lived in Ripley for awhile, but later moved to Parkersburg in Wood County, West Virginia. Their children were: Charles Walton, Edgar Lawson, Martha E., Robert E., Julia, Clarence, Emma L., and Mary Sayre.

4. Squire William Sayre, born 5 August, 1838. Never married. He was a farmer in Jackson County.

5. David Little Sayre (12 April, 1840-6 April, 1898) married 28 August, 1862, Elizabeth McKown (19 April, 1841-3 October, 1882), daughter of Gilbert and Bersheba (Bowers) McKown. David Little was a farmer, miller, and ran a saw mill. Buried in King Cemetery below Ripley. Their children were: John Charles, Absolem Franklin, Edward Greeley, Ida May, Leona Lillian, and Samuel Bishop Sayre. After Elizabeth's death, David Little married Sidney Kessel and they had one son, Randall C. Sayre.

6. Doctor Joel Sayre, born 5 July, 1842, married 7 December, 1862, Elizabeth Patterson, daughter of Samuel and Mary A. Patterson. His chief occupation was running saw mills and making sorghum molasses. He moved to near Chester, West Virginia, where he died in 1925 and was buried in Locust Hill Cemetery in Chester, West Virginia. Their children: Mary Alice, Richard A. and James A. (twins), Albert E., Amelia, Oscar A., Cyrus Homer, Amanda, Benjamin F., Walter, and Samuel Sayre.

7. Charles Sayre (7 July, 1844-1 January, 1930) married 30 October, 1880, Margaret Clarisse Price (6 March 1860-31 March 1924), daughter of William and Mary (Hart) Price. Charles served in the Confederate Army with Company B, 22nd Regiment of Virginia Infantry. In 1915 he and the family moved to Morgantown, West Virginia, where he and his wife died and are buried in East Oak Grove Cemetery near Morgantown, West Virginia. Their children: Greck, Jessie, Charles, Jr., Mary L., Clara, Dorothy, and Gordon Sayre.

8. Samuel Bishop Sayre (8 November, 1846-1931) married in Wood County, 11 April, 1875, Virginia Ella Graham (1851-1920). They made their home in Wirt County near Elizabeth, West Virginia, where he was a farmer and merchant. They are buried in Knights of Pythias Cemetery near Elizabeth, West Virginia. Their children were: Merley M., Harry G., and Val Sayre.

Joel Sayre's home was located just below Ripley on Mill Creek. The first court of Jackson County was held in his home and continued to be held there until the court house was built in Ripley in 1833. A room in his house was set aside and used for a jail. Joel was a farmer and owned a large acreage of land. In 1837 he bought the grist mill in Ripley that had been built by Jacob Starcher.

He operated this until 1839 when he sold it to his son, Jacob. Joel died 15 January 1855 and is buried in the King Cemetery below Ripley, over-looking Jackson General Hospital.

We are the great grandchildren of Joel Sayre 1330-7. Our father was Samuel Bishop Sayre, the son of David Little Sayre. *Submitted by Samuel Dennis Sayre and Dollie Virginia (Sayre) Carden*

JOHN THOMAS SAYRE

John Thomas Sayre (1867-1952) was the son of Issac and Sarah Margaret (Love) Sayre. He was born in Angerona, W.V. As a young man, he carried the mail three times a week between Angerona and Point Pleasant, on foot.

With the arrival of the B&O Railroad branch from Ripley to Point Pleasant, John Thomas opened a grocery store about 1888 in then what was called Staats Crossing. The store became a hub of activity with John Thomas purchasing timber, serving as postmaster, freight agent for the B&O Railroad and Railway Express, and as a distribution point for salesmen's merchandise arriving by rail. His home doubled as a boarding house for salesmen traveling in the area.

The residents of Staats Crossing thought the town should have a shorter name. One Sunday morning they gathered to rename this town. When consensus on a name could not be reached, the residents each wrote their favorite name on a slip of paper to be drawn from a hat. John Thomas submitted the name Evans. Mrs. Lottie Staats drew from the hat the name of Evans, and from that day in 1888 the village has borne the name of Evans, W.V.

On October 21, 1890, John Thomas married Della Shinn (1869-1956), daughter of Allen Alford and Sarah Ann (Sayre) Shinn. They established their home in Evans, where they resided until 1943 when they moved to Parkersburg, W.V. Their Evans home is still prominent in the town and occupied to this day (1989).

In addition to farming and the grocery, John Thomas operated a large planing mill in the early 1900s. He shipped flooring, molding and dressed lumber from the mill. The planing mill was destroyed by fire in 1891 and never rebuilt.



John Thomas Sayre family, 50th Wedding Anniversary

John Thomas, his wife and three small children are buried in Otterbein Cemetery. Those living to adulthood were:

1. Zora M. (1891-1969) married 15 July 1909 to Edgar Eugene Sayre (1887-1970) the son of Lafayette and Nancy (Lewis) Sayre. Three children were born to this union: Wahnetia, Neal and John Edgar. Zora, Edgar, Wahnetia, and Neal are buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

2. Issac Allen (1893-1975) married 21 September 1912 to Anna Bennett (1895 -) daughter of Lewis "Jake" and Charity "Coon" (Sayre) Bennett. Thirteen children were born to this union: Franklin, Elizabeth, Katherine, Paul and Pauline (twins), Jeanette, Geraldine, Warren, Maxine, Donald, Robert and William (twins), and Lawrence. Issac and five children are buried in Blaine Memorial Cemetery.

3. Harry Russell (1894-1983) married 27 May

1917 to Mae Ethel Long (1896-1962) daughter of Jackson and Ollie (Hall) Long. Three children were born to this union: Mildred, Stacel, and Joy. Harry Russell and his wife moved to Columbus, Ohio in 1922. They are buried in Sunset Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. Russell married his second wife, Dorothy Chilcote, 28 December 1965.

4. Susie W. (1896-1976) married 30 September 1920 to Troy C. Stewart (1900-1924) son of Wilbur Berton and Flora (Casto) Stewart. There was one child born to this union: Helen Louise. Susie and Troy moved to Columbus, Ohio where Troy lost his life in the line of duty as a policeman. They are buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

5. J. Marshall (1903-1986) married 24 January 1931 to Dorothy Seese (1906 -) daughter of Hurlies R. and Myrtle (Bennett) Seese. There were no children born to this union. Marshall is buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

6. Arlene (1906-1955) married 1926 to Sam Law. There were two children born to this union: Lillard and William. Arlene and Sam spent most of their lives in Akron, Ohio. Arlene is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

7. Genevieve (1909 -) married 12 May 1928 to Ledford Hamilton (1903-1967) the son of Hugh and Mary (Stone) Hamilton. Three children were born to this union: Clara Jean, Gwendolyn, and Elva Pearl.

We are the son and granddaughter of Zora and Edgar Sayre. *Submitted by John Edgar Sayre and Karen L. Wilbur*

JOSEPH SAYRE

Joseph Sayre 2701-8 (1808-1899) was the son of Daniel 1329-7 and Sarah Hall Sayre. He was born in the family home about one-half mile west of present village of Evans near Staats Cemetery.



Joseph Sayre

Jackson County was established in 1831 from parts of Mason, Kanawha and Wood Counties. Young Joseph Sayre assisted in surveying Kanawha-Jackson County line in 1832.

Joseph's father, Daniel, died in 1866 and willed his Sarah Province land with "love and affection" to his son, Joseph. During his lifetime Joseph divided the 1000 acres and deeded it to his three sons; Frank (Benjamin Franklin), Lafe (Lafayette) and Ceph (Josephus). He also apparently disposed of other holdings in Evans area. Joseph was a farmer, and later became a preacher and physician. A family anecdote states that Joseph was quite involved in religious writings and he was going to rewrite the Bible. When the assessor came around Joseph put such a high value on his writings he could not pay the taxes. He had deeded his land away and had nothing but a horse, so they took the horse to pay for the taxes.

Joseph was on the Board of Trustees when the United Brethren Church erected the first building at Otterbein in 1864. Land for the church and adjacent cemetery was donated by William Cunningham and his wife Elizabeth. A new Otterbein Church building was dedicated in 1896. The Joseph Sayre family was among those involved in building the new church building. Joseph also

helped to establish the United Brethren Church at Mt. Moriah.

Joseph's parents, Daniel and Sarah Hall Sayre, and his grandparents (David and Sarah Little Sayre), are buried in a plot in Staats Cemetery. In approximately 1865 Joseph had the plot enclosed using four large stone slabs and eight iron rods. The cemetery (now cleared 1960s) became overgrown and the enclosure preserved the grave markers from obliteration.

Joseph Sayre married first, Melinda Staats (1814-1836). There were no children. Joseph married second, Rachel McGuire (1813-1885) and they had six children, listed below. Joseph and Rachel are buried in old part of Otterbein Cemetery. His tombstone reads Rev. Joseph Sayre.

Children of Joseph and Rachel Sayre: Martha (1839-1879) married Benjamin Hunt, one child Martha Ellen; Virginia (1842-1925) married Dr. Samuel Barber, twelve children: Laura Lenora, Joseph J., Rachel Ann, Hiley Louis, Elvira Ellen, Dora Belle, Adra Addison, Mary, Tennessee C., Flora J., John L., Martha E.; Benjamin Franklin (1844-1926) married Mary Sayre (1846-1922). See B.F. Sayre (1844-1926) to follow; Columbus (1847-lived one month); Lafayette (1848-1934) married Nancy Lewis (1845-1904) eight children, Finly, Bertie, Walter, Wirt, Otis, Jessie, Charles Melvin, Edgar E.; Josephus (1851-1917) married Elizabeth Caroline Hogsett (1852-1915) six children, Martin Luther, Flora Ellen, Nellie Bell, Ora May, Herbert, Watson Russell. *Submitted by John F. Hogsett*

LABAN SAYRE

Laban Sayre was born July 25, 1852, the son of Wesley and Elzina Hill Sayre. He was united in marriage to Mary Catherine Barr, May 27, 1872 at her parent's home, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Barr by the Rev. William A. Cadle.

Laban Sayre was a carpenter and farmer and lived on Big Spruce in Mason County. Laban and Mary Catherine Barr Sayre were members of the United Brethren Church which met in a log school house on Big Spruce. They later became charter members of the Creston United Brethren Church in Mason County and were active members in the early days of the church.



Laban Sayre's birthday dinner

Laban Sayre was a kind and gentle man. He became paralyzed several years before his death. He had a grandson, Laban Sayre, Jr., who made his home with him and who nursed and helped him through all of his afflictions. In a matter of only a few years, Laban Sayre, Jr. would enter the service and his name would be added to the Roll of Honored Dead in World War II. Laban Sayre, Jr. was with the Army in the Italian Theatre of war and was fatally wounded in battle. His comrades in arms carried him back behind the lines and he was later taken aboard a hospital ship to be transferred to a base hospital, but died enroute, and is buried in Spruce Cemetery. He had been overseas for a long time and had seen considerable action on the fronts before being wounded by the

fire from Nazi guns. Laban Sayre, Jr. was the son of Otho "Doc" and Susie Hill Sayre, he also had two brothers who served in the armed forces, Richard and Ray Sayre.

Laban and Mary Catherine Sayre were the parents of twelve children, five died in infancy or childhood. Children were: Marian born May 5, 1874 and he married Lora Donohue. Ephraim was born June 24, 1875 and he married Matilda Childers. Elzina Sayre was born August 19, 1876 and died November 8, 1876 and is buried in Spruce Cemetery, Mason County. Nancy D. Sayre was born August 12, 1877 and she married Peter Herdman. George Wesley Sayre was born March 19, 1880 and he married Ida Donohue. Otho "Doc" Sayre was born August 16, 1881 and he married Susie Hill. Rosa "Dink" Sayre was born April 29, 1884, she married John Albert Stephens and later Clarence Burdette.

Laban Sayre was born July 25, 1852 and died at his home on Big Spruce in Mason County, July 19, 1936 at the age of 83 years, 11 months and 24 days. Mary Catherine Barr Sayre was born December 12, 1855 and died July 21, 1934. Laban and Mary Catherine Barr Sayre are buried in Big Spruce Cemetery in Mason County. *Submitted by Dollie Thornton*

LAFAYETTE SAYRE

Lafayette Sayre, 17 May 1848-2 February 1934, known as "Uncle Lafe," the son of Joseph 2701-8 and Rachel (McGuire) Sayre (see Joseph Sayre 2701-8) married 30 September 1869 Nancy Helen Lewis (29 April 1845-4 August 1904) the daughter of William and Diana (Flowers) Lewis.



Lafayette and Nancy Sayre

Lafayette served in the Civil War with 7th Calvary Regiment of West Virginia Volunteers. While in action he got a broken leg. Lafayette was a farmer in the Evans, WV area. The farm is now (1990) owned by Harlan Casto, Jr. Their children were:

1. Finley Addison (20 September 1870-16 May 1960) married 16 August 1893 Anna Belle Wright (25 May 1873-1 March 1946) the daughter of Joshua and Isabelle (Woodruff) Wright. Early in 1895 they moved to Delaware County, Indiana where they were farmers. They were the parents of Howard, Homer, Hobart, Dorsia Isabelle, Hazel, Grace Ina, Lafayette, Jerome "Jay" and Floyd "Fred" Sayre. Finley and Anna Belle Sayre are buried in Jones Cemetery in Delaware County, Indiana.

2. Alberta "Bertie" (28 May 1873-14 January 1959) married 23 December 1896 Austin "Bud" Shinn (5 August 1867-8 January 1945) the son of Allen and Sarah Ann (Sayre) Shinn (see Elijah Sayre 2705-8). They made their home in Evans, WV where they operated a store and bought and sold produce. They are buried in Otterbein Cemetery. Their children were: Vertie, Pearl, Venna, Nancy and Rome Shinn.

3. Walter (5 August 1875-8 September 1881). Buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

4. William Wirt (29 June 1877-18 May 1964) went to Indiana about 1895. He married Millie May Schnell (22 November 1880-7 December



Edgar, Mel, Jesse, Wirt, Alberta, and Finley Sayre

1928) who was born in Clay County, Illinois to Fred and Ida (Adams) Schnell. Wirt was a farmer and carpenter. They are buried in Jones Cemetery in Delaware County, Indiana. Their children were Cecil, Pearl, Opal, Blanche and Beulah Sayre.

5. Otis O. (14 September 1879-26 February 1920) never married. Otis was a school teacher, ranking high in that profession. He is buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

6. Jesse Wade (14 May 1883-14 August 1954) married 22 April 1908 Cora Ethel Skidmore (29 June 1886-3 October 1984) daughter of James David and Artimetia (Fisher) Skidmore. They lived at Sandyville, WV where they operated a general store. At the time of his death Jesse Sayre was President of the County Court of Jackson County. Jesse and Ethel are buried in Otterbein Cemetery. Their children were Audrey, Bryon Darrell, Jesse Wade Jr., Helen Elizabeth, James Otis and Robert Lee Sayre.

7. Charles Melvin (4 February 1885-16 November 1971) married 13 March 1912 Della Mae Reynolds daughter of Archia A. and Permelia (Shinn) Reynolds. Charles Melvin was the first mail carrier out of the Evans post office in 1909. They had one daughter Mildred Sayre. Melvin and Della divorced. Melvin is buried in Otterbein Cemetery.

8. Edgar Eugene (15 September 1887-15 September 1970) married 15 July 1909 Zora M. Sayre (13 July 1891-4 July 1969) the daughter of John T. and Della (Shinn) Sayre (see Daniel Bennett Sayre 2707-8 and Elijah Sayre 2705-8). They lived at Evans, WV where Edgar operated a store and was postmaster of Evans. In the late 1920s they moved to Parkersburg, WV where Edgar worked and retired from American Viscose Corporation. Their children were Kathryn Wahnetia, Kenneth Neal and John Edgar Sayre.

After the death of Nancy, Lafayette married in October 1907 Sarah (Kester) Beaty (24 June 1849-7 February 1921), a widow. Lafayette and both wives are buried in Otterbein Cemetery. *Submitted by Rome Shinn and Vertie Shinn Combs*

MARK GILMAN SAYRE

David Sayre fought in the American Revolution as a scout. In 1801 he brought his family to what is now Jackson County, W.Va. His children were Daniel, Anna, Joel, Ezekiel, Able, Rachel, Sarah, and Hannah.

Ezekiel Sayre married Hannah Gilman. In 1834 Ezekiel went by covered wagon to Iroquois County, Illinois where he purchased 80 acres from the Federal Land Office. He died there in 1835. Hannah settled the family on Buzzard Creek in Union District of Mason County. Their children were Matilda, who married John Milton Burdette. Ann, who married James Smith. Emily Jane, who married Thomas Jefferson Flowers. Mark Gilman, who married Mary Charlotte Parsons. William Henry, who married Charity Mulleneaux. Hiram, who married Ann Francis Hayes.

Mark Gilman Sayre was born in Jackson County, W.Va. May 31, 1852 and married March 11, 1852 by the Rev. William H. Harrison to Mary Charlotte Parsons. Mr. Sayre held the rank of second lieutenant in the Virginia State Militia, and during the Civil War was a soldier in the Volunteer troops. At age 32 he enlisted in the 13th West Virginia Regiment August 29, 1862, took rank as corporal, participated in 18 hard fought battles, and

received honorable discharge at the close of the war, June 22, 1865 at Wheeling, W. Va. He resumed farming after the war. His father died in Illinois and his mother died in Mason County. Mr. and Mrs. Sayre had 14 children:

William Henderson born Dec. 27, 1852. Ezekiel born May 10, 1854; John R. born Jan. 5, 1856; Millard F. born Sept. 23, 1857; Lenorance born Feb. 9, 1860; Olive E. born April 15, 1863; Sarah H. born April 18, 1865; Elizabeth born February 28, 1866; Lewis M. born February 14, 1869; Mark G. born July 5, 1871; Ulysses Grant born September 21, 1873; twins Perry and Daniel born December 16, 1875, and Elmer Griffith born January 26, 1878.

Mr. Sayre owned a three hundred acre farm in Mason County, near Arbuckle, W. Va. He died at the age of 97. His son Perry lived to be 102 years of age. Ulysses Grant lived 94 years. He married Anna Mallet. They had four children. Lottie, Aubrey, Eulah, and James Madison. He was a farmer owning a 200 acre farm in Mason County, near Nat, W. Va.

Lottie Sayre was born December 3, 1899. She married McKinley Barnett, December 21, 1925. They lived on a farm in Mason County, near Rock Castle, W. Va. She taught school for 35 years in Mason County. They had four children. Clarice Eulah, Cleatice Emily, McKinley Grant and James Henry. She died August 24, 1977.



Lottie Sayre Barnett

McKinley Grant Barnette was born January 9, 1936. He had been a classroom teacher, counselor, coach, or principal for the past 34 years. On July 9, 1960 he married Teresa Marie Hensley of Beckley, W. Va. They have four sons. Barry Joe born June 20, 1963, Bryan Jay born September 18, 1964. Bobby Jon born May 6, 1966 and Byron Jok born July 31, 1967. Bryan Jay Barnette married Kim Wright of Mason, W. Va. They have one son, Brenton Jay born May 5, 1986. *Submitted by Barry Joe Barnette*

ORVIL LUTHER SAYRE

Orvil Luther Sayre was the son of Abe and Ora Thomas Sayre, the grandson of George and Sarah Isenhower Thomas and the grandson of Benjamin and Euphany Stover Sayre. He was born September 7, 1920 in Mason County and married Irene Thornton, May 18, 1940. He was inducted into the army July 19, 1945 and was in Europe 13 months. He was discharged February 1, 1947.

Orvil Luther Sayre was a lineman in the construction field and also a part time farmer. Orvil and his wife, Irene, had purchased a farm near Rockcastle and Orvil had been trimming a willow tree in his front yard when a tragic accident occurred, he fell out of the tree and this fall contributed to his death. He died December 9, 1952 in a Charleston hospital and is buried in



Orvil Luther Sayre

Creston Cemetery, Mason County. Submitted by Ruth Hill

OSCAR SAYRE

Oscar Sayre was born May 5, 1856 and died September 5, 1942. He was the son of David Sayre (2702-8) and Marthenia (Hill) Sayre. He was married on January 23, 1879 to Eliza Jane King, daughter of Ruth (Barimore) and Francis King.

They established their home on land deeded to him by his father, on a hill near the village of Angerona, W.V. He cleared the land, built his house, and all of his children were born there. They were the parents of ten children.

Children:



Oscar Sayre family

1. Arthur Wesley (Nov. 7, 1879-Aug. 22, 1965). Married: Ora Belle Postalweight (Sept. 12, 1904). Married second: Eliza (Stone) Balch. All children were by first marriage: Harold, Minor, Mildred, Olive, Willard, Donald and Virginia.

2. Samuel Virgil (Sept. 23, 1882-May 30, 1977). Married: Ora Mae Sayre (May 3, 1905) see Joseph Sayre 2701-8. Married second: Leah Spencer. Two sons were by first marriage: Jean and Glenn.

3. Gertie (1886-1889).

4. Clara Marthenia (Mar. 30, 1887-June 25, 1945). Married: Edgar Fox (Feb. 22, 1911). Married second: Everette McIntyre (Jan. 2, 1942). Children by first marriage: Glenmer, Otmer, Mabel and Joseph.

5. Ruth Elizabeth (Dec. 7, 1889-July 21, 1958). Married: Benjamin F. Sayre Jr. (April 10, 1912) see Benjamin F. Sayre Sr. Married second: Wade King. Four sons were by first marriage: Carroll, Wayne, Paul Kester and B. Frank.

6. Edith (Sept. 15, 1891-July 12, 1970). Married: Charles R. Baker (Aug. 12, 1912). Married second: William J. Wilson (July 12, 1930). Three daughters were by first marriage: Loraine, Wynema and Forest.

7. Elmer Ferman (Sept. 28, 1894-July 19, 1972). Married: Chloe Donohew (May 16, 1915). Their children: Sybil, Jewell, Ferman, Mary Louise

and Chester Blythe.

8. Minerva Florence (Sept. 18, 1896-Feb. 10, 1986). Married: Thomas Edison Sayre (Nov. 1, 1916) see Thomas Edison Sayre. Their children: Ada Ruth, R. Quentin, Ralph and Don.

9. Infant daughter (1900).

10. Lillie Mae (Mar. 28, 1903-Sept. 28, 1970). Married: Claude J. Keenan (April 3, 1926). One son: Boyd Raymond.

Oscar Sayre was my grandfather and I lived at this home for eleven years after my father, Charles R. Baker, died March 21, 1921.

This home was a sacred place to all who lived there or to anyone who had the privilege of visiting there. "Uncle Oscar" as he was known in the community was a friend to all who came his way. He maintained a Christian home all the years of their lives together. Grace at each meal and family prayer each night were a must no matter who was there.

Grandfather and grandmother lived to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary (January 23, 1929). All of their children were present for this occasion.

Grandfather joined the United Brethren Church when very young, at Antioch and took an active part as steward for most of his life. He was also a trustee of the Otterbein Church for a number of years. He was a faithful member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Cottageville, W.V.

He was a farmer and fruit grower. Springtime, the re-birth of the land, orchards in blossom, the sweet aroma filling the air, were special joys to all of us. One of the greatest enjoyments of his life was driving over the countryside with a wagon load of his fruit to Ripley, W.V. He gave much of it to ministers, friends, children and neighbors along the way. A very fond memory of my grandfather was his desire to always have a bucket of apples by the fireside in the winter. Anyone who dropped in was always welcome to enjoy an apple.

Grandmother Sayre died June 7, 1932. After her death, he remained on the farm until his health became poor, and then he made his home with his daughter, Ruth, at Cottageville, W.V.

Sunday, Sept. 2, 1979 was a memorable and happy occasion, when the descendants of Oscar and Eliza Jane Sayre met for a family reunion at the "Old Home on the Hill," to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this home. The only survivor of their children to attend was Florence Sayre with her husband, Thomas. The memories we all shared that day will never be forgotten. The rich heritage my grandparents left will always remain. Submitted by Wynema (Baker) Donahue and Charlotte (Donahue) Johnston

RON AND EDNA SAYRE

Ephraim Sayre, 1822-1892, buried in Antioch Cemetery, his wife, Mazilla Hunt, 1829-1913. Children: Benjamin, Pete, Abijah, Dock, Belle, Mary.

Benjamin W. Sayre (1866-1939) 71 years buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Evans, W.V. His wife, Florence Bell Roseberry (1866-1959) 84 years. Children: Ronald, Harl, Roscoe, Clayton, Herbert, Lettie, Marie, Ollie, Ada, Shelly (infant).



Ronald Early and Edna Isabell (Ankrum) Sayre

Ronald Early Sayre (8-22-1897 - 11-21-1983 86 years) married Edna Isabell Ankrum (3-22-1899 - 7-11-1988 89 years) on 5-27-1920. Buried Jackson County Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Children: Gerald, Mabel, Jeannette.

Gerald Brooks Sayre (4-1-1923) married Velma Murl Kerwood (12-18-1924) on 7-11-1942. Children: Curtis, Janice, Sharon, Norman, Gloria.

Curtis Myron Sayre (1-17-1947) married Sue Bell Nugen (12-21-1947) on 2-28-1968. Children: Mellanee Elizabeth Sayre (9-1-1969), Warren Brooks Sayre (1-28-1971), Melissa Kaye Sayre (6-9-1974).

Janice Faye Sayre (9-18-1948) married Dorsel Ray Adkins (2-5-1952) on 1-29-1971. Child: Dorsel Ray Adkins II (2-24-1972).

Sharon Sue Sayre (12-8-1951) married Walter Parvin Shockley, Jr. (2-2-1954) on 5-19-1974. Child: Devon Lenore Shockley (5-8-1979).

Norman Keith Sayre (1-22-1960) married Angela Kay Litchfield (10-21-1967) on 4-19-1986. Child: Justin Daniel Sayre (10-17-1987).

Gloria Kaye Sayre (9-18-1964) married Keith Burdette (7-11-1960) on 3-26-1983. Child: Kayla Renee Burdette (6-29-1988).

Mabel Irene Sayre (2-6-1926 - 3-3-1986 60 years) married Benjamin Webster Skeen (7-15-1922) on 2-14-1946. Children: Patricia, Jerry, David, Ronald, Lynette, Richard.

Patricia Anne Skeen (8-12-1946) married Yuthi Amarak (8-3-1951).

Jerry Webster Skeen (11-2-1951) married Sharon Elaine Erwin (7-11-1951). Children: Scott Webster Skeen (7-16-1971), Andrew Erwin Skeen (3-6-1980).

David Lee Skeen (7-12-1953) married Melody Ann Brick (5-28-1953). Child: Jason David Skeen (3-30-1973).

Ronald Wetzel Skeen (12-16-1955) married Carol Ruth McConkey (3-13-1957). Children: Heather Irene Skeen (7-21-1986), Nicholas Ryan Skeen (1-3-1989).

Lynette Sue Skeen (3-29-1958) married Richard William Summerfield (7-26-1957). Child: Jennifer Leigh Summerfield (3-25-1985).

Richard Ben Skeen (9-29-1959) (single).

Jeannette Ruth Sayre (1-15-1928) married Charles Ray Houchen (6-3-1920) on 2-11-1948. Children: Gary, Ricky, Tracy, Mitch.

Gary Ray Houchen (9-22-50) (divorced). Child: Nikki Houchen (6-5-1980).

Ricky James Houchen (6-20-54) married Karen Woodyard (2-4-56). Child: Lysie Houchen (1-16-1981).

Tracy Dean Houchen (9-26-1958) married Pandy Jane Flesher (6-22-1962). Children: Randy Dean Houchen (9-14-1979), Brian James Houchen (8-25-1984).

Mitch Randall Houchen (3-17-1961) (single). Submitted by Rev. Gerald Sayre

ROY O. AND IDA D. SAYRE

Roy Oliver Sayre (11/4/1892) (9/9/1970), son of George and Mazilla Herdman Sayre, in Mason County. The family moved to Jackson County near Beech Grove in 1900. At that time the road to Cow Run came over the hill at the top of the John King hill and followed the creek bed to the Davy Sayre place on Cow Run. When the County road was made it followed the ridge at John King's and down past Beech Grove. "Pa" Sayre graded this road with "Prince and Spencer."

Roy and the other children had a happy childhood, growing up with their Sayre and Herdman cousins; all living within a mile or two of each other. The John Fox family (also cousins), lived on the hill. When there was no place to go they gathered at each other's houses. George and Mazilla's children had all inherited a love of music, good voices and talent to some extent.



front: Roy Sayre; middle: Dorsey
and Henry Sayre; back: Criss Sayre

Nearly every get-together included music. Tom remembered winter evenings when the wide circle of "company" reached from one side of the big room to the other around the fire. Roy and Nancy got together a singing group that went to church events and parties in other communities.

The Cow Run boys had a ball team in the summer. They played Evans, Cottageville and other neighborhoods. Their "ball park" was Beech Grove School lot but, best of all was Pa's upper bottom after the hay was cut. "Tommy," because of his slight build, could never make the "A" team.

Roy, like the rest of the boys, went to work on the railroad when he was old enough. Unlike his brothers and friends who became farmers, Roy chose railroading as his life work.

In 1917, Roy along with Sayre cousins, Dorsey and Henry, joined the Army in World War I. Roy's Company, Batt. B. 314 Field Artillery, was sent to France as replacement. In later years the little Sayre nieces (who had been babies when they left) would look with awe at the three helmets, gas masks, and other gear stored upstairs and try to imagine what it was like "Over There." After the war, Roy went back to the railroad job in Columbus, coming back home in times of layoffs. We remember his "Studebaker" in Pa's wagon shed. We hadn't seen a car before.



Roy and Ida Sayre and son, Dick

Roy married Ida Davis (2/21/1898) (12/21/1989) daughter of Grant and Mary Davis. Ida was a well educated, cultured lady. She was a registered nurse and well skilled in her profession. She meant so much to us (Tom's family) at the time of Grandma Mazilla's sickness and death. Pa Sayre was in bed with flu; Tom and Bryce with pneumonia. The doctor had been there with medicine and now we had a nurse. She knew how to help us all. The big change was in Pa. She gave him most of her attention; he had lost his wife. It was remarkable to see him respond to her gentle care. For years Ida held an important position in her church, and was able to attend, until shortly

before her death. Roy and Ida are in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Roy was an outgoing person and enjoyed his job with Pennsylvania Railroad. He started as a Brakeman, and then Conductor. At the time of his retirement he had worked 37 years.

Roy and Ida's son, Richard O., born June 16, 1929, married Rita Hitz, born September 17, 1932, daughter of Albert and Mattie Hitz.

Richard O. and Rita Sayre's children were: Michelle Marie, born February 15, 1959; Daniel Richard (3/15/1962) married Laurel (2/22/1958), daughter of Arlene and Harold Romine.

Roy and Ida's son, "Dick" served two years in Korea; "Dick's" son Danny served two years in the Navy — one of the years in Okinawa.

Dick and his family come to Jackson County every year for the "Cow Run" day. This get-together is a much enlarged version of the music parties of long ago. It also has the very special added attraction of the large display of Sayre History and pictures of Sayre cousins, Frank and Ada Ruth. We listen to the music of the Sayre, Shinn, Herdman and other cousins and know the legacy of musical talent lives on. Submitted by Howard Sayre and Londis Sayre

S.B. AND CLARA (KESSEL) SAYRE

This family first established its roots in Jackson County in 1801 and are descendants of Daniel Sayre (B. 1785), father of 11 children. Enoch Sayre, one of the 11 (B. 1814-D 1/8/1852) had only two children: John Wesley, father of S.B. Sayre, and Samantha Jane.

John Wesley Sayre, at age 14, volunteered for three years' service in the Union Army, assigned to the Fourth Regiment of Virginia Infantry, and saw heavy action at Vicksburg, Lookout Mt. and in many other battles. He was the youngest in his regiment and was mustered out at age 17 in 1864. He had volunteered as a Virginian but was discharged as a West Virginian. John Wesley, a farmer, fathered six children, one of them being Sylvester Brown (B. 11/1/1870-D. 12/20/40) who married, on 11/12/1891, Mazilla Clara Kessel. One of 14 children of Flora Jane Parsons and James Mason Kessel.



front: Everett Sylvester and Virginia Sayre;
back: Floyd McKinley, Dollie Jane, Sylvester
Brown and Clara (Kessel) Sayre, 1917

Clara and S.B.'s children were: Floyd McKinley Sayre (B. 11/3/1893-D. 8/31/1971), Dollie Jane Sayre Jordan (B. 3/9/1896-D. 11/15/1981), Everett Sylvester Sayre (B. 4/9/1902-D. 2/29/42) and Virginia Sayre (B. 10/13/1912-D. 10/18/1917).

S.B. was known as a progressive livestock farmer on Parchment Creek. In addition to farming, he was Jackson County Assessor and Sheriff from 1920-1925, and later served three or four terms as Mayor of Ripley. A "major" unsolved crime in Ripley, during one of his mayoral terms, was when some "cowboys" spirited away his cow one Halloween and roped it to the principal's office at Ripley High School. He was one of the organizers and original stockholders of the Citizens' State Bank of Ripley which later merged with the First

National Bank of Ripley, and served as Director and Vice-President of both.

His son, Floyd McKinley had five children: Truman Lynch (B. 8/19/1925), Floyd McKinley, Jr. (B. 7/17/1930), Robert Brown (B. 4/5/1932), Frances Sayre Beasley (B. 9/26/35) and Graham Everett (B. 9/12/1938). Truman Sayre's children are: Truman Lynch, Jr., (a) Rebecca Suzanne Sayre Riffe (b), and Thomas Hall (c), and there are four grandchildren: Daniel Preston and James Tyler Riffe (bb); Jennifer Ann and Francesca Ferguson Sayre (cc). Floyd Sayre, Jr.'s children are: Floyd McKinley, III (a), Richard Thomas (b) and David Lynch (c) with one grandchild, Floyd McKinley Sayre, IV (aa) Robert Brown Sayre's children are: Frances Elizabeth Sayre McLean and William James Sayre. Frances Sayre Beasley has three step-children: Carol Beasley Griffin (a) David Beasley (b) and Cathy Beasley Johnson (c), and there are three step-grandchildren, Kara Griffin (aa) and twins, Miles and Tristan Johnson (cc). Graham Everett Sayre has one step-child, Shawn Andrew Cartmell.

Dollie Sayre Jordan had four children: Clara Virginia Jordan Horn (B. 1/30/1921), Jo Ann Jordan Hutchison (B. 9/15/1923-D. 7/7/1967), Charlene Grant Jordan Davis (B. 5/23/1928) and Carolyn June Jordan Haman (B. 1/16/1930). Virginia Horn had five children: Howard William (a), Carolyn Irene Horn (b) (married to Poiana Butucescu), Marilyn Jean Horn Claff (c), Susan Lynn Horn (D. 3/31/63) and Jacquelyn Horn Sandstrom (d) and there are three grandchildren: Bryan Kristopher, Eric Jonathan and Brett Nicholas Horn (aa). Charlene Davis' children are: Charles Jeffrey Davis (a), Martha Lea Davis O'Dell (b) and Beth Ann Davis Trumpy (c), and there are seven grandchildren: Ashley Meredyth, Katherine Emily and Lindsay Ann Davis (aa); Adam Grant, Benjamin Davis and Patrick Chilton O'Dell (bb) and Caroline Sayre Trumpy (cc). Carolyn Haman's children are: Robert Mark (a), David Grant (b) and Rebecca Sue Haman Calvin (c), and there are eight grandchildren: Kyle Adam and Scott Michael Haman (aa); Tiffany Kim, Monique Renee, Joshua Robert and Brittany Leigh Haman (bb); Matthew Thomas and Christopher Robert Calvin (cc). Submitted by Mrs. William H. Horn and Mrs. Charlene Davis

THOMAS SAYRE

Our Sayre ancestry can be traced to year 1300. For this we are indebted to Theodore M. Banta, who published a history of *The Sayre Family* in 1901. The numbers to follow in this Sayre history are genealogy numbers used by Banta. These numbers are used to avoid confusion due to repetition of the same given name. For example: our Daniel Sayre was assigned #1329 with a suffix of seven which shows that he was the seventh generation in America.

The Sayre family was in Bedfordshire, England, in 1300 or before, having migrated from Gaul to Normandy and to England where Sayre records have been found as far back as 1309.



Thomas Sayre homestead

Records show that our immigrant ancestor, Thomas Sayre, and his brothers and sisters were baptized at the All-Saints Church at Leighton-Buzard, Bedfordshire, England.

Records of Lynn, Mass. show that Thomas Sayre (1597-1690) and his brother, Job, were landowners there in 1638. Thomas Sayre was a member of the colony which founded the town of Southampton, Long Island approximately 1639-1640. He appears to have been outspoken, aggressive and generous and one of the most prosperous and prominent members of the colony.

The above house was built by Thomas in Southampton in 1648 and stood until 1912 when it was torn down as it was considered a fire hazard.

The paternal ancestry of Thomas Sayre's descendants living in Jackson County is Thomas 1-1, Daniel 3-2, Samuel 20-3, Daniel 63-4, David 199-5 and David 549-6.

By 1700 our ancestors had begun a migration and we find Daniel Sayre 63-4 in Essex County, New Jersey. Daniel was a blacksmith and served in the French and Indian war in 1755 with General Braddock and George Washington.

Next we have David Sayre 199-5 (1736-1826) son of Daniel 63-4 and Rebecca (Bond) Sayre, who was born in Essex County, New Jersey. He married Hannah Frazier (1741-1826) in 1758. David was also a blacksmith and during the Revolutionary War he served as a private in Richland Townley's Company, First Regiment, Essex County, New Jersey. David and his wife along with other family members moved to the Monongalia County area of Virginia in late 1700s. In early 1800s David and family again moved; this time to Letart Falls, Meigs County, Ohio. Land records establish their settlement there in 1803.

David 199-5 and Hannah were the parents of 11 children: Daniel 548-6 was an early settler in Mason Co. at Letart, W.Va.; David 549-6 settled in an area of Jackson Co. near Evans, W.Va.; John 550-6, Rachel 551-6, Ephraim 552-6, Thomas 555-6, Rebecca 557-6, and Moses 558-6 with their families settled in Letart Falls area of Meigs Co., Ohio; Jedediah 553-6 stayed at the settlement he had made on Pleasant Creek in Harrison County now Barbour County, W.Va.; Sarah 556-6 married Benjamin Thorn and lived in Monongalia County; and Benjamin 554-6 was living in Tyler County in 1829 when he was drowned by being pulled under with a water-wheel on which he was working. David 199-5 and Hannah are buried in Letart Falls Cemetery at Letart, Ohio. The D.A.R. has put up the official marker for soldiers of the Revolutionary War at David's grave.

David Sayre 549-6 (1762-1856) was born in Essex County, New Jersey. Family tradition has it that David joined the Revolutionary service with his father, David 199-5, at the age of 13 and served as a scout. As early as 1799 David 549-6 and his brother Daniel 548-6 were exploring the virtually unsettled region along the Ohio River which later became Mason and Jackson Counties of W.Va. and Meigs Co., Ohio.

In 1803 at Cedar Grove, now Cottageville, a Methodist minister by the name of Noah preached the first sermon at the home of Joseph Parson. At this time David Sayre 549-6 and wife, Daniel Sayre 548-6 and wife along with Abraham Staats and wife joined the church.

David Sayre 549-6 appeared on the tax list of what is now Jackson County in 1805.

David Sayre 549-6 married Sarah Little (1761-1846) about 1783. They are buried in Staats Cemetery near Evans, W.Va. A monument erected by their descendants in 1964 marks their graves. Records indicate that the following eight children were born in Monongalia County, Virginia, now W.Va. They are the ancestors of most all Jackson County Sayres and related families.

1. Daniel 1329-7 (22 March 1785-7 March 1866) married 19 June 1806 Sarah Hall (1782-

1871) in Galia County, Ohio, now Meigs Co. (See Daniel Sayre 1329-7 to follow)

2. Anna 1328-7 (4 June 1787-3 April 1892) married 16 January 1802 Henry Roush Jr. and they settled in Meigs County, Ohio. They had 13 children. It is thought says the "Washington Star" that she was the head of the largest family in the world and the only woman in this country to see her sixth generation. (See Roush History by Lester Leroy Roush)

3. Ezekiel 1331-7 (21 May 1789-died 1835 in Illinois). He married Hannah Gilman. His widow and children returned to Jackson County and later settled in Mason County, W.Va. (See Mason Co. history)

4. Rachel 1333-7 (12 January 1791-18 January 1863) married 5 March 1810 John Harpold. (See Harpold history)

5. Joel 1330-7 (9 January 1791-15 January 1855) married first Catherine Starcher and second Amelia "Millie" Rice. (See Joel Sayre 1330-7 to follow)

6. Sarah 1334-7 (approx. 1795-1849) married 28 November 1824 Stephen Boice. They had two children: George Washington who married Sarilda Gleason and had three children and Rachel who married David D. Casto 14 April 1843 and had 13 children. (See 1983 up-date history of David and Rachel (Boice) Casto by Stanley D. Casto)

7. Hannah 1335-7 (?-died 31 August 1868). She married Edward McDade. They lived in Letart township, Meigs County, Ohio. Some records say they had 10 children.

8. Abel 1332-7 (14 March 1799-20 June 1868) married Ruth Parson. (See Abel Sayre 1332-7 to follow)

See "SAYRE FAMILY HISTORY" by Banta for more details. Submitted by Ada Ruth Sayre and Lena Sayre

THOMAS EDISON SAYRE

Thomas Edison Sayre (December 11, 1890 -), the son of Abijah and Ellen (Hartley) Sayre, was born on the family farm on Cow Run, Union District, Jackson County. At the time of his birth Thomas A. Edison was popular. The attending physician, Dr. Samuel Barber, said, "Name him Thomas Edison," and they did.

On November 1, 1916, Thomas married Florence Minerva Sayre (September 18, 1896-February 10, 1986), the daughter of Oscar and Eliza Jane (King) Sayre.



Thomas Edison Sayre family, 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1966

They established their home on the farm of his parents and made their home there for over 69 years.

They eventually bought all the farm formerly owned by his grandfather, Ephraim Sayre. The farm consisted of approximately 380 acres and here they engaged in general farming, raising cattle, sheep, hay and grain for feeding and care of the livestock. In 1949 they won the Farming for Better Living contest in Jackson County.

They were members of the Antioch Church located near the farm and were instrumental in the rebuilding of the church after it burned as a result

of being stuck by lightning in 1943.

Thomas and Florence Sayre were the parents of four children: Ada Ruth, Robert Quentin, Ralph Edison, and Don Clifford. They were especially proud of their three sons who served in World War II.

Ada Ruth born August 3, 1917, married August 7, 1938 Franklin L. Sayre, son of Isaac and Anna (Bennett) Sayre. No children. They live at Dunbar, W. Va.

Robert Quentin born August 17, 1918, married July 4, 1953 Geraldine Hartley, the daughter of John and Josephine (Sayre) Hartley. He retired from Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation. They had one child, Robert Quentin Sayre, Jr., who is an attorney with the law firm of Goodwin and Goodwin in Charleston, W. Va. Their home is in Ravenswood, W. Va.

Ralph Edison, born April 7, 1920, married June 24, 1950 Virginia Sayre the daughter of Clifford and Mary (Morrison) Sayre. Ralph retired from Union Carbide Corporation where he was a carpenter. No children. They reside in St. Albans, W. Va.

Don Clifford, born March 30, 1922, married August 30, 1952 Frankie Marie Phillips the daughter of Russell and Margrie (Evilsizer) Phillips. Don is a sheet metal worker at Union Carbide in South Charleston, W.Va. They are the parents of Donna Marie and Dan Thomas Sayre. Don and Frankie live at Nitro, W.Va.

In 1983, Thomas Sayre donated the log house, built by his parents in 1875 and where he was born to the Jackson County Historical Society, who had the house relocated at the Ravenswood Riverfront Park which overlooks the Ohio River. This log house stands to show visitors the way of life of earlier generations.

In 1953, Thomas and Florence Sayre sold one-half of the farm to their son, Quentin Sayre. Quentin and his father jointly operated the farm for approximately 30 years, at which time Thomas and Florence Sayre sold the remaining portion of the farm to their grandson, Robert Quentin Sayre, Jr., who is the fifth generation of Sayres to conduct farming operations on the land once owned by Ephraim Sayre 2708-8. Submitted by Robert Quentin Sayre, Jr.

VIRGIL AND MARGARET (FOX) SAYRE

Virgil Delbert Sayre, son of Jasper and Martha (Barnett) Sayre, was born May 2, 1890 on Cow Run. He enjoyed farming and, like his father, learned to deal in livestock. In 1905, Virgil at 15, and his brother John, went to Boomer, WV to work building the railroad. From there they were transferred to Columbus, Ohio, and came home to Red Mud Ridge every two weeks (walking to and from the train station at Millwood, WV).

On August 25, 1912, Virgil married Lola Margaret Fox, daughter of John and Ella (Hughes) Fox. Maggie was the only girl in a big family of boys and was well trained in the care of a home. She had a place for everything. Her religious training began as a child also, going with her



Virgil and Maggie Sayre

family in the wagon to church. Throughout her lifetime, she attended the churches in the community and her strong faith sustained her in her many times of sorrow.

Maggie was a kind and gentle person and Virgil loved company, so their home on Beechgrove Road was a gathering place for young people. Virgil had an odd way of saying things and mispronouncing names, which made for a lot of laughs.

Tragedy struck their home in 1921. At this time they had four children, Teddy, 8, Marion, 6, Beaula, 4, and Cletis, 2. They lost their two middle children only three months apart. Beaula, following her Daddy to the garden, was stung by bees before he could get to her. She developed kidney poisoning and died July 2, 1921. In October, Marion came home from school, sick. He was treated by doctor for sore throat but died October 5, 1921 (diphtheria). One month later, Virgil Ledford was born. Donald Bedford, "Tommy" was born April 20, 1923. When he was three he had polio which left him weak and slightly crippled in his right arm. He was his mother's helper. "Tommy" died of kidney failure when he was 12. Lola Ardella was born August 29, 1927.

As Virgil's boys grew, they learned to ride horses, ride buggy frames down the road, trained steers to work, went short game hunting in the middle of the night, as well as helping dad with the farm work and going on cattle drives.

Virgil and Maggie raised another boy from the age of 12, Luther Cossin, son of Julius and Mary Cossin (both had died), lived with his sister and brother-in-law, Flo and Theodore Fox. After Flo's death, Virgil and Maggie took Luther home with them and from that time on he was a member of the family. Luther married Lydia Lore and had two sons, Harold and Doyle.

Cletis Wayne volunteered for Army training, WWII, and was among the first to leave Ripley, serving the duration.

Virgil and Maggie retired from the farm to Longview Ridge, this move making them closer to friends and churches.

Maggie died October 22, 1968 and Virgil died September 20, 1982. Both are buried at Longview Cemetery, Evans.



front: Virgil and Maggie Sayre.
back: Virgil, Cletis, Arnold, and Ardella

The children of Virgil and Maggie (Fox) Sayre are listed below.

1. Ted Arnold Sayre (6-6-1913) married Lena Evelyn Sayre (7-16-1917), daughter of G.T. and Corda (Miller) Sayre. Ted and Lena's children (A) Rita Margaret Sayre (8-21-1942), married Charles Aden Poling (8-20-1933), son of Edgar and Ava (Harper) Poling. Charles Aden and Rita M. (Sayre) Poling's children were: (a) Mark Aden Poling (11-29-1963) married Sandra Aamodt (5-2-1966), daughter of Roger and Jan (Hall) Aamodt of Rockville, Md; (b) daughter, Julie Janine Poling (12-16-65) married Aaron Roy Nelson (8-13-66) son of Richard Nelson (Chesapeake, Ohio) and Rosemary (Holstein) Nelson (Cabell County), (B) Kitty Elaine Sayre (9-21-1944) married Charles L. Bowles (6-6-1936) son

of Londos and Bonny (Smith) (Putnam County) Bowles and their children were (a) Charles Adam Bowles (7-5-64) and (b) James Joseph Bowles (2-18-1967); (c) Dwight Wayne Sayre (1-28-1948) married Janice Coutz (8-23-1946) daughter of H.S. and Neola (Cunningham) (Kanawha County) Coutz and born to this marriage was Joy Renee Sayre (8-25-1980). Children of a previous marriage of Janice Coutz Sayre were: Angela Yvonne Kerns (4-10-1964), whose father was O.A. Kerns, married David Ross Fisher (7-14-1960) son of Ross and Lillian (Harmon) Fisher; and Jeffrey Scott Kerns (10-23-1966) son of O.A. Kerns.

2. Marion Sayre (4-15-1915) (10-5-1921).
3. Beulah Sayre (4-8-1917) (7-2-1921).

4. Cletis Wayne Sayre (7-20-1919 — 7-9-1983) married Hazel (Livingston) (10-28-1924) daughter of Laban and Eva (Devault) (Mason County) Livingston. Their children were (A) Deloris Ann Sayre (4-30-47) married Roger Williams (5-6-47), son of William P. and Ruth (Gorrell) Williams. Deloris Ann and Roger Williams' children were: (a) Carla Sue Williams (9-3-70) married Keith Castle; (b) Ronnie Lee Williams (7-2-74) divorced. (B) Eva Margaret Sayre (7-12-1950) married Barry Burgess (12-17-1947) son of Emery Burgess (Roane County) and Opal (McKown) (Calhoun County) Burgess; and their children were Kevin Eugene Burgess (8-3-70) and Chad Anthony Burgess (5-10-1982). (C) Cletis Wayne Sayre (9-11-1961) married Lucinda Herdman and Michael Wayne Sayre was born April 1, 1982; Cletis divorced Lucinda and married Debbie Parsons, born October 1957, daughter of Herman and Jean (Walters) Parsons.

5. Virgil Ledford Sayre (1921) married Naomi (Shinn) (2-26-1926), daughter of H.J. and Nancy (Sayre) Shinn. Their daughter (A) Charlotte Yvette Sayre (3-21-46) married George Leonard (4-1-1944) son of Phillip and Nelly (McCoy) Leonard (Gallia County, Ohio). Born to Charlotte and George Leonard were (a) Natalie Jane Leonard (5-5-1965), (b) Nathan Josef Leonard (5-5-65) twins, (c) Nancy Jewell Leonard (7-6-1966). (B) Van Ledford Sayre (9-4-59).

6. Donald Bedford Sayre (4-20-1923 — 11-1935).

7. Lola Ardella Sayre (8-29-1927) married Ralph Click (2-22-1926), son of Phillip and Marie (Durst) Click. Their daughter (A) Wavie Catherin Click (10-29-1949) married James Michael Cox (2-10-1953) son of Clarence (Wood Co.) and Geraldine (Hardman) (Wood Co.) Cox. Children of Wavie C. and James M. Cox were James Michael Cox II (6-3-1983) and Leslie Catherin Cox (9-25-1984); (B) Brenda Ardella Click (1-4-1952), married Jerry Woods Mounts (8-3-1949), son of Walter and June (Spence) Mounts. Jerry W. and Brenda A. Mounts' children were Nichole Dawn (3-16-1969), Jerry Woods Mounts, Jr. (2-4-1973), and Brandon Scott Mounts (8-5-1983); (C) Ralph William Click II (3-13-1955) married Debra Kay Woodrum (1-4-57), daughter of Donald Woodrum (Boone County) and Marie (Cole) Woodrum, Floyd Co., Ky. and their children were Ryan William Click (2-27-1980) and Tyler Patrick Click (8-30-1983). (D) Mila June Click (11-21-1959) married James Michael Norris (6-26-1958), son of Delbert and Helen Norris.

Two grand-daughters of Virgil and Maggie (Fox) Sayre are now grandmothers. Charlotte Y. Leonard has a grand-daughter, Natosha, daughter of Nathan Leonard. She was born February 12, 1987. Deloris Williams has a grandson, Justin Lee, born June 6, 1987, son of Carla Williams.

Submitted by Rita Sayre Poling and Kitty Sayre Bowles

W.W. AND LEAH L. (FORMAN) SAYRE

Wesley, first child of Andrew Sayre and Roenna

Lewis, born April 29, 1853 in Jackson County; grandson of Benjamin Sayre, the son of Daniel, son of David, son of another David who fought in the Revolution. Wesley's Sayre line dates back to the mid 1600s in America; coming from England. Benjamin died young; Andrew was his only child. Andrew made up for being an only child as he married second Sarah Jane Jacobs, and had in all 20, possibly 22 children. Many of the old Sayres lived in Jackson County from the early 1800s.

Wesley married Leah Forman January 7, 1873 at Meigs County, Ohio. She was born June 23, 1855 in Meigs County, daughter of Joseph Forman and Mary Florence Degarmo (daughter of Jacob Degarmo and Hannah Ames). Wesley and Leah lived in Jackson County all their married lives. They once took a trip in a covered wagon and went to Illinois. Wesley's grandmother, Delilah Hughes, the wife of Benjamin, married second Solomon Hall, later moving to Illinois. I believe this is where they went on this trip. The Hughes family also were early Jackson County pioneers, as was Delilah's mother's family, the Staats.

Wesley was a farmer; working for other Sayres, where a house was provided. Leah was good at folk medicine, gathering and drying different kinds of plants and roots to have for medicine for different illnesses.

Leah's family also dated to pre-revolutionary times on several lines. Her Forman grandparents were Edward Rawlings Forman and Priscilla Rawlings (cousins), both born in Berkeley County, Va. Edward's father, James Forman, died at age 103, the fifth generation of Formans in America; son of Robert, son of Aaron, son of Thomas, son of Benjamin; other dates not known. Leah's grandmother, Priscilla Snodgrass, was the daughter of Robert Snodgrass, who operated The Snodgrass Tavern in Berkeley County, Va. His father, William, came to America from Scotland about 1700. Robert's wife was Susannah Rawlings, born in Maryland; sister of Priscilla Rawlings; both were daughters of Stephen Rawlings, born 1713 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland; son of Aaron Rawlings, believed born in this country in 1667. Several other lines date back into the 1600s in America, coming from England, as did the Rawlings; at least one coming from France.

Wesley and Leah had four children. First, Florence, died at birth. Second, George Wesley, born July 25, 1874, married Clara Louella Slaughter. Third, Mary Roenna, born February 4, 1877, married John Donohew. Fourth, Amanda Ella, born April 27, 1879, married Homer Donohue, a double first cousin to John. John was the son of Andrew Donohew and Martha Matilda Rollins; Homer was the son of Reuben Donohew and Dorothy Isabelle Rollins. George's wife, Lou, was the daughter of William Riley Slaughter and Malinda Davis, all residents of Jackson County.

Wesley died October 12, 1915. Leah married Henry Riffle in 1917, in Mason County. She died October 17, 1931. Wesley and Leah are buried at Otterbein Cemetery at Evans. Submitted by Daisy Pauley (granddaughter)

WAYNE F. SAYRE

The Sayre and Starcher family lines were joined with the marriage of Faye Starcher and Francis Wayne Sayre at Belleville in Wood County on Thanksgiving Day in 1938. Car trouble kept them from their Wednesday evening wedding date, so that their wedding actually took place in the early morning hours of November 24th at the parsonage of Rev. John Cumberledge.

Wayne, a descendant of Daniel Sayre (see Banta 1329), is the son of late Ruth Sayre and the late B.F. Sayre, Jr. He was born March 22, 1915, on the family farm near Evans where he spent his early years. When he was four years old, the family moved to Cornwall Street in Parkersburg and he attended Nash School through the fourth grade.



F. Wayne and Faye E. Sayre

After his father's death, they moved back to Jackson County. He attended school at Walnut Grove and Cottageville Elementary where he first met Faye. They both graduated from Union High School, she with the class of 1930 and he with the class of 1932. After high school he attended Mountain State College in Parkersburg and became employed at Penn Metal Company in 1938.

Faye (24 March 1914), a descendant of Jacob Starcher (an early settler in Jackson County), is the daughter of the late William Paul Starcher and Golda Hill Starcher who survives. She grew up on the family farm near Cottageville where one of her sisters, Pauline (Mrs. Raymond) Hughes, lives today. After high school, Faye attended Marshall University and taught school at Cottageville Elementary and Goff School at Advent until her marriage.

They bought their first home on Pleasants Ave. (now 34th St.) in Vienna and lived there until 1951 when they moved to a larger home on 34th street where they still live today. They are the parents of two daughters, Karen Faye and Diane Lee. Faye spent many years active in Girl Scouting as troop leader, trainer of leaders, and camp director. Wayne was quite active in community affairs, serving as a member of the Vienna City Council until his work in sales took him on the road. After Keene Corporation purchased Penn Metal in 1967, he established his own sales representative business which he still runs from his home today.

They are both active in the First Lutheran Church in Parkersburg. Faye is a Sunday School teacher and a member of various ladies organizations. Wayne has served several terms on the Church Council, holding the office of President.



front: Anne Kehrli, Molly and Michael Bower; center: Melinda Bower, Steven Kehrli; back: David and Diane Bower, Karen and Wayne Kehrli

He served four terms on the Executive Board of the western Pennsylvania — West Virginia Synod of the Lutheran Church in America and was very active with the transition teams in the formation of the new Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. At the constituting convention of the West Virginia — Western Maryland Synod of the ELCA, he was elected the first synod Vice-President, a position he currently holds. This is the highest layman office in the synod.

Karen (24 March 1942) graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1960, and received her Bachelors in 1964 and Masters Degree in 1966 from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She accepted a position in Poughkeepsie, New York, where she met Wayne Raymond Kehrli from Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, an employee of IBM. They were married on July 29, 1967. They still live in the Poughkeepsie area with their two children, Steven Wayne (11 November 1972) and Anne Elizabeth (20 May 1980). Wayne is a Program Manager with IBM and Karen is a speech therapist with the Hyde Park school system.

Diane (24 February 1945) graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1963 and West Virginia University in 1967. She married David Glenn Bower (grandson of Albert Maywood and Emma Thompson Bower of Brushy Fork) from Parkersburg on August 12, 1967, and taught school for two years in Morgantown before settling in the Parkersburg area in 1969. They live in Washington, West Virginia, where Dave is a Technology Service Representative with GE Plastics. Diane received her Masters Degree from the College of Graduate Studies in 1974 and taught in Wood County for several years before resigning to be a full-time homemaker. They have three children — Melinda Lee (9 January 1977), Michael Glenn (3 May 1979) and Molly Ann (4 December 1981).

Submitted by Diane Sayre Bower and Wayne Kehrli

WESLEY SAYRE

Wesley Sayre 2709-8 (18 Sept. 1825-24 Feb. 1858) son of Daniel 1329-7 and Sarah (Hall) Sayre married first 19 April 1849 Elzina "Zina" Hill (29 Mar. 1832-2 August 1920) cemetery record says born 1830.

Daughter of Labon and Rebecca (Woodruff) Hill. They were residents of the Cow Run section of Jackson Co. in 1850 (Jackson Co. 1850 census) but later moved to the Rockcastle area in Mason Co. Both are buried in the Shinn/Little cemetery near Rockcastle.

Wesley died at the age of 33 years of pneumonia caused from getting too hot by running after a hog.

Their children: 1. Marthena (22 April 1850-18 September 1852). 2. Laban (25 July 1852-19 July 1936) married 27 May 1872 Mary Catherine Barr (12 Dec. 1855-2 July 1934) daughter of Marina Nancy (Hunt) and John Barr. Both are buried in Spruce Cemetery in Mason Co. Their children were: Marion, Ephraim, Elzina, Nancy, George, Wesley, Otho "Doc" and Rosa "Dink." 3. Daniel Bennett "Coon" (20 Feb. 1857-17 June 1937) tombstone says 11 Aug. 1937. Married first 31 Oct. 1877 Nancy King (18 July 1856-died ?) daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Jacob) King. Daniel Bennett is buried at Spruce. Their children: Andrew C., William David, Minerva Jane, Mary Elizabeth, Patrick Edgar, Elzina Bell, Daniel D., Jasper B., John Labon and Elmer S. Daniel Bennett married second 13 Dec. 1896 Ruth (Sayre) Slaughter (28 Jan. 1865-? 1945) daughter of Able and Catherine (Anderson) Sayre. Ruth is buried in Creston Cemetery in Mason Co. Their children were: Francis Pearly, Daniel Burton, Alma Nancy and Joshua Kenna.

As of Dec. 1989, there are two living grandchildren of Wesley Sayre 2709-8. They are John Laban Sayre and Alma Nancy McDaniel. I was born 3 Sept. 1892 to Daniel Bennett "Coon" and Nancy (King) Sayre. Submitted by John Labon Sayre

DESCENDANTS OF WESLEY SAYRE

Wesley Sayre married Elzina Hill April 19, 1849. Children: 1. Marthena (April 22, 1850-September 18, 1852). 2. Laban (July 25, 1852-July 19, 1936). 3. Daniel Bennett (February 20, 1857-June 17, 1937).

Daniel Bennett Sayre married Nancy A. King (July 18, 1856-May 3, 1896) October 31, 1877. Nancy was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Jacobs King. Children: 1. Andrew C. (May 30, 1878-October 22, 1882). 2. William David (February 18, 1880). 3. Minerva Jane (March 25, 1882-October 27, 1920). 4. Mary Elizabeth (February 2, 1884). 5. Patrick Edgar (March 2, 1886). 6. Elzina Bell (February 15, 1888-May 29, 1888). 7. Daniel D. (June 13, 1889-March 7, 1890). 8. Jasper B. (March 2, 1891). 9. John Laban (September 3, 1892). 10. Elmer S. (January 20, 1896-August 8, 1896).

Daniel Bennett and Nancy King Sayre are buried in Spruce Cemetery, Mason County. Daniel Bennett's second wife was Ruth Slaughter. Children: 1. Francis Pearley (June 18, 1897). 2. Daniel Burton (May 15, 1899). 3. Nancy Alma (November 11, 1901). 4. Joshua Kenna (December 14, 1904-August 14, 1920). Ruth Slaughter is buried in Creston Cemetery, Mason County.



William David, Hoyt, Ted and Omen Sayre

William David Sayre married Lillie Leota Slaughter (September 27, 1883) December 24, 1899. Children: 1. Leva Florence (September 8, 1900). 2. Hoyt Laban (June 18, 1902). 3. Icy Belle (May 25, 1904). 4. Dessie Elizabeth (May 3, 1906). 5. Teddy Edgar (September 15, 1908). 6. Hazel Ruth (October 23, 1910). 7. Zelda Alma (December 3, 1912). 8. Dollie Mae (August 25, 1915). 9. Archie Raymond (May 30, 1917). 10. Omen William (May 16, 1920). 11. Beulah Leota (October 25, 1922). William and Leota Sayre are buried in Spruce Cemetery.

Minerva Jane Sayre married John R. Dixon (August 23, 1872-March 19, 1947). Children were: 1. Mary Belle (December 24, 1901). 2. Verda Gladys (April 24, 1904). 3. Blonda Gay (December 5, 1906). 4. Daniel Boyd (August 29, 1909). 5. Freda May (April 27, 1913). 6. John Russell (May 5, 1916-December 11, 1957). 7. Ruth Lyndon (September 13, 1920). Minerva and John Dixon are buried in Otterbein Cemetery near Evans, WV.

Mary Belle Dixon married James Lawerance Ruble December 28, 1921. Children were: 1. Lillian Iris (May 24, 1923). 2. Marjorie Genievie (December 23, 1925). 3. Anna Regina (November 17, 1927).

Verla Gladys Dixon married Fred S. Grady, 1921. Children were: 1. Troy (December 21, 1921). 2. Betty Jean (September 29, 1924). 3. Joe Clifton (March 14, 1929). 4. Bruce Norman (July 8, 1933.)

Blonda Gay Dixon married Lois Archer, January 17, 1931. They had one son, Blonda Gay Dixon (May 11, 1931). Blonda Gay Dixon later married Freda Barr, November 9, 1935. Children

were: 1. Verlin Duane (April 24, 1937). 2. Blondena Elaine (July 30, 1942). 3. Ronald Gay (September 14, 1944).

Daniel Boyd Dixon married Dale Brown, February 14, 1932. Children were: 1. Dale Marie (June 19, 1934). 2. Daniel Hallie (June 18, 1940).

Freda Mae Dixon married Robert L. Cross, August 23, 1930. Children were: 1. Robert Lee (September 23, 1931). 2. James Dixon (February 13, 1934). Freda Mae's second husband was Joseph Mitter married July 17, 1954.

John Russell Dixon married Bernice Sayre, November 11, 1937. John Russell died December 11, 1957.

Ruth Lyndon Dixon married John F. Bennett, September 2, 1939.

Mary Elizabeth Sayre married Julius Caesar Maynard, November 2, 1904 at Evans, WV. Children: 1. Twins Thelma and Edward (1906). 2. Raymond (June 4, 1909).

Jasper B. Sayre married Irene Ach (October 27, 1897-December 21, 1935) on January 7, 1914. Children: 1. Harold M. (February 15, 1916). 2. Virginia Ruth (August 27, 1923). 3. Jasper Jr. (December 8, 1925). Jasper Sayre later married Cora Hall, June 18, 1939.

Harold M. Sayre (February 15, 1916) married Avenelle Rupp, May 12, 1945. One child, Harold R. Sayre.

Virginia Ruth Sayre married Carl Southworth, September 2, 1940. Children: 1. Carole E. 2. Judith G. 3. Michael D. 4. James K. 5. Steven 6. Timothy.

Carol E. Southworth married Adam Beach, had one son, Mark A.

Jasper Sayre, Jr. married Mary Francis Tekanee. Children: 1. Pamela G. 2. Douglas J. 3. deceased son.

John Laban Sayre married Lucretia Stone, June 11, 1914. Children: 1. Reuben Daniel (August 23, 1915). 2. John Hazen (July 22, 1917). 3. Gerold Burton (November 2, 1919). 4. Sybil Iantha (August 18, 1921). 5. Gloria Ruth (November 1, 1923). 6. Pearley Francis (June 26, 1926). 7. Anna May (August 3, 1927) deceased. 8. Viola Fay (February 19, 1930-October 1931). 9. Vivian Hope (June 29, 1932). 10. Ina Gene (October 3, 1933).

Francis Pearley Sayre married Wavie Knapp. Daniel Burton Sayre married Grace Beatty.

Nancy Alma Sayre married Okey Elmer Anderson, March 1921. Children: 1. Bernice (December 7, 1921). 2. Winifred (March 11, 1924). Nancy Alma Sayre later married Howard McDaniel, September 1948.

Bernice Anderson married Jack Ward and Winifred Anderson married Dewey Pierce. *Submitted by Omen Sayre and Judy Oliver*

WESLEY AND ANNA W. SAYRE

Wesley Adam Sayre, son of Elijah and Mary Jane Hunt Sayre, was born April 3, 1847, and died May 12, 1909. Married Anna Wink Sayre in 1872. She was born January, 1852, died July 5, 1934. Both are buried in Otterbein Cemetery, Evans, WV. Nine children: Adam Wesley, T.J., Marie Jean,



Anna (Wink) Sayre and children



Wesley Sayre family

Marguerita Helena (Margaret), Lelia Belle, David Francis, Leo, Clara Pearl, Freda.

Adam Wesley Sayre, deceased 1956, married Leodice Brooks, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Two children: Velva and Lance. Velva Sayre, deceased, married Dencil Fox, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Three children: Blake Leo, Ray Adam, Darrell. Blake Fox, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery, married Claudette Parsons. Three children: Jeffrey, Melissa Fox Hatcher, Wesley. Ray Adam Fox, deceased, buried in Texas. One son, Kenneth. Darrell Fox, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Lance Sayre, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery, married Mittie Stewart, Otterbein Cemetery. Four children: Jean Sayre, Maxine Sayre Shinn, Lance Sayre, Jr., Larry Joe, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery.

T.J. Sayre, deceased, Pine Hill Cemetery. Ripley, WV. Married Linda Hyre and Anna Hollandsworth, both deceased, Pine Hill Cemetery.

Marie Jean Sayre, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery.

Marguerita (Margaret) Sayre, deceased, married Charles Carl Cunningham, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Eight children: Carmelita, Wesley Bernard, Isiah Vernon, Kathleen Elanor, Charles Wink, Kelly Gore, Lois Marie, Chardean Belle. Carmelita, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery, married Park Cadle. Three children: Charles Bernard, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery, Robert Clair and Joan, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Wesley Bernard married Lelia Southall Cunningham. Isiah Vernon, married Hildred Casto Cunningham. Three children: Glendora Marie Cunningham Davis, Isiah Vernon Cunningham, II, Margaret Cunningham, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Kathleen Cunningham married Glen Robert Mann, deceased. Four children: Allen, Glen Robert, Jr., Margaret Mann Yates, Michael Mann. Charles Wink Cunningham, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery married Olevia Pinnell, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Two children: Charles Von "Skeet" Cunningham. Codetta Cunningham Lake. Kelly Gore Cunningham married Bessie Redman. Two children: Robert Kelly and John Paul. Lois Marie Cunningham, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Chardean Belle Cunningham married Carl Hutchison. Two children: Charles and Christine Hutchison Pauley.

Lelia Belle Sayre, deceased, married Raymond Viehdorfer, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. One daughter, Lenore, married Paul Wolfert. Two sons: Raymond Charles and Fredrick Paul.

David Francis Sayre, deceased, married Edna Lewis Sayre, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Five children: Raymond Hershell, Gerald L. "Ted," Eva Madeline, Clinton L., Hilda. Raymond Hershell Sayre, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery, married Norma Bowens and Maysie Osborne. Three children: David, deceased, Charles Richard, Hilda Marie. Gerald L. "Ted" Sayre, deceased, married Eugenia Lansicker Sayre, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Nine children: Gerald, Jr., Doris, Donna Mae Sayre Woodard, Cecelia, Thomas, Deborah, Judy, Beverly. Geraldine is deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Eva Madeline Sayre, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery, married Lomas McConnell, deceased, WWII. Married Vonzel Cogger, deceased.

One son: Lomas McConnell, Jr. deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Clinton L. Sayre, deceased, married Frankie E. Bryan, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery. Three children: Linda Lee Sayre Wackerman, Elizabeth Ann Sayre Breslin, David Wilmont Sayre. Hilda Sayre, single.

Leo Sayre, deceased, Otterbein Cemetery.

Clara Pearl Sayre, deceased, married James Russell Baker, deceased, Blaine Memorial Cemetery, Cottageville, WV. Seven children: Onley Wayne, James Haldron, Avis Ione, Iris Louine, Anna Elizabeth, Chester Camden, Lila Roberta Baker. Onley Wayne Baker, deceased, Blaine Memorial Cemetery. James Haldron Baker, deceased, Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes, WV. Married Audrey Bailey Baker. One son, Gary C. Baker. Avis Ione Baker married Samuel Balch, deceased, WWII, Creston Cemetery, Mason County, and Lawrence Raines. Two children: Max E. Raines and Marilyn Raines Luson. Iris Louine Baker, deceased, Blaine Memorial Cemetery. Anna Elizabeth Baker married James Harless, deceased, and Raymond Skeen. Six children: Roderick and Larry Harless, Rocky Skeen, deceased, Blaine Memorial Cem. Benjamin Skeen, Barbara Skeen Upton, Rebecca Skeen Stafford. Chester Camden Baker, deceased, WWII, Blaine Memorial Cemetery, married Helen Starcher Baker, deceased. Lila Roberta Baker married James W. Casto. Two children: Shirley Casto Hutton and James William Casto, Jr.

Freda Sayre married Gay Casto, deceased, buried in Beckley, WV. Three children: Dwight, Clela, Ann. Dwight Casto married Eva Harris, deceased, buried in Beckley, WV. Three daughters: Pat, Vickie, Penny. Clela Casto married Frazier Hurst. Divorced. Four daughters: Gay, Rebecca, Tony, Cynthia. Ann Casto married James Spreacker. Divorced. One daughter, Lynn. *Submitted by Hilda Sayre and Lila Casto*

PAUL SCITES

Paul and Margaret Scites were among the influx of people who came to Ravenswood after Kaiser Aluminum. Paul was born in Huntington, son of Paul and Lucille Scites. Margaret was born in Pocahontas County, daughter of Rev. E. Clyde and Reta Bussard. Paul's father went to Hinton with the C. and O. Railroad, and Margaret's father was sent there as minister of Miller Memorial Methodist Church.

It was there the two met. Margaret had graduated from Concord College with a degree in education. After marriage they moved to Huntington where Margaret was teaching. Paul worked in Huntington until he had an opportunity to be hired at Kaiser Aluminum. In the summer of 1964, they moved to Ravenswood, and Margaret taught English at Ravenswood High School. The following year she became Librarian where she continues today. They first lived in Regency Apartments, but in 1966 they purchased a home on South Ritchie Avenue where they still live today. Paul recently was presented his 25 year watch from Kaiser Aluminum and now works for Ravenswood Aluminum.

In 1966 a daughter, Lisa Ann was born. She graduated from Ravenswood High School and then attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. She graduated in 1988 with a degree in education and now teaches English at Nelson County High School in Bardstown, Kentucky.

In 1969 a second daughter, Paula Jean, was born. She graduated from Ravenswood High School and is a junior at Asbury College majoring in elementary education.

In 1971 Margaret's parents retired in Ravenswood where her father died in 1975. Her mother continues to make her home in Regency Apartments.

In 1985 Paul earned a degree in education from West Virginia State College.

They are active in Faith Bible Church, where Margaret is pianist and Paul teaches the Young Adult Sunday School Class. *Submitted by Margaret Scites*

FLORENCE (ARCHER) WINTER SCROTE

Florence was born September 16, 1886 in Aplin Ridge, West Virginia and died in October of 1949 in Akron, Ohio. She was the daughter of Sarah Aplin Archer and Dock Megary Archer.



Florence (Archer) Scrote, age 18, wedding day

Florence loved the outdoors and preferred outdoor farm work to housework traditional for women. She could ride bareback, though she never learned to drive a car. She learned all aspects of farming while growing up. She married Harvey Winter and had a son, Herman. This marriage soon ended in divorce. She and her little son lived alone on her farm where she supported herself by raising chickens. She prided herself on being a good business manager. After a few years, her house burned to the ground while she was at church. She then left West Virginia for Akron, where she bought a house and rental property, found employment as an inspector at B.F. Goodrich Company, and successfully supported herself and her son. She remarried in 1924 and had a daughter in 1925 when she was 39 years old. During the hard years of the Depression, her ability to survive and manage stood her in good stead.



Florence (Archer) Scrote, age 39

Life on a backwoods farm at the turn of the century required a great deal of self-reliance. She had blood poisoning when she was 13. Red streaks were running along her arm, so her mother sent her on horseback, with a brother as escort, to the doctor's house. They found he was away. His wife kept Florence overnight so the doctor could treat her as soon as he returned. The brother rode home to tell the parents. Florence was a great believer in the home remedies practiced at the time. One of her favorites was flaxseed poultices. She took a piece of gauze, made a mash of flaxseed and very hot water, made a little packet of this mash in the gauze, and lay it on the sore, a boil for

instance. I don't know if it helped, but the heat felt good. Florence was proud of her home nursing skills, and said if she could have been something else, she would have been a nurse. She wanted her daughter to be a nurse, but she was too squeamish and became a librarian.

Once Florence, as a child, rode into Ripley with her father, who stopped to visit his cousin. They arrived while the family was eating breakfast, a city breakfast of toast and coffee. Florence, who had experienced only great lavish country breakfasts, whispered to her father, "Are they poor?"

My opinion is that the Aplin women were strong-minded, spirited, and independent, traits partly genetic, but perhaps partly the result of nonconformist beliefs of their father, W.H. Aplin. Florence was in that tradition in that she was not afraid to get a divorce, support herself, and be an independent woman. She always said women had a harder time than men, and had great empathy for working women. She liked to say she could run any business as good as, or better, than any man.

Submitted by Norma Lee Scrote Desmond

SCYOC — WILSON

Our roots are deep in Jackson County and we start with Cornelis Aertsen Van Schaick, who was b. ca 1610 in Westbroek, Utrecht, Netherlands; d. ca 1669 at New Amsterdam (s/o Adrian/Aert). A son, Arie/Adrian Cornelissen Van Schaick, b. 1642, New Amsterdam; d. 1699 at New York City, NY; m. in Brooklyn, 1662, Rebecca Idens (d/o Ide Thonise, Nordigen, Holland). A son, Iden Van Schaick; b. 1665, NY; d. ca 1728 Cold Springs Harbor, Oyster Bay, Long Island, NY, Isabel Bloetgoet (ca 1666-ca 1716), b. Flushing, NY (d/o Frans, a builder from Guida, The Netherlands, and Chief Officer of Flushing, Hempstead, and Long Island towns). A son, Adrian/Aaron Van Schaick, Sr; b. 25 December 1692, at Oyster Bay; d. ca 1772, York Co, PA. A son, Cornelius Van Scyoc (ca 1722-1790/1800); b. Hunterdon Co, NJ; d. Franklin Co, PA. A son, Abel Van Scyoc; b. Hunterdon Co, 1752; d. Ohio Co, (W)V, 1814; m. Mary. A son, Abel Van Scyoc, Jr, b. Franklin Co, PA, 1794; came from Grave Creek, Greene Co, PA to Crooked Fork, thence to Meadowdale, Jackson County before 1840; d. 1879; 2m. 1840, Nancy Rardin/on, b. 1812. A son, William Henry Scyoc (1844-1904); b. & d. Jackson Co; Confederate Army Co F, 17th Virginia Cavalry, m. Dorcas Hall; b. Upshur Co, (W)Va, 1840, d. Roane Co, WVa, 1889, (d/o Samuel (1811-1886) and Rebecca S. (1810-1887), both b. Shenandoah Co, Va, d. Roane Co, WV). A daughter, "Nannie" Nancy Ann Scyoc (1865-1936) m. James Horatio Wilson (1869-1930) (s/o Azariah F; b. Harrison Co, 1836; m. Jackson Co., 1856, Rachel, b. Upshur Co., 1837, d/o Washington and Mary Casto. Azariah was s/o Horatio, b. 1804, and Sarah, b. 1806, of Jackson Co.). A son, Jesse James Wilson (1893-1981); b. Palestine, Wirt Co; m. Viola Lockhart (1892-1955). A daughter, Edith Wilson (1924-1979); b. Wood Co; member of the Lauckport Baptist Church, Delores Barnes Mission Circle, and sang in the choir; cook at Parkersburg South High School; m. Vernon Dennis Dellinger, b. 1921, son of Henry and Lulu Marilla (Lyons). Grandma had black hair and was very pretty. A son, James Dennis Dellinger; b. 1944; m. 1965, in Wood Co, Gloria Ann, b. Charleston, 1945 (d/o Edward and Juanita (Anderson) Burke) (our parents).

DeWitt Lineage:

I. Nicholas Dewitt m. Taatje Classen; lived Holland.

II. Tjerke Classen Dewitt, b. ca 1620, Holland; d. 1700, Esopus, NY; m. 1658, Barbra Andriessen.

III. Lucas Dewitt (1674-1703); lived Ulster Co, NY; m. 1695, Annatje Delva (d/o Anthony and Jannetje (Hilderbrandt).

IV. Jan Dewitt; b. 1700, Ulster Co; m. 1731, Arianthe (Osterhoudt), b. 1712 (d/o Gysbert and Martje (Bodarus).

V. Johannes Dewitt; b. 1739, NY.

VI. John Dewitt; b. ca 1765-69, Westmoreland Co, PA; in Revolution; d. 1820, Mason Co.; m. ca 1790, Nancy Elizabeth Culbertson (d/o Samuel and Jennet (Shields). In 1801, they came by flatboat down the Ohio River and built the first cabin in 1807 at Muses Bottom, Grant District.

VII. Margaret Dewitt; d. 1823, Mason Co; m. 1810, David Rardin.

VIII. Nancy Rardin m. Abel Van Scyoc, Jr. Rardin/Rardon lineage:

I. Dennis Rardin; b. County Kerry, Ireland ca 1725; in Revolution; d. Westmoreland Co, PA, 1789; m. in PA ca 1755.

II. John Rardin; a Revolutionist; b. Bedford Co, PA, 1754; ca 1798, came down the Ohio River to Pleasanton, Wesley Twp, Washington Co, OH; d. 1813; m. Hannah Woodruff (d/o Cornelius, Sr. and Mary (Osborne)).

III. David Rardin; b. Westmoreland Co, PA, 1790; d. 1860-70; m. Margaret Dewitt. *Submitted by Candace, Christopher and Steven Dellinger*

WILLIAM SCYOC

Abel Van Scyoc Jr., of Dutch descent, was born Feb. 24, 1794 at Franklin County, PA, son of Abel and Mary Van Scyoc. He had served in the War of 1812 and had married first Deborah O'Neal on Nov. 29, 1821 at Ohio County, (W)V. He married second Nancy Rardon on June 5, 1840 at Jackson County, (W)V. Nancy was born Sept. 15, 1812, daughter of David and Margaret (Dewitt) Rardon. Her maternal grandfather, John Dewitt, was one of the earliest settlers of northern Jackson County. Her paternal grandfather, John Rardon, had served in the American Revolution. Abel and Nancy lived in the Liverpool area of Jackson County and were buried in a small family cemetery located on Comet Road (no tombstones). William Henry Scyoc (1841-1904), son of Abel and Nancy Van Scyoc, married Dorcas Hall (1840-1890). "Van" was eventually dropped from the Scyoc name.

William Perry Scyoc (1875-1955), son of William Henry and Dorcas Scyoc, married Claire Bird Montgomery (1878-ca. 1916). They lived in Roane County, WV and are buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. After the death of Claire Bird, William Perry married Caroline (Hicks) Smith. Children of William Perry and Claire Bird Scyoc:

1. Berle (1901-1960) married O.E. Paine and lived near Reedy, WV.

2. An infant son is buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

3. Carl (died in infancy) and is buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

4. Eupha (1904) married Flavy Kelly and lives at Ravenswood, WV.

5. Romie "Brooks" (1906-1967) married Fay Cantwell and lived at Mansfield, Ohio.

6. Donald Ray (1909-1980) married Betty Perry and lived near Sandyville, WV.

7. Willie Roscoe "Ross" (1911) married Virginia Midkiff and lives at Parkersburg, WV.

8. Theo Dora (1913) married Brooks Utt and lives at Liverpool, WV.

Donald Ray Scyoc (1909-1980) married Elizabeth "Betty" Perry (1908), daughter of Nelson and Barbara (Hertje) Perry. Nelson Perry (1872-1911) was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lyons) Perry. The Perrys had lived at Vinton County, Ohio before moving to the Sandyville area of Jackson County. Barbara Perry (1885-1982), daughter of Leonard and Mary Louise (Biggs) Hertje, lived with Don and Betty for many years. They lived on North Hill between Sandyville and Ripley. Don had worked in the oil and gas industry. They were members of the Mud Run Church of Christ. Don is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children:

1. Earl (1933) married Evelyn "Rac" Wise and lives at Sissonville, WV. Their children: Jacqueline, Sonya and Dewayne.

2. Barbara (1935) married Rolla McDonald and lives at Vienna, WV. Their children: Lisa and Lori.

3. Donna (1936) married John Taggart and lives at Roseland, VA. Their children: Jay and Jimmy.

4. Mary (1937) married Nolan Samples and lives at Georgetown, Tennessee. Their children: Kelly and Todd.

5. Jimmy Lee (1944-1960) is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

6. Jerry Deane (1950-1967) is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. *Submitted by Barbara (Scyoc) McDonald*

JAMES SEALS

James Madison Seals (1849-1935) was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, son of Nathan and Matilda (Moore) Seals. He married Mary Alice Bonar (1856-1936), daughter of Nelson and Catherine (Farnsworth) Bonar. They lived in northern Jackson County above Beech Grove near the Wood County line. Interstate 77 is now on part of the land they had farmed. They are buried in the Simpson Cemetery. Their children:

1. Leonard Clinton (1879-1970) married Eula Harrow and lived on a farm near Murraysville. Their child, James Seals, married Ina Bearce.

2. Mary C. (1880-1928) married John W. Carothers and lived in the Pond Creek area in Wood County near the Wood-Jackson County line. Their children: James Edgar "Ed" Carothers never married; Oscar Carothers married Murhl Lemley (divorced); Edna Carothers never married; John B. Carothers died in infancy; Dorothy married Sherman Conley (divorced); Lora Dessie Carothers married James Arnold; Grace Audra Carothers married Kenneth Miihlbach (divorced); Rosic Nell Carothers married Gilbert Thompson; Stella Carothers married Harold Mills; and Perry Carothers married Reva Kaufman.

3. Nelson "Bonar" (1880-1934) married first Mary Lura Quick. He lived on the family farm awhile and later moved to Little Sandy. Their child, Freda Seals, married Chester Smith. Bonar married second Jennie Mills. Their children: John Seals married Kathleen Lemaster; Georgia Seals married Paul Rardin; Irvin Seals married Laura Bearce; Lorene Seals married Rolla Wallace; Ann Seals married Parker Jackson.

4. Ara B. (1882-1954) married first George Bruce. They had no children. She married second Joseph Hague. They lived at Beaver, PA. Their child, Delbert Hague, married first Delores and second Edith Erickson.

5. Shirley (1887-1972) married first Wilma Stallings. They lived on the hill behind the Beech Grove Church (north of Medina). Their children: Ethel Seals married Earl Boyce; Hazel Seals married Bill Rhodes; Delmar Seals married June Bever. Shirley married second Alma (Stallings) Smith. They had no children.

6. Aaron "Davis" (1890-1969) married Maude



Davis, James, Mary Ann (Bonar) and Eldo Seals

Durst. They lived at Beatysville in Grant District at the Wood-Jackson County line and later at Tupper Plains, OH. Davis was a school teacher for 22 years. He taught at Murraysville, Mt. Flower, Beatysville, Beech Grove, Cavin Fork and Era Bell in Jackson County. He also taught at Buffalo and Oak Grove in Wood County. Their children: Vera Seals married William Thompson; Sylvia Seals married Perry Curtis; Helen Seals married Jim Beck; Glen Seals married Carol Flinn; Gene Seals married ?; Eldo Seals married Julia Tavener.

7. Ruby L. (1892-1982) married Henderson McPeck and lived at Belleville, WV. Their children: Harley McPeck married Mary Hale, Clinton McPeck married Kathleen Harrow.

8. Naomi Leona (1894-1919) never married.

Three other children died in infancy. *Submitted by Lorene (Seals) Wallace*

SEAMAN

The Seaman family was originally Danish (Men of the Sea or Sea-men). On one of their excursions they landed on the coast of England, whipped the natives and held the land. Three Forks of Reedy (later just called Reedy) was in Harrison County until 1798, then it became Wood County. In 1831 it was Jackson County; in 1848 it was Wirt County and became Roane County in 1856.

David Seaman came to the Reedy area in the early part of the Nineteenth Century. David married Elizabeth Board. From that marriage came George, born in 1813 and died in 1876.

George Seaman married Jane Boggs from Jackson County in 1844. From that marriage came five girls and three boys, David, John and William A. (my grandfather), born December 10, 1865, died June 15, 1935. George and Jane and children lived in the Conrad Run Community just off Route 14, in what is now Wirt County.

William A. Seaman married Lavada Ellen Lindamood (from Ohio) on November 23, 1888. They moved to the Frozen Camp area and then to the town of Reedy, in 1919. From this marriage came four boys, Gay, Hoyt, Asa and Rudy. Three girls, Ottie, Grace and Esther. All were born in the Frozen Camp area of Jackson County. He was a farmer, ran a saw mill and cut timber on contracts. He was an honest man. It must have rubbed off on his sons. Clyde P. Law, son of Dave Law, Sr. who owned the Reedy Produce, told me several times that his dad told him to give the Seaman boys any credit they wanted. (In the depression years of the "30s" money was scarce. He said that they might not have money now, but if they ever get it I'll be paid.)



Gay Seaman family. Fay Corrine Full, John, Gay, Ileana Sims

Gay Seaman, born January 8, 1891 and died January, 1963. In 1918 Gay married Fay Conley, born April 16, 1895 and died July 14, 1988. Of that marriage was born three children, John, Corinne and Ileana. John born June 23, 1921; Corinne born January 18, 1923; and Ileana born March 4, 1930.

John Seaman married Hazel Miller Lowther (a widow who had five children). John was an

amateur baseball player in Reedy and Spencer; was in the Navy 46 months during World War II; attended West Virginia Institute of Technology and obtained a B.A. Degree; retired from Kaiser Aluminum in 1983 and presently is a substitute teacher in Jackson County.

Corinne Seaman married Ralph Full. From this marriage came two boys and five girls; Richard, Ronald, Robin, Ronda, Renee, Rita and Roberts. Ralph and Corinne live at Atwater, Ohio.

Ileana Seaman married Harold Sims and they live at Palestine, WV. From this marriage came one son, Rodney (single) and two daughters. Vickie married Fred Jones and had one son, Jason. Vickie divorced and re-married Joe James of Norman-town, WV. From this marriage a daughter was born, Mandy. Melody married Tim Corbet. A son, Chase, and a daughter, Chelsie, came from this marriage. They reside at Palestine, WV. *Submitted by John Seaman*

EVERETT AND FRANCES SHAFFER

Everett Shaffer, son of Sheldon Shaffer and Nellie (Coleman) Shaffer, born August 29, 1913 at Goldtown, WV. He is retired from the State Highways Department. He also drove a school bus in the county for a number of years after World War II. His mother, Nellie, was born January 8, 1894, to Elijah and Lucendia (Miller) Coleman. Nellie died February 17, 1914, at the age of 19 years, seven months after Everett's birth. She was the last of 11 children. Nellie's father, Elijah, was born August 16, 1848. He died four months after Nellie's birth, on April 16, 1894. His father's first name is unknown but his mother's name was Kate (Daily) Coleman. Lucendia was born March 20, 1849, to George and Louann Miller. Everett spent a lot of his childhood years with his uncle Joseph Coleman of Goldtown, WV, and Rudy Coleman of Spicewood, WV.

Everett Shaffer married Frances, born June 11, 1930, daughter of Elmer and Georgie (Bogges) Joplin of Allen's Fork, Sissonville, WV. Georgie was the daughter of Greeley and Lucretie Bogges. Greeley, with his bright red hair, was a well known carpenter and preacher in the county. Lucretie was an invalid for a number of years. Georgie was known to many Jackson Countians as Tine, short for tiny because she was so small at birth. In the early part of the century babies were born at home and were not always named as soon as they were born. This was Tine's experience and she was not formally named Georgie Ann until she was three. The nickname was so firmly rooted by then that it remained Tine until her death in 1986. The whole name situation became a problem when she reached retirement age and applied for Social Security. Her birth certificate listed her simply as Baby Bogges, so she had to find older ones in the community who would affirm that she had indeed been born. Her husband, Elmer Joplin, died in 1939 at the age of 32. Tine was a wife for 10 years and a widow-woman, as she called herself, for 46 years.

Everett and Frances live on Spicewood Road, Kenna, WV, and are the parents of eight children. Betty married Fairley Halstead, son of Vincent and Ova (Phillips) Halstead of Sissonville, WV. They live on Carnian Ford Road, Ripley, WV, and are the parents of Jeffrey, born January 14, 1967, and Kandell, born December 29, 1968. Kandell married James Anderson, son of James and Geneva Anderson of Ripley. Sharlene married Gary Halstead, brother of Fairley Halstead. They live at Goldtown, and are parents of Jimmie and Lisa. Stanley married Sandra Sayre of Mt. Alto and is stepfather to Sonjia and Paul. Sonjia and her husband are the parents of Justin. Mary married and divorced Steven Meeks of Winfield. They are the parents of Sara. Mary next married Rusty Rothenberger of Ravenswood, WV. They are the

parents of Jacob and live in Memphis, TN. Patsy lives in Parkersburg, WV. Nancy married Scott Hiple and lives in Elyria, Ohio. Stephen married Debbie Johnson and is stepfather to Gary and Heather. David lives at home with his parents.

Frances Shaffer worked at the I-77 truckstop at Fairplain, WV, for a number of years and in 1985 she started working at a nursing home in Sissonville.

Everett Shaffer remembers a different Jackson County than we see today. A time when young men went courting on horseback instead of by automobile. He especially remembers riding double with his cousin. His cousin forgot to warn him of an upcoming tree branch, the cousin ducked and Everett received a broken jaw. He remembers it best in rainy weather. *Submitted by Everett and Frances Shaffer*

JOHN G. SHARP

When the sons of John G. Sharp left the mid-west in search of a better life, Neal, Charley, and Granville Esmond Sharp chose to settle in the Ohio Valley near Athens, Ohio. At some point before the Civil War, Granville Esmond moved to Tug Fork in Jackson County and lived out his life there.

Granville fought as a Union soldier in the Civil War at Chase's Mill. He was married to Margaret Young, the daughter of James and Mary Jane (Waybright) Young. They had eight children, most of whom lived out their lives in Jackson County. One son who remained here was Corneilus Merton Sharp.



Corneilus Merton and Lula Pearl (Johnson) Sharp

Corneilus, called Neal by his family and friends, married Lula Pearl Johnson, daughter of Ben and Virginia "Jane" (Southall) Johnson. They had five sons and two daughters, all of whom were born and raised in Jackson County. He moved to the Enoch Staats Farm on Tug Fork, in the early '20s where he farmed, hunted and trapped, raising his family there until he died in 1943.

Oral "Bus" Sharp was born at Fairplain in 1918. He served in the Navy during World War II. He married Opal Pauline Grandon in 1949. They had two sons, Garry Wayne and Paul Eugene, and two daughters, Sandra Kay Waybright and Debra Lynn Gandee.

Oral was a retired Staff Sergeant in the Air Force and also served in the Korean War. He died in Ripley in 1981. His wife, children and seven grandchildren still reside in Jackson County.

Margaret Virginia (Sharp) Anderson was born at Fairplain in 1920. She married Joseph E. Anderson in 1937, the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Wolfe Anderson, and had two children, a son and a daughter. Joseph E. Anderson, Jr., born in 1940, resides in Parkersburg with his wife Brenda (Ferguson) Anderson. They have a son Joseph E. Anderson III and a daughter Angela Dee Anderson. Margaret Ellen (Anderson) Kochendoerfer, born in 1939, is married to Ronald Kochendoerfer and lives in Sandusky, Ohio. They have two sons, Timothy Paul now married and

Ronald Jr., one granddaughter. Joe and Jennie still reside at Stat's Mill in Jackson County. Joe is a veteran of World War II.

Corneilus E. (Benson) Sharp was born in 1922 and died as a young child.

Harry Lloyd Sharp, born in 1924 at Fairplain, served in the Navy during World War II and later married Ernestine (Pat) Creel in 1951. They have two sons, Harry II and Robert L., and one daughter, Cheryl. Harry died in Tampa, Florida in 1980. His wife, children and grandchildren are now living in Tampa, Florida.

Corneilus Merton Sharp, Jr. (Junior) was born in 1926 in Ripley. He served in the Army and later married Betty Ann Hammack. They have a son, Corneilus Merton III, and a daughter, Beverly. Junior died as a result of an automobile accident in 1967. He was a resident of Charleston.

Leo Donald Sharp was born in Ripley in 1928. He served in the Army Airborne and in the Korean War. He married Patsy Ruth Barney in 1956. They have two daughters, Lea Ann and Joyce Lynn, and one son Leo Donald II. Leo was a retired Kaiser Aluminum employee and died in 1984. His wife, children, and grandson still reside in Jackson County.

Effie Pauline (Sharp) Bailey was born in Ripley in 1930. She married Basil D. (Bob) Bailey in 1951. The couple resided in Charleston, WV for a time and then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. They had two children, a son and a daughter. Karen Lou was born in 1956. Gregory Alan was born in 1964. Bob and Polly also have a son from Bob's previous marriage, David Bailey. In the late 1970s the entire Bailey family including their five grandchildren moved to Tampa, Florida, where they still reside today. *Submitted by Joyce Lynn Sharp*

ROBERT JAY SHAVER

Recently the "Shaver" roots have been traced as far back as 1724 to Paul Shaver. His son, Peter, came to America with his family from Germany around 1750 settling in Rockingham County, Virginia, which became Braxton County, West Virginia. The Shavers had large families and were very active in developing the wilderness into farm land, donating a lot of their time to help others. The town of Flatwoods, West Virginia, was once named "Shaversville."

Robert is the oldest son of James Vaughn and Wilma Virginia Shaver. They had 13 children in all. Eleven survive today.

Robert left West Virginia around 1955 to 1973, working in Delaware where he married Janice D. Fink. They had two sons and a daughter.

In 1973 the call of the hills brought him home to West Virginia settling on a farm in Upshur County. Since he could not make a living at farming he joined a company called Interstate Battery Systems of America, in May 1974 and became Interstate Battery of Central West Virginia. The business grew on the western part of the state so fast that they moved to Ripley in 1980. In time they planned to build a new home in Ravenswood on property they purchased by the Ohio River. But the expansion of the business made them build a warehouse on part of that property.

In researching the deed for this property, many interesting things were discovered. This was one of the first town properties to be sold and the man who once owned it ran the first ferry across the river, B. Fleming. The Ravenswood house, was once a neighbor. 1887, A. Weisheit had a tannery there; 1936 it was St. Dennis Milling Co.. Someone mentioned a cannery, private residence, a trucking company and now a Battery warehouse. The property has been flooded many times but the beauty is worth the risk.

The children of Robert and Janice are married with children of their own. They are: William Barry wed Lisa Ellen Matheny, from Ripley, and

have two sons, Joseph and Beau; Keith Alan wed Kathy Marie Lewis, from Upshur Co. and have two sons, Darrell and Kirk; Nannette Lynn wed Richard Lynn Rexroad, from Upshur Co. and have two sons and a daughter, Derek, Cameron, and Natasha. *Submitted by Janice D. Shaver*

JACOB SHEETS

My grandparents, Jacob and Lucy (Bower) Sheets, began their married life on a small farm given to them by his father, Henry Sheets. This farm was located on the Jackson-Wirt Co. line on the ridge east of Left Fork of Sandy Creek in Grant District. Jacob (better known as "Jake") added to this original tract until he eventually owned 170 acres in both Jackson and Wirt Counties. Jacob and Lucy lived all their remaining lives on this farm.

Jacob Sheets was born Nov. 21, 1866 in Tucker District of Wirt Co., the son of Henry Sheets (1841-1911) and Almira Stuke (1841-1923). He died Dec. 23, 1943 in Grant District, Jackson Co. Lucy Ann Bower was born Sept. 25, 1862 on Joshus Fork of Pond Creek in Steele District of Wood Co., the daughter of David Bower (1822-1904) and Janette Chase (1826-1915). She died Oct. 7, 1934 at Camden-Clark Hospital, Parkersburg, W.Va. They are both buried in Limestone Cemetery, Wood Co. Jacob and Lucy were married March 26, 1891 at the home of her father in Steele District, Wood Co.



Jacob and Lucy Sheets

Jacob and Lucy had four children: Martha Ann (Mattie) (1892-1976) md. Charles W. (Dick) Wells (1889-1963); Howard (1894-1957) md. Edith Davis (1898-1985); Cora Pearl (1896-1973) md. Edward E. Conger (1890-1974); Janette Almira (Nettie) (1899-1954) md. Joseph Cleveland (Cleve) Conger (1892-1985). Mattie and Dick Wells lived at Mineral Wells, W.Va. Howard and Edith Sheets lived at Marietta, Ohio. Both Conger families eventually lived on the Sheets farm: Cora and Ed in the Jacob Sheets house in Jackson Co. and Nettie and Cleve in the original Henry Sheets house a few hundred yards north in Wirt Co. Cleve and Nettie (Sheets) Conger were my parents and I grew up on this farm.

Henry Sheets, father of Jacob, was born July 27, 1841 in Wood Co. W.Va. (then Va.), the son of John Sheets (1810-1889) and Martha Tracewell (1810-1871). He died Oct. 1, 1911 in Tucker District, Wirt Co. Henry married Nov. 21, 1861 in Wood Co., Almira Stuke born Dec. 25, 1841 in Switzerland Township, Monroe Co., Ohio, daughter of Jacob Stuke (1806-1846) and Sarah Noffsinger (1817-1874). Almira died March 19, 1923 in Tucker District, Wirt Co. Henry and Almira are buried in the Limestone Cemetery, Wood Co. Their children were: John L. (1862-1930) md. Virginia Alcona Archer (1864-1951). They lived in Grant District; Sarah Martha (1864-1941) md. Peter Archer (1855-1940). They lived on a farm adjoining Jacob Sheets; Jacob md. Lucy Bower; Mary (1871-1946) md. Luther Millard

Archer (1868-1929); Ruel (1873-1875); William (1876-1948) md. Docia Bower (1878-1962). Lived in Tucker District, Wirt Co. Henry and Almira received 83 acres as a wedding present from her mother in 1861 and lived there their remaining lives. *Submitted by Darrell Conger*

WILLIAM L. SHEPHERD

William Shepherd (1861-1937) was born in Marshall County. The names of his parents aren't known. His mother was a native of England who resided in Wheeling during late life. His earliest known presence in Jackson County was year 1880 when he was listed in the household of Job Hunt on the U.S. Census as an 18 year old farm hand.



William L. and Mary Louise (Hunt) Shepherd, 1882

William Shepherd married Mary Louise, daughter of Jacob Hunt and Sarah Barnette, January 31, 1882. They lived on Left Hand Cow Run, land deeded to them by Jacob and Sarah Hunt. Their children: Louis, Daniel, William, Eric, George, Rena, Verna, Sarah, Minerva and two un-named girl babes.



William L. and Ida (Clayton) Shepherd, 1921

After his wife Mary died, William remarried Ida Clayton (1870-1925) on September 8, 1908.

William L. Shepherd and his two wives are buried in Antioch Cemetery, Mary Louise Hunt Shepherd and Ida Clayton Shepherd. *Submitted by Charles W. Lewis (grandson)*

SHEPPARD

Jonathan Sheppard was born in 1760 in the region of what is now Hardy County, West Virginia, son of John and Sarah Sheppard. Jonathan was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, enlisting July 1, 1775, serving in Boston, Battle of Fort Washington, Fort Frederick, Pittsburg, and at the siege of Yorktown (where Cornwallis surrendered.)

Jonathan Sheppard married Martha Wilson. They lived in Hardy County, moved to the Hackers Creek area of Harrison County. Family tradition says that sometime before the year 1800, Jonathan Sheppard, John Lewis Ott, Samuel Somerville and others pursued a raiding band of Indians, who had stolen some children from the West Fork settlement. They overtook them and rescued them at Mingo Bottom, on the Little Kanawha River, near

the present site of Elizabeth. They were impressed with the country and later brought their families to find homes in what was then a trackless wilderness on Right Reedy Creek. When they settled here, these lands were in Wood County. With the organization of Jackson County in 1831, much of this area became a part of the new county, and remained so until Wirt County was formed in 1848.

Martha Wilson Sheppard died March 6, 1808, age 41 years. Jonathan Sheppard married his second wife Diana McVeil, September 28, 1808. She died May 22, 1814, age 46 years. Jonathan Sheppard died April 17, 1825. He and both his wives are buried in the family cemetery near the site of his home on Right Reedy Creek.

Children: James Sheppard, born 1787, married Margaret Lockhart; Susanna Sheppard, 1789-1804, married Samuel Somerville; Sarah Sheppard, 1791-1863, married Isaac Lockhart; John Sheppard, 1793-1794; William Sheppard, 1794-1874, married Lettitia Black, married second Jane Steel; Henry Sheppard, 1796-1870, married Diana Smith; Rebecca Sheppard, 1798-1895, married Andrew Somerville; Samuel Sheppard, 1803-1872, married Amelia Full.

William Sheppard married Lettitia Black, 1794-1823. Children: Henry Sheppard, married Francis Ingram; Isabelle Sheppard, married Charles Ingraham.

William married his second wife Jane Steel, 1805-1889. Children: Jonathan Sheppard, 1826-1889, married Eunice Cain; James Sheppard, 1829-1830; Elizabeth Sheppard, 1829-1887, married John Anderson; Lettitia Sheppard, 1830-1883, married Dr. Daniel Cain; Wilson Goin Sheppard, 1833-1896, married Margaret Cain, married second, Elizabeth Elzena Weber; Samuel Sheppard, 1835-1918, married Lucinda Enoch; Martin Van Buren Sheppard, 1836-1916, married Sophronia Cozad; Mary Jane Sheppard, 1839-1914, married Jefferson Ayres; Richard M.J. Sheppard, 1841-1864, married Martha Enoch; Martha Sheppard, 1845-1870, married John Thorn; Catharine Sheppard, 1847-1868.



Martin Van Buren Sheppard

William Sheppard was a man of prominence in the community, and was for several years a Justice of the Peace. He was a school commissioner in 1831, Jackson County Assessor in 1837, Sheriff of Jackson County 1843-1844, and a member of the County Court. He was a Colonel in the Virginia Militia. At the time of his death in 1874 he owned several tracts of land totaling 1,342-1/2 acres in Wirt County, also land in Roane and Jackson Counties. William Sheppard and both his wives are buried in the Sheppard Cemetery in Wirt County. *Submitted by Allen C. Sheppard*

CLARE SHEPPARD

Clare Sheppard (1885-1986) was born at Pee Wee in Wirt County, WV, son of Paschal and Lucy (Somerville) Sheppard. Paschal moved his family to Jackson County in the late 1890's. Paschal (1852-1916) and Lucy (1860-1951) are buried

in the Limestone Cemetery. Lucy was the daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Slaven) Somerville. Paschal was the son of Jonathan Jr. and Eunice (Cain) Sheppard, the grandson of William and Jane (Steele) Sheppard and the great-grandson of Jonathan and Martha (Wilson) Sheppard, one of the earliest settlers in Wirt County. Clare married Mamie Myer (1892), daughter of Grant and Mary (Boston) Myer, on June 17, 1906. Grant Myer (1868-1953) was the son of Jerome and Rachel (Woodside) Myer. Mary Boston (1875-1964) was the daughter of Samuel and Millie (Miller) Boston. Grant and Mary are buried in the Limestone Cemetery.



Clare and Mamie Sheppard

Clare was a former one-room school teacher in Jackson County, where one of his pupils was his wife-to-be. They were married when she finished the eighth grade. They lived on a farm along Route 21 in northern Jackson County near the Wirt County line. Mamie is now living at the Sheppard Health Care Center at Ellenboro, WV. Clare worked for various farm organizations and for the leasing office of Carnegie Gas Co. and the Union Carbon Gas Co. on a part-time basis until the late 1960's. They operated a roadside produce stand for 40 years using the honor system of pay, which convinced them that people are basically honest. He was also a notary public for 50 years. With the help of their son, Blaine, they operated a 365 acre farm raising beef cattle, hay and tobacco. Mamie has made many quilts using her old Singer treadle sewing machine which dates from the early depression days. Each grandchild had a quilt presented to them at birth and the Ladies Aid Society of the Sheppard's Chapel Methodist Church also received several quilts to help raise money for needed items at the church. The Sheppards were members of this church for over 50 years. Clare was a Sunday School Superintendent for many years and taught a Bible Class for 15 years. Mamie was also a teacher for a period of time. She is a member of the R. Douglas Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star at Ravenswood, and the Daughters of America Lodge at Rockport. Clare was a member of Ashton Masonic Lodge 12 at Ravenswood where he received his 50 year pin in 1974. Clare is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. They had four children: 1. Majorie (deceased) married Rex Lockhart (deceased). They lived at St. Albans, WV and are buried there. They had four children: Robert, Pat, Sue and Tom. Robert married first Jean Baker. Their children: Robbie, Karen and Mary Ann. Mary Ann is married and has a son Bobbie. Robert married, second Vivian Jones and lives at Belpre, Ohio. Pat married George Nickel and lives at Pittsfield, Ill. Their children: Rosa, Sally and Jane. Sue married George Russell and lives in St. Albans, WV. Their children: John and Scott. Scott married Beth. John is married and has a son. Tom married Myrna Snyder and lives in Delaware. They have no children.

2. Paul married Gail Brown and lives at Rockport, WV. Their child: Jim. Jim married Vickie Purdue and lives at Rockport, WV. Their children: Vanessa, Janice, Vincent, Joshua and

Jonathon.

3. Blaine Sheppard married Wanda Cline and lives on the family farm in Grant District. Their children: Barbara, Philip and Gary. Barbara married Lewis Sullivan and lives on Lockhart's Fork in Grant District. Their children: David, Vera and Carla. David married Sherri Temple. Vera married Chris Nowery. Their children: Rachel and Amanda Christine. Philip married Margaret Russell and lives near his parents. Their children: Donna and Robin. Donna married Randy Hayne. Gary married Pat Sayre and lives near his parents. Their children: Gary, Julie and Greg. Julie married Jerry Straight. Their child: Bethany.

4. Pack Sheppard married Nell Grim and lives at Ellenboro, WV. Their children: Roger, Linda, Judy and Peggy. Roger married Coleen Baker and lives at Parkersburg, WV. Their children: Charles, Chris and Debbie. Linda married Sam Baron and lives at Vienna, WV. Their children: Eric and Shane. Judy married Edward Terrell and lives near Tollgate in Ritchie County. Their children: Andy, Jason and Jennifer. Peggy married Josh Jameson and lives at Washington, WV. They have no children. *Submitted by Wanda Sheppard and Barbara Sullivan*

SHERMAN

Abel Sherman Jr. was living at Campus Martius in 1794. His father, Abel Sr., came all the way from Connecticut to visit him. He was warned to stay close to the fort at all times because of Indians, but being a Revolutionary War veteran, he went out one day to pick apples for the children. When he didn't return, they went out looking for him and found his body half a mile from the fort. His head had been scalped. The date was August 15, 1794. In the summer of 1798 a half breed Indian told a group of men that he had killed an old man gathering apples and had sold his scalp to the British. One of the men was Abel's son, Ezra. The Indian, named Silverheels, was never seen again. Abel Jr.'s son, Isaac, born in 1800, married Nancy DeWitt, daughter of John DeWitt and Nancy Culbertson DeWitt. Isaac owned 3,000 acres across from Buffington Island and was later Sheriff of Jackson County. The community of Sherman is named after him. Isaac had a son named Abel who married Priscella Anderson and they had a daughter, Nancy, who married Charles Rector. Their son, Wallace, born in 1873, married Laura Benson and their daughter, Mayme married Otmer Salser. They are the parents of my mother, Maxine DeWitt. *Submitted by Doug Angus*

SHERMAN

I am a descendant of the early Sherman family of Jackson County, and have been told that the town of Sherman, was named for my ancestor. The old home was still standing and looked beautiful when I saw it a number of years ago.

My father, Frederick Glynn Hopwood, was born Jan. 14, 1888, in Umatilla, Lake Co., Florida. He was the son of Charles Hopwood from England and Mary Virginia Sherman Hopwood. He died in Jacksonville, FL., April 22, 1969. My grandmother then married Rufus Bellamy.

With the aid of a Family Register that had been handed down to me, I was able to get the following information. Mary Virginia Sherman, born August 9, 1858 in Livingston County, Ky. Daughter of Henry Clay Sherman and Sarah Ruddick Sherman. Henry Clay Sherman, born Oct. 12, 1828, in Jackson Co., WV, and died August 9, 1906, in Sandoval, Ill. His father, Isaac B. Sherman and his mother, Nancy DeWitt Sherman. The date of their marriage is listed as October 15, 1857. There were five brothers and five sisters listed for Henry Clay Sherman. Nancy DeWitt Sherman was born 1801, and died March 19, 1834, and buried in Muses Bottom Cemetery, Jackson County, WV.

I had a brief visit in Jackson County, WV. to

see the home of my pioneer ancestors. My grandmother, Mary Virginia Sherman Hopwood Bellamy told me stories of her early life in Kentucky during the Civil War. When she was four years old the Union soldiers stormed into their home thinking that her father, Henry Clay Sherman, was treating wounded Confederate soldiers. Her father had become a doctor after being a river boat pilot on the Ohio. My grandmother remembered how this brave man stood up to those rough soldiers as they made into the bedroom where she stood beside her mother's bed who had just given birth to her baby brother, Rufus Sherman.

The records show that Able Sherman, is the father of Isaac B. Sherman. I have been unable to find any record of Able Sherman, except a short story in a history book that told of Able Sherman, a Loyalist, dealing with the Indians.

My father, Frederick Glynn Hopwood, always said that Gen. W.T. Sherman was a relative. His picture shows a resemblance to my father. He could have been a brother of Henry Clay or Isaac Sherman.

We have looked for the markers in Muses Bottom Cemetery and also private burial grounds on the hills in Sherman, WV. We have been told, my husband and I, that the Muses Bottom Cemetery had been flooded many times and that graves had been moved. We wish we might visit again the beautiful State of WV. and learn more of our history. *Submitted by Mrs. C. J. (Lois Hopwood) Marchand*

GEORGE WESLEY SHIELDS

Shields, George Wesley, (b. 1853; d 8/11/1900), son of William and Elizabeth Shields of Kansas and Julia Agnes Foreman Shields, (b 3/24/1851; d 5/27/28) came to Jackson County about 1886 from the Great Band, Ohio, area to settle on a farm they purchased on Little Creek in Jackson County. They lived there for the remainder of their lives. They had five boys: Arleigh E. died 8/18/1896 at 19 years of age of "walking" typhoid fever; Robert B. died 8/13/1879 at 7 months of age; Ville O. died 4/4/1898 at 17 years of age; Onie Casper, born 5/13/1878, died 10/3/29 and Edward Alvalor, born 9/23/1887, died 12/25/62.

Shields, Onie Casper (1878-1929) married Maggie Ellen Price, (born 8/29/1882, died 8/17/55) on August 28, 1904. They had 11 children: Ralph Hile, born 5/11/1905, died 2/5/67; Darlie Arvilla, born 10/24/1907; Nellie Agnes, born 2/5/1909, died 5/10/89; George Wilbur, born 10/28/1910, died 8/24/60; Rosa Ellen, born 2/18/1912; Arleigh Henry, born 8/24/1913, died March 1980 (cremated); Eva May, born 5/20/1915; Wm. Donald, born 3/12/1917; Lako Woodro & Lacie Lucetia, twins born 6/16/1919, died 7/17/1919; Geneva Ingabe; born 11/24/1920, died 10/16/82. *Submitted by Darlie Shields Ledbetter*

SHINN

Our Shinn line is descended from England, various other spelling, Sheene and Shin, etc. It is believed that our first ancestor in America was John Sheene born 163., Freckenham Parish, England. He was being persecuted by Charles II and was imprisoned in Hertfordshire, England. John and wife Jane may have sailed with 230 Quakers who left London on the ship Kent in the spring of 1677, and landed near where Burlington, NJ now stands. John died in 1712 in Burlington, NJ. He came to own large tracts of land and property.

Thomas Sheene son of John was born in England and in 1693 married Mary Stockton of Flushington, Long Island, NY. She was the daughter of Richard and Eleanor (Clayton) Stockton. Thomas died in 1694 before his son Samuel was born. Mary Stockton Shinn's great-nephew, Richard Stockton signed The Declaration of Independence.

Samuel Shinn I son of Thomas was born in 1695 in Burlington, NJ and died 1761 in Rowan Co., NC. He married (after his first wife died) before 1737 to Provided Gaskill (c1698-c1738) daughter of Edward and Hannah Gaskill. They had one son, Samuel.

Samuel Shinn II born in 1737 in Burlington Co., NJ and died in Harrison Co., WV. He married a girl named Anna in Frederick Co., V., and refused to make acknowledgement and was removed from the Society of Friends at Hopewell. He was known as Old Samuel Shinn of Simpson Creek.

Samuel Shinn III son of Samuel and Anna Shinn was born about 1765 in Virginia and died between 1840-1850 in Jackson Co. He married March 2, 1801 in Harrison Co., WV. Sarah Ann Hyde, born about 1775 in NJ and died between 1850-1860 in Jackson Co. She was the daughter of James and Sarah Hyde. Samuel and Sarah Shinn came to Jackson Co. then Mason Co. in the early 1800s.

Samuel Shinn IV (1809-1896) son of Samuel and Sarah, married Aerly Hindman (1809-1893). He was a farmer and lived on Parchment. They are buried in the Cottageville United Methodist Church Cemetery.



C. P. and E. E. Shinn

Charles P. Shinn (1843-1921) son of Samuel and was a Corporal in the Union Army, Company K, 9th Infantry Volunteer; mustered in April 30, 1862; wounded in action (neck) at Cloyd's Mountain, VA, May 9, 1864 and left in the hands of the enemy. He was a prisoner of war eleven months at Andersonville Prison; mustered out July 21, 1865. He married Feb. 19, 1866 Elizabeth Ellen A.E. Rader (1846-1928) daughter of George Washington Rader (1814-1868) and Nancy Jane Miller, married April 7, 1840. Nancy is the daughter of Stephen and Sarah Miller.

George is the son of Michael Rader Jr. (1788-1867) and Catherine Roush (1792-1886) married Feb. 23, 1813 in Gallia, Co., Ohio. Michael Jr. was in the War of 1812 and is the son of Michael Rader Sr. (1750-1839) and Catherine Long (1753-1840) married Dec. 27, 1769. Michael Rader Sr. was a soldier in the American Rev. War.

Catherine Roush is the daughter of George Roush (1761-1845) and Catherine Zerkle (1763-c1813) married about 1781, George Roush is the son of John Adam (1711-1786) and Susannah Rausch. She died about 1796 and they were married about 1740. George Roush was a Private in the Rev. War.

Charles P. and Elizabeth Shinn owned a farm on US Rt. 33 east of Ripley in the Parrish Run - Station Camp area. He helped build the first Hereford Methodist Church and later attended the Mt. Olive Methodist Church, where they are buried. In later years they moved to Parkersburg, WV. Their children are: Allena "Lena" Shinn born Dec. 11, 1867 married Sept. 27, 1887 Leonidas "Lon"

Parsons. Lived in Parkersburg, WV; George W. "Bob" Shinn born May 22, 1870, died Dec. 4, 1955, married Lillie Morton. Lived in Ripley, WV; Nunna Shinn born May 22, 1873, died June 16, 1968, married Chester P. Yeager Oct. 27, 1912 (Divorced). Lived in Parkersburg, WV; Odela Shinn born Sept. 22, 1876 and married Homer Mckown about 1894. (Divorced); Omelia Shinn born Sept 22, 1876 and married Frank Lisle Aug. 9, 1896 (Divorced.) She lived in Pontiac, Michigan; Jessie Shinn born Nov. 27, 1881 and died Dec. 22, 1964, married Jonah B. Elliott April 19, 1898. Lived at Ripley, WV; Retta M.R. Shinn (1884-1891); Mary Aurora Shinn born July 29, 1890 and died June 8, 1989, married Benjamin Westfall. Lived on the home place and later moved to Akron, Ohio. *Submitted by Elaine Miller and Ann Sayre*

EARLY WOODROW SHINN

Early Woodrow Shinn, born 1918, son of Hosca Jackson Shinn (1889-1970) and Nancy Sayre Shinn (1895-1986). Married December 16, 1950 to Bernice Mae Hunt, daughter of Walter Hunt (1894-1969) and Eulah Sayre Hunt (1898-1971).

Woody Shinn was previously married to Norma Schubert who was killed in a car accident 1948. There were no children.

Bernice Shinn was previously married in 1942 to James Rodney Hall (1916-1947). They had two children: Janet Dorene Hall born 1943 and Jo Ann Hall, born 1945.

Janet Hall married Thomas Hall and they have Jeffrey Scott born 1963, married to Sherri, and Jennifer Ann born 1967 who has a son James Thomas Selvers, born 1988.

Jo Ann married Norma Adams and they have Amy Jo, born 1970 and Matthew Douglas born 1974.



Woodie and Bernice Shinn

Woodie and Bernice Shinn have Donnie Marie, born 1950 who is married to David Snyder. They have Lea Jannette, born 1971 and Kerry Elizabeth born 1974. Carl Shinn, born 1954 married Stephanie Curllis, they have Jesse Earl born 1978 and Joseph Robert born 1979 and Chad Rian born 1983. Keith Wayne born 1954 is not married. Hope Irene born 1956 married Michael Bogard; they have Michael Charles born 11, 1979, Lori Jean, born 1980 and Adam Timothy, born 1983.

Woodie and Bernice Shinn make their home at McCutchenville, Ohio. *Submitted by E. W. Shinn*

GEORGE M. SHINN

George Matthew Shinn (1862-1944) was born in Angerona, Jackson Co., then Virginia, the son of Henry and Rachel Shinn. Among the eight children in the family were Sarah Shinn Scarberry, Alice Shinn, Charles Shinn, Eli Shinn (1858-1929) and Matthew Shinn. Charles and Eli moved to Missouri in 1880 where they lived until their deaths.

Matthew married (1893) Molly Virginia Steed or Stedd. They made their home at Mudd Sock. Molly had been married to Henry Barnett before



George Matthew Shinn

his death. Their son, Elmer Carl Barnett, (1886-1955) made his home with the family.

The children and their descendants of Matthew and Molly are as follows: 1. Edna Mae Shinn (1894-1971) married 1916 Oren Homer Keefer (1893-1972) A. Vena Louise Keefer (1917 -) married Russell Absten (divorce) married 1952 Robert Clyde Dawson (1906 -) 1. Larry Wayne Absten (1941 -) married Illona June Dudash (1941 -) a. Robert Wayne Absten (1969 -) (adopted) b. Bryant Scott Absten (1971 -) 2. Danny Jarrett Absten (1944 -) married 1965 Patricia Vickers a. Micheal Jeffery Absten (1967 -) married 1988 Tiffany Robert (1967 -) b. Timothy Bryan Absten (1969 -) c. Heather Dawn Absten (1977 -) B. Muriel Virginia Keefer (1919 -) married 1941 Everett T. Knapp (1916 -) 1. Robert Lane Knapp (1945 -) married Connie Hutchison (1946 -) a. Stephen Joseph Knapp (1979 -) C. Rita Evelyn Keefer (1921 -) married 1942 Raymond Wolfe (1921 -) 1. Beverly Ann Wolfe (1949 -) married 1974 Elwood Lewis (1948 -) a. Andrea Dawn Lewis (1976 -) b. Erin Nicole Lewis (1982 -) 2. Karen Rae Wolfe (1960 -) married 1984 Mark Nuce (1962 -) D. Warren Dale Keefer (1924 -) married 1943 Luella Flora Boswell (1922 -) 1. Judith Elaine Keefer (1944 -) married 1964 Jerry Atmer Matheny (1942 -) a. Timothy Atmer Matheny (1965 -) b. Rusty Warren Matheny (1967 -) c. Michael Scott Matheny (1970 -) d. Brenton Troy Matheny (1978 -) 2. Warren Dale Keefer, II (1950 -) married 1969 Nancy Louise Young (1950 -) a. Melissa Rene' Keefer (1974 -) b. Amanda Young Keefer (1980 -) E. Kathryn Macel Keefer (1926 -) married Ernest Nelson (divorce); married James Clifford Larabee (1921 -) 1. Gary Dewaine Nelson (1946 -) married Jeannie Drake (divorce) a. Kimberly Rene' Nelson (1979 -) 2. John Michael Nelson (1949 -) married Cleta Jones (1949 -) 3. Dennis Randy Nelson (1955 -) a. Randy Nelson, Jr. (1983 -) F. Bonnie Lee Keefer (1929 -) married 1949 Ernest Ray Thornton (1924-1981) 1. James Allen Thornton (1954-) married 1989 Sue Miller 2. Sharon Ann Thornton (1958 -) G. Annabelle Keefer (1932 -) married 1954 Lauren Canode (1931 -) 1. Theresa Lynn Canode (1956 -) married Michael Koob (1955 -) 2. Anthony Lauren Canode (1960 -) married Teresa Gibson (1959 -) a. Jessica Lauren Canode (1989-) H. Ralph Cohn Keefer (1934 -) married 1954 Kitty Jeannie Cooper (1936 -) 1. Kenneth Kirk Keefer (1969 -) 2. Kelley Jean Keefer (1972-) 11. Henry Oshel Shinn (1987 -) married Lona Keefer (divorce) A. Carl Shinn married Florence Herdman B. Bernice Shinn (1923 -) married Philip Crookham (1920 -) 1. William H. Crookham, 2. Margaret Wenger, 3. Barbara Brown, 4. James. L. Crookham C. Margaret Shinn (1925 -) married 1957 Julius C. Erckert D. Frank Shinn (1927 -) married 1943 Hester Daughterty (1926-1972) 1. Larry Eugene Shinn (1946 -) married 1965 Darlene Hasson (1946 -) 2. Terry Lee Shinn (1951 -) married 1969 Rick A. Dupler (1945 -) a. Aaron Miguel Dupler (1969 -) 3. Shawn Michael Shinn (1965 -) married 1989 Rebecca Saylor a. Holly

Christine Shinn (1987 -) 4. Jeffrey Scott Shinn (1967 -) married 1989 Faith Anne Good (1968 -) 5. Deborah S. Shinn (1968 -) married 1988 Marc Henry 6. Eric Anthony Shinn (1969 -) E. William E. Shinn (1935 -) married 1957 Margaret M. Murgatroy (1936 -) 1. Janice M. Shinn (1963 -) married 1982 Mark G. Severt a. Jeremy W. Severt (1988 -) 2. William E. Shinn (1960-)

Henry O. Shinn married Margaret Evans, then a Blanche after the death of Margaret. Molly Virginia Shinn died in childbirth as did the baby.

After the death of Molly Virginia, Matthew married Sarah Jane Lyons, daughter of Jona and Mary Lyons. Because of ill health and later death of Sarah Jane, daughter Edna Mae became a second mother to the growing family. Matthew moved his family to Leon, Route 1, Mason County and worked on the railroad at Boomer as section foreman.

The children and descendants of Matthew and Sarah are as follows:

1. Lydia A. Shinn (1899-1980) married 1916 William McKinney (1897-1961) A. Alpha William McKinney, Jr. (1917 -) married Margaret Waugh (1921-) 1. William Bryant McKinney (1950 -) married Margaret Siders a. Samantha McKinney (1977 -) b. William McKinney, Jr. (1980 -) 2. Eric McKinney (1952 -) married Darla Mayes (divorce) a. Erica McKinney (1974 -) 3. Peter McKinney (1952 -) married Joyce Gland a. Angela McKinney (1973 -) b. Peter McKinney, Jr. (1977 -) 4. Paul McKinney (1952 -) married Carolyn Wheeler (divorce) a. Amy McKinney (1973 -) b. Crystal McKinney (1975 -) c. Angel McKinney (1977 -) 5. James McKinney (1954-) married Cindy Thomas a. Brian McKinney (1978 -) b. Joey McKinney (1981 -) 6. Charles McKinney 1955 -) married Valeria Weikle a. Kristen McKinney (1982 -) 7. Alice Sue McKinney (1957 -) married Danny Missen a. Maggie Missen (1976 -) b. Bobby Missen (1979 -) c. Joey Missen (1981 -) 8. Sally McKinney (1958 -) married Howard Woodall a. Joshua Woodall (1980 -) b. Nathan Woodall (1981 -) B. Murl McKinney (1921-1945) married Daisy Willoughby. He was killed in the European Theater of War during World War II. C. Russell McKinney (1927 -) married a Dorothy died 1987 1. Robert O'Dell McKinney 2. Harry Lee McKinney D. Oral McKinney (1930 -) married Elva Edwards (1931 -) 1. Ray McKinney 2. Wilson McKinney married a Deborah a. Wilson McKinney b. Diane McKinney married a Robert (1) Shane c. Belinda McKinney d. Mike McKinney E. Evelyn McKinney (1932) married Robert Nowlin (1925 -) 1. Juanita Nowlin (1948 -) married Dolas McComas a. Becki Deanna McComas married Robert Martin b. Emily Carol McComas 2. Rofita Nowlin (1951 -) married Manford Bauer a. Sarah Roflyn Bauer b. Joshua Bauer 3. James Delton Nowlin (1952 -) married Suzanne Ramsey 4. George Melvin Nowlin (1954 -) a. Amanda Nowlin (1982 -) 5. Dale Carson Nowlin (1955 -) married Brenda Jefferson a. Stephanie Marie Nowlin (1981 -) b. Bradley Reed Nowlin (1984 -) 6. Carol Lee Nowlin (1957 -) married Douglas Bryant a. Douglas Bryant (1982 -) b. Nicole Leann Bryant (1986 -) 7. David Nowlin (1961-) married Linda Smith a. Adam David Nowlin (1987) 8. Joseph Nowlin (1964 -) 2. John Michael Nelson (1949-) married Cleta Jones (1949-) F. Frances Maxine McKinney (1935 -) married Clifford West (divorce) a. Larry West (1953-) 2. Allen West (1954-1972) 3. Brenda West (1955 -) 4. Richard West (1956 -) 5. Clifford West (1961 -) 11. Clara Alma Shinn (1905-1966) married John William Dewees (1902-1961) A. John Delbert Dewees (1925-1969) married Dolly Lee Stutler (1925 -)(divorce) 1. Delbert Eugene Dewees 2. Connie Dewees married Carl Casto B. Howard Dewees (1930) married 1951 Thelma Absten

(1930 -) 1. Keith Dewees (1952 -) married 1970 Edna Bernice Dunlap (1952 -) a. Scott Allen Dewees (1972 -) b. Steven Edward Dewees (1975 -) 2. Ronnie DeWeese (1956 -) married 1976 Sharon Herdman (1959 -) a. Amy DeWeese (1976 -) b. Wade DeWeese (1979 -) 3. Kathy DeWeese (1955 -) a. Dawn Rene' (1977 -) 4. Cheryl Ann DeWeese (1963 -) married Rick McCoy (divorce) a. Zachery McCoy (1981 -) 5. Regina DeWeese (1968 -) married 1988 Ronnie Harris C. Verner Dewees (1928-1981) married 1950 Ruth Absten (1934 -) 1. Verner Lee DeWeese (1951 -) married Diane Brockman a. Darren DeWeese (1974 -) 2. Vicky Sue DeWeese (1953 -) married Larry Aller (divorce) 3. David Alan DeWeese (1956 -) D. Marvin Ernest DeWeese (1932 -) married 1958 Patsy Thaxton (1938 -) (divorce) 1. Paula Jean DeWeese (1968 -) E. Virginia Margaret DeWeese (1935 -) married 1954 Howard Martin Riffle (1928-) 1. Martin Bruce Riffle (1955 -) married 1977 Janet Ziegler (1957-) a. Amanda Danilla Riffle (1978 -) b. Kristin Michell Riffle (1979-) 2. Peggy Lynn Riffle (1957 -) married 1979 James Robert Snyder a. Steven Reed (1982 -) b. Nicholas Alan (1986 -) 3. Dwayne Lee Riffle (1961 -) 4. Larry Ray Riffle (1962 -) F. Zelma Marie DeWeese (1938 -) married 1958 George William Riffle (1936 -) 1. Joan Marie Riffle (1959-1960) 2. Randall William Riffle (1961 -) 3. Sharon Rene' Riffle (1964 -) married 1986 James Jenkins (1964 -) a. Erin Rene' Jenkins (1986 -) G. William Everett DeWeese (1941 -) married Jeannie O'Ryan (divorce) 1. Kathy DeWeese (1981 -) H. Kenneth DeWees (1946 -) married Mertie Casto (1948 -) 1. John DeWees (1966 -) married 1989 Mary Beth Thomas a. Savannah DeWees (adopted) b. Gabrielle Hannah DeWees (1989-) 2. Shirley DeWees (1969 -) married 1986 Matthew Payne (1966 -) a. Travis Matthew Payne (1986 -) III. Harvey Shinn (1906-1972) married a. Linnie A. Edna Mae Shinn B. Lucille Shinn C. Billy Shinn D. Jack Shinn IV. Ella Elizabeth Shinn born 1901 married 1920 George Koontz died 1936 A. Anna Mae Koontz had 13 children B. George Matthew Koontz had one child C. Clarence William Koontz D. Dora Louise Koontz had five children E. Mary Elizabeth Koontz. Ella Elizabeth Shinn Koontz married 1937 Smiley Jay Martin. F. Ida Marine Martin had seven children G. Virginia Lee Martin had five children H. Robert Junior Martin V. Hoyt Shinn married a. Maud A. David Shinn (adopted). Submitted by Warren D. Keefer, Howard Deweese, Margaret Erckert, Evelyn Nowlin and Dora Boyer

HOSEA JACKSON AND NANCY (SAYRE) SHINN

Hosea Jackson Shinn, son of George and Nancy Smith Shinn, (4/8/1889, Cow Run, Jackson County). He was the youngest of a big family: Georgette, Martha, Thomas, Charlie, Emiline, Flora and Mary. Their home was at the forks of Cow Run near Antioch. He grew up enjoying the outdoor life, hunting and trapping in winter, fishing and swimming in summer. "H.J." spent a lot of time with his father in the workshop "tinkering" and developing his woodworking skills. He enjoyed school and was interested in everything scientific. He was an intellectual, a romantic, and had inherited a musical talent. He was a well-read Bible student which was the beginning of his deep religious faith. Debates were popular at that time; he attended them at Cottageville and other places. Dr. B.E. Harrison was one of the best known speakers in the community.

"Hode", like most of the local boys, became a railroader. For several years, he worked in Columbus with the Sayre boys who lived up the creek and on weekends would sing with the Beech Grove group. He had a rich baritone voice that blended well with Nancy's strong soprano. This musical attraction developed into love and June 23, 1914,

they were married at Cottageville by Rev. Garrett. Nancy Catherine (2/14/1890-?) was the daughter of George and Mazilla Herdman Sayre. "H.J." and Nancy's children are: Olive, Roy, Woodrow, Gladys, Arnold, Clara, Naomi, Margaret, Dan, Darrell (twins), and Clark Lee, (died in infancy).



Hosea and Nancy (Sayre) Shinn, 1914

Nancy had grown up helping her mother and sister with their gardening, canning and taking care of children. Managing her big family was no challenge to her. She was the fastest worker we ever saw and the fastest walker. She often went up the creek to help her mother and came back with the same speed as she went. The children all had their jobs to do and when work was finished in summer the valley would ring with the sound of the Shinn family singing on the porch. In winter they would gather 'round the organ, Nancy would accompany Hode with the guitar and the children would harmonize. Not a tone-deaf child in the lot. Their family has meant so much to the community. They have sung for every occasion; whether it be solo, duet, trio, quartet or as a group. The family worked hard growing up, canning fruits, vegetables, pickling beans, corn, and kraut in barrels. They attended church regularly, H.J. playing the organ and leading the singing.

The boys all served their country. Roy, North Africa; Woody, The Aleutians; Arnold, Navy; Dan, Army; Darrell, Korea. The girls all worked in Defense Plants during the War, but Margaret, who was too young.

Some of the boys have the woodworking skills, others make knives, fix clocks, sawmill, and all have the musical talent.

Hosea and Nancy are buried at Creston.



front row: Nancy, Gladys; middle row: Margaret, Clara, Olive, Naomi, Darrell; back row: Roy, Dan, Woodrow, Arnold

Children of Hosea and Nancy Sayre Shinn follows below.

1. Olive, (4/17/1915-12/7/1984), married George Campbell and are buried at Otterbein Cemetery, Evans. No children; 2. Roy (8/30/1916 -) m. (1) Bernice, d. Smith and Myrtle Gerlach Kinzel. (Bernice deceased, buried Creston Cemetery). Children born in Jackson County, and were: (a) Janice b. 1943, m. Raymond Sayre and their children b. Franklin Co., Ohio, Russell, 1964, m. Jani Crow; Crystal, 1966, m. Luther Kellison, son Jason b. 1986; (b) Lincoln,

1946, m. Judy Spurlock, Joseph b. 1971, April b. 1972; (c) Kathryn b. 1951, m. Robert Hoschar, children b. Clinton Co., Ohio, Shadrick, 1974, Shane, 1978, and Tiffany, 1980; (d) Betty, b. 1957, m. James Painter, children b. Cassie, 1979, and Arden, 1980. Roy married (2) Garnett Hickman — no children. 3. Woodrow, (12/16/1918) m. (1) Norma Shupart (deceased), no children, (2) m. Bernice Hall, d. Walter and Eulah Sayre Hunt and their children born Wyandotte County, Ohio: (a) Donna, (1951) m. David Snyder, children, Lee Janette, 1971, and Kerry, 1974; (b) Carl, 1952, m. Stephanie Curlis, children, Jesse 1978, Robert 1979 and Chad 1983; (c) Keith b. 1954; (d) Hope, b. 1956, m. Michael Bogard, children, Michael 1979, Lori 1980, and Adam 1983; Bernice had previously married Rodney Hall (deceased) and children from that marriage were Janet (1943), m. (1) Thomas Hall, m. (2) Jack Walters, children, Jeffrey 1963 and Jennifer 1967; Jo Ann Hall, 1945, m. Norman Adams and children, Amy 1970 and Matthew 1974. 4. Gladys (5/26/1921) m. Kenneth, s. Melvin and Dorma Ferguson McIntyre, children b. Jackson Co., (a) Shirley, (1946) m. Tildon Hackworth, son Matthew 1973, (b) Dorma, (1952), m. Frank Hughes, children, Glen 1974, Joshua 1976 and Georgia 1977; (c) Marsha, (1954), m. Scott Goodrich, children, Mary 1985 and Andrew 1987. 5. Arnold, (5/31/1923), m. Alveta, d. Wyvil and Minnie King Pullins, children born Seneca Co., Ohio, Randall 1950, Ronald 1955, Alan, 1959, m. Karen Pommert and children b. Brandon 1984 and Jessica 1987. 6. Clara Blanche (6/10/1923) m. (1) H.J., son of Fred and Eva Parrish Price and children born Seneca Co., Ohio, (a) Dana, (1948) m. (1) ? and their children were Kenneth b. 1973 and Ryan b. 1980, married (2) Tina Hotelling; (b) Donnie (1950) m. Karen Droll and their children were Sharon b. 1984, Nancy b. 1986 and twins, Bonnie and Beth b. 1989. Blanche married (2) Albert Yentzer, no children. 7. Naomi, (2/26/1926) m. V.L., s. Virgil and Maggie Fox Sayre, children b. Jackson County, (a) Charlotte, (1946), m. George Leonard and children were twins b. 1965, Natalie and Nathan. Nathan m. Kelly Thompson Bircher and have Natosha 1987; and Nancy born 1966, (b) Van born 1959; 8. Margaret, (2/5/1928) m. Arthur, s. Charles and Elva Morrison Hill, children born in Jackson County were (a) Garry, (1946), m. Rosemary Roberts and children were twins, Stephanie and Stacie b. 1971, and Sara b. 1975. (b) Nicholas (1953) m. (1) Gail Carter, d. Allison born 1978; married (2) Sherry Smith and son Jared b. 1988, (9) Darrell, (8/31/1929) m. Carol, d. Cecil and Myrtle Rolston Royer, children born Seneca County, Ohio, David b. 1962 and Diane, 1966; (10) Daniel, (8/31/1929), m. Lucy, d. Smith and Myrtle Gerlach Kinzel, children born in Jackson and Kanawha Co., (a) Kathleen, (1956), m. Maurice Pittman, Jr. (N/C.) and their children were Elizabeth b. 1966 and Emily b. 1988, (b) Kevin b. 1960, (c) Dorla b. 1963 m. Kenneth Swisher, son Daniel b. 1989, (d) Drema b. 1963, m. David Whittard, (Dorla and Drema were twins); Darrell and Daniel were twins; (11) Clark Lee, born September 7, 1932, died August 6, 1933 is buried at Creston Cemetery, Mason County.

Names and dates taken from Nancy Shinn's records. Submitted by Evelyn Sayre and Elaine Bowles

JOHN CHRISTOPHER SHOCKEY

Johaun Christopher Schache was born about 1715 in the part of Germany known as Palatinat. He arrived in the U.S. September 10, 1737. He settled first in Bucks Co., PA. There he and his wife, Barbara, raised nine sons. Abraham was born 1755 being the eighth son. He joined the Army in March, 1777 and deserted in September of 1777. There was seven years that no one know his

whereabouts. But he had come to Marietta, Ohio and that is where our ancestors originated.

Abraham married Margaret in 1783 and raised eight children, living to be 105 years old, dying in 1861.

John was one of his sons, born Dec. 13, 1796, married Christine Markley first, second wife Jane Campbell.

Abraham, son of John and Christine Markley, was born June 1820 and married Della Payne in 1840. She died and his children migrated west. He later married Elizabeth Nestor. They were both from Barbour Co., VA. They finally settled on Straight Fork in Jackson Co.

There they raised a large family. Benjamin Franklin was the 11th child born in (1868-1931) and he married Ida Belle McGlouthlin and settled on Beckwith Flats, Jackson Co., WV. She was the daughter of John L. McGlouthlin and Nancy Hawk, daughter of George Hawk who came here from Randolph Co., settling on Turkey Fork (now the Vanfossin Farm). He was murdered by the Moccasin Raiders in 1861. They raised a family of nine — Essie, Ethel, Everette, Nellie, Leonard, Edith, William, Robert, and Vera.

Everette married Edna Mae Rardon, daughter of W.H.H. "Tipp" Rardon and Sarah Catherine Demberger, in 1919, and he died in 1972. Their children were Kenneth and Catherine (twins), (Kenneth died at birth) Juanita, Carrol, and Everette Jr.

Carrol was born April 12, 1925 and married H. Althea Smith at Silverton, WV. Their children are Dr. Paul E. Shockey, DVM, Helen Taylor, and C. Olin Shockey. Paul married Patricia Sibold, daughter of Charles and Eloise Sibold of Pickaway, WV. Their children are Erin Lynn, Todd Edwin, and Joseph Paul.

Helen married John Taylor. Their children are Matthew Sean and Mark Joseph.

C. Olin married Elaine Rowley, daughter of Claymore and Beryl Rowley. Their children are Julia Shea and Daniel Olin. Submitted by Carrol E. Shockey

JOSEPH W. AND LUCILLE SHORT

Joseph Wade Short and Lucille Noll Short with their son, Allen, moved from Martinsburg to Ravenswood on July 4, 1941. They had recently purchased The Ravenswood News and were anxious to become established in the community.

They became members of the Walton Memorial Methodist Church (now First Methodist) and were involved with the Lions Club, Woman's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Ohio River Festival Committee, and were active in the Democratic Party in the county and state.

After selling *The Ravenswood News* in the mid-1950's, Joe worked for the West Virginia Trucking Association as editor of that industry's magazine, *The Transporter*. For several years after his semi-retirement, he was again affiliated with *The News* as a reporter and photographer. Illness forced his retirement and withdrawal from public life. Joe died on August 28, 1980 and is buried in Ravenswood Cemetery.

During World War II, Lucille was summoned to work for the draft board. In 1946, the Shorts purchased the Brokaw Jewelry and operated that business until her retirement in 1979. She also served as an executive secretary during sessions of the West Virginia State Legislature. In more recent years she coordinated the Headstart and Foster Grandparents groups in Jackson County and was director of Community Action for the West Central area. Lucille was a forceful leader in the Ravenswood Merchant Association and the Adopt-A-Family Program. She was honored posthumously by the Ohio River Festival Committee with the dedication of the flagpole at the Riverfront Park in Ravenswood. Lucille died on December

23, 1985 and is buried in Ravenswood Cemetery.

Submitted by Allen Short

DAVID SHOWEN



Michael, Lee, David, Yvette, and Beau Showen

Our names are David Michael and Yvette Lea (Whited) Showen, with our two sons David Michael, Jr. and Beau Lee, we make up the Showen Family.

David and I were married on September 13, 1969 at Kanawha Salines Presbyterian Church which is located in Malden, West Virginia. This church is now 150 years old, and was known for having Booker T. Washington as part of the congregation.

Michael was born on August 3, 1974 in South Charleston, West Virginia. At this time we resided in Nitro, West Virginia. Beau was born in South Charleston also, at this time we had moved to Goldtown, West Virginia where we still reside today. Our sons attend Ripley High and Ripley Middle Schools.

David's parents are Lonnie Lee and Barbara Ellen (Gill) Showen married August 6, 1947. Lee served with the 101st Airborne Army Air Corp. during World War II. Barbara was born and raised in Fayette County, West Virginia. Lee was born and raised on Tucker's Run, Spencer, West Virginia, and is the son of Lonnie L. (Lando) and Ella (Linger) Showen, who were farmers by trade.

Lando was born January 30, 1875 to William Preston, from Monroe County, West Virginia and Nancy Artemisia Parsons from Jackson County, West Virginia.

William was born on October 27, 1931 to John and Sophia (Swopes). John was born in Germany January 30, 1800.

In tracing our heritage back we have discovered that our ancestors Andrew J. (who served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War serving with the 60th Regiment Virginia dying at the Battle of New Hope, Virginia) his brother William, a farmer from Roane County, West Virginia, John a farmer from Monroe County, West Virginia and Elizabeth, who married John Kee's came from Agessellcassel, Germany in 1792. Submitted by Yvette Showen

JAMES SHUTTS

James Charles Shutts was born Mar. 4, 1844, in Monroe County, Ohio, son of William and Catherine (Harmon) Shutts. He married Caroline Lowe, Aug. 28, 1862. She was born, Dec. 24, 1843, daughter of David Ayles and Hannah (Booth) Lowe, in what is now Noble County, Ohio. She was descended from James Lowe, a Scottish immigrant, who fought in the American Revolution. James and Caroline lived in Monroe County, Ohio before moving to the Medina area of Grant District, Jackson County, in the 1870's. James had a sister who also came to Jackson County. Elizabeth (1846-1912) married Jacob Powell, lived in the Willowdale area of Grant District, and was buried in the Willowdale Cemetery. James and Caroline left Jackson County, in the early 1900's, and moved to Missouri. James

died Aug. 23, 1905, and was buried at Milam, Missouri (Sullivan County). Caroline died, Feb. 22, 1924, and was buried at Purdin, Missouri (Linn County). They had 13 children. Hanna (1863-1943) married, first, Ben Bonnett; second, Jeff Collins; and, third, Robert Sloan. She lived in northern Jackson County before moving to Missouri. David (1864-?) married Flora Grimm. Matilda (1865-1888) married Tom Bowen. Isaiah (1867-1951) married Icyclona Peters. (See information below). Peter (1868-1954) married Bertha Weese and lived in Iowa. He is buried in Greenwood, Iowa. Lilliam Ainsley (1870-1955) married James Henry Boyce and lived on Maul Camp, near Medina. George (1873-1948) married Geneva and is buried at Carroll County, Missouri. Cassebancia "Bankie" (1875-1970) married Emma Blanche Grimm and is buried at Pacific Junction, Iowa. Elizabeth "Lib" (1877-1961) married William Salser and lived near Sherman, in Grant District. They were buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Mary Ellen (1880-1940) married Charles Bayles Williams and lived at Long Beach, California. James Weston (1882-?) married Cora Meeks. Willard (1884-1900). Margaret Jane (1886-?) married a Mr. Echols and died a short while after her marriage.



James and Caroline (Lowe) Shutts family

Isaiah "Ide" Shutts married Icyclona Peters (1869-1966), Dec. 28, 1888, in Wood County, WV. She was born in Noble County, Ohio, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Archer) Peters. They lived on Maul Camp, near Medina. They were buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. They had nine children. Herman (1890?) married, first, Nellie Archer. He married, second, Ethel Bartlett and lived at Fairmont, WV. Marshall (1891-1965) married Minnie Pearl Murray and lived at Belpre, Ohio. Sylvia (1894-?) married Fisher Lester and lived at Huntington, WV and later at Cincinnati, Ohio. Creed (1896-?) married Margaret Flinn and lived at Weston, WV. Harold (1899-1956) married Ada Robbins and lived at Belpre, Ohio. Artie (1901-1926) married Ray Bryan Williams and lived on Little Sandy Road not far from Medina. Claud (1904-1915). Mary (1906) married, first, Cecil Conner and, second, John McBrea. She lives at Mansfield, Ohio. Dorothy (1911) married, first, Creed Gibbs and, second Richard Gee. She lives near Gallipolis, Ohio. Submitted by Arl Williams

DAVID HENRY SIDERS, JR.

David Henry Siders, Jr. born 11 April 1808 Maryland, died 22 Feb 1874. Advent son of Henry and Ellen (Roe) Siders. On 19 Feb 1829 Greenbrier Co. married Jane Terry born 25 Feb 1811 Greenbrier Co., died 9 April 1870 Advent, daughter of Thomas Alexander and Sarah "Sally" (Kincaid) Terry. David and Jane are buried in unmarked graves in the Siders cemetery located at

the top of the First Creek hill, just off the Middle Fork road. David and Jane were living in Fayette County in 1850, moved to the Advent area prior to 1860. David had at least two sons that served in the Civil War. Children: (1) Martha Jane born 1830, died 1903. On 3 Nov 1854 (KCMR) married Robert Withrow born 1833. (2) Mary Elizabeth born 1831. On 15 April 1852 Fayette County married Andrew Jackson Withrow. (3) Sarah Ann born 1832 Fayette County. On 10 May 1855 married Jeremiah Ballinger born about 1824. Sarah and Jeremiah were living in Jackson County in 1870 (4) Thomas born 1835 Fayette County. Prior to 1860 married Emeline born in Illinois. Thomas served in the Civil War. (5) George Henry born 23 May 1837 Fayette County, died about 1919 Jackson County. On 24 Dec 1863 Jackson County by Rev. John Smith married America Miller born 20 May 1847, died 27 Sept 1909 daughter of Andrew Jackson Sr. and Sarah Elizabeth (Comer) Miller. George and America are buried in the Mangus cemetery on Middle Fork.



George Henry and America (Miller) Siders

George owned a farm at the mouth of Second Creek of Middle Fork. George was a private in Captain Elias Powell's Company K, 8th Regiment West Virginia Mounted Infantry. George enlisted on 25 Sept 1861, was discharged on 31 Jan 1864 by virtue of re-enlistment in Company K, 7th Regiment WV Cavalry Volunteers where he stayed until the end of the war. (6) Nancy Belle born 1840 Fayette County. On 1 Oct 1868 married Jackson Wiseman, son of James and Mary Wiseman. (7) Susan M. born 22 Jan 1843 Fayette County. On 20 Dec 1860 Jackson County married Thomas S. Good born 7 Oct 1826 Westmoreland County, Va son of Thomas and Hannah (Cincintaffer) Good. Hannah was born in Germany in 1785, died 17 May 1869 (8) Ruth Ellen born 1845 Fayette County. On 17 March 1864 married Jacob H. Casto born 1840, died 1912 son of John J. and Grace (McDade) Casto. (9) Rosanna born 1847 Fayette County, died prior to 1910. On 4 Nov 1874 became the third wife of John Haynes. (10) John Terry born 1850 Fayette County, died about 1915. On 12 May 1871 Jackson County married Minora E. Shamblyn born about 1854 Jackson County, died 1934, daughter of Ezekiel and Mary Ann (Lewis) Shamblyn. (11) David Jr. born 1882, died about 1900 married Rittie Taylor. (12) James William born about 1860 Jackson County. On 11 May 1884 Kanawha County married Leatha Jones.

Submitted by Teresa Dawn McIntyre great-great-granddaughter

DR. DAVID JOHNSTON SIMMONS

Dr. David Johnston Simmons of Liberty, WV married Emma Stella Barnette, the daughter of William and Mary Barnette, August 25, 1895. Dr. and Mrs. Simmons had seven children: 1. Troy Simmons married Grace Childers, 2. Emmons Simmons married Ruby Matthews; their children are Dorothy and Charles. 3. Romey Simmons married Jane Young and they had a daughter, Janelle. Romey's second wife was Genevieve Gene.



Dr. David Johnston Simmons

4. Rome Simmons married Khestie Cottrill and they had a son, Paul. 5. Laurie Simmons married Albert Kelley and had one son, Keith. 6. Ted Simmons married Ocie Vaughan and they had two sons, James and Dallas. 7. Marie Simmons married Nyle Layton and they had one son, Edward.

Dr. Simmons was well-known in the Rockcastle area and practiced medicine in Jackson, Mason and Putnam counties. Submitted by Marie Layton

GEORGE W. SIMMONS, MD

Samuel Simmons (8/16/1790-1865) was our first proven generation in America. His parents fled France with the French Huguenots and settled in North Carolina. Samuel married Malinda Greer (born 1804). They moved to Kenna, WV, and became the parents of Charles (1834), Eli (1832), Jesse (1828), Thomas (1824), and Martha (1821); this generation was our second in America.

Our family stems from Eli Simmons, who (in 1863) joined the company of militia know as the Home Guard, organized for local defense during the Civil War. He joined Capt. John Riley's company in numerous actions against Confederate guerillas, especially the bands called the Moccasin Rangers, and retreating groups of Gen. John Morgan's Confederate cavalymen. Eli later became a teacher and merchant and married Elizabeth Shinn (born 1848) on 7/11/69. They became the parents of Cansetta (1870), Ellen (1871), Emily (1873), Mary/Mollie (1875), Samuel (1876), Everette (1878), and George W. (5/30/1879-6/11/1951). Eli's and Elizabeth's children would be our third generation here.



Dr. George W. Simmons

George W. Simmons of Kenna, WV, was too crippled to farm and so was allowed to attend medical school. The Louisville Medical School sent him a letter saying he could attend tuition-free if he could get there; thus, he left home with only a small cardboard suitcase, a clean shirt, a pair of underwear, a \$5.00 gold piece, and a Bible. After completing his studies in Louisville, Dr. G.W. Simmons went to Baltimore Medical College and attained another medical degree. He returned to Kenna and opened his practice in 1901. On June 25, 1905, he married Emily Parsons (born 7/4/1885) of Foster Chapel.

The offspring of Dr. George and Emily Simmons comprise our fourth generation in this country. These were George Winfred (who died as a child), Mildred (1914-1961), and Lenore Elizabeth (born 1916 and living at the time of this writing [10/89]).

Mildred married Denver Reynolds on 6/7/38 and had one son, George David Reynolds (1942-1986). Lenore married Howard Jenkins on 5/3/40 and had one daughter, Emily Louise Simmons Jenkins, born 3/19/42. George David and Emily Louise "Emmy Lou" make up our fifth generation.

George David married three times and became the father of three children: David (1961-1981), Sharon (born 1969), and Phillip (born 1971).

Emily Louise married Henry Cavaliere in 1960 and had six children: Elizabeth (Lisa) Ann (4/3/62), Henry Keith (10/15/63), Richard Clark (5/18/66), Christopher Franklin (5/23/68), David Wade (2/9/70), and Mark Vincent (5/10/71). The three children of George David and the six offspring of Emily Louise are our sixth generation here. Emily married twice more, to "Buck" Anthony in 1977 and to George Lamb in 1981.

Elizabeth married (1982) Ted Derek Cochran and they currently have two children, Ted Jared (9/8/84) and Emilia Marie (7/7/88). Keith married (1987) Rita Graham and they have one daughter, Elizabeth (Beth) Maye (8/20/88). Christopher married (10/8/88) Carla Harbin, who had a son (Justin) at the time, and they now expect a child in June 1990. Jared, Emilia, Beth, and the unborn baby currently make up our seventh generation in America.

For more detailed information on the generations from Lenore Simmons on, please see the Alexis Trotter Parsons history. Submitted by Mrs. Lenore Simmons Jenkins

THOMAS WESLEY SIMMONS

Thomas W. Simmons was born in Surrey County, NC on July 12, 1846. His parents, Samuel and Melinda (Greer) Simmons, moved their family to Jackson County in 1852. Thomas had one sister and four brothers. In his early years he was a school teacher. As a teacher for three years, he saved enough money to go to the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated at the early age of 21. (Class of 1867).

On March 22, 1870, he was married to Sarah C. Maddox by the Rev. Jabez Swiger of the Grass Lick Baptist Church at Kenna. Thomas settled in Kenna and built a new home and doctor's office on his farm near the intersection of what is now Pleasant Valley road and Route 21. The original house stood on the same site which now has a new home built in recent years by Bonnie and Knoble Boggess. (Bonnie Boggess is a granddaughter of Thomas Simmons.) The only remaining original building on the site is a large, cut-stone cellar.



Thomas W. Simmons house, 1880

In addition to maintaining his medical practice, Thomas also became an ordained Baptist minister. He was an active member of the Grass Lick Baptist Church at Kenna and when in 1894 that church



Dr. Thomas Wesley and Sarah (Maddox) Simmons

helped organize the Ephesus Baptist Church near Fairplain, Thomas was chosen as its first pastor.

Thomas and Sarah were the parents of nine children: Dora B., — 1872, married Dr. Fred Sattis Casto; Melvin Clark — 1874, married Flora Ann Skeen; Devergie — 1878, married Lucy Ann Green; Otis — 1885, married Mary Smith; Parvin Poe — 1882, married Elva Skeen; Oma — 1890, married Harry Johnson; Lona — 1892, married C.V. Chancey, and two children who died in infancy, Hinton H. and Arrena D.

Rev. Thomas W. Simmons died Feb 11, 1902 and Sarah Maddox Simmons died March 2, 1924. Both are buried at the Grass Lick Baptist Church cemetery at Kenna, WV. Thomas's parents, Samuel and Melinda Simmons, are buried at the Pleasant Hill Church Cemetery, located on Parchment Valley Road. Submitted by Bonnie Boggess

ULYSSES SIDNEY SIMMONS

Ulysses Sidney Simmons was born March 27, 1868 on a farm on Peppermint Creek, Rockcastle, WV, where he lived all his life. He was a son of Charles and Angeline (Green) Simmons. Charles came to Jackson County around 1852 with his parents, Samuel and Malinda (Greer) Simmons, and other family members from Surry County, North Carolina. Angeline died shortly after Ulysses's birth. Ulysses had little schooling but was an avid student and reader throughout his life. He passed teacher examinations and taught at Lone Oak School for many years. Many of his students went on to become doctors, lawyers, and successful businessmen. He was also a prosperous farmer and cattleman.

On Nov 13, 1889, he married Ellen Catherine Bowles who was the daughter of Joseph and Emily (Carney) Bowles. Joseph was a son of Dr. Nathan Mason and Sarah (Stout) Bowles. Mason was a son of Jabel S. and Nancy (Mason) Bowles who came to Jackson County from Franklin County, Virginia in 1817.



Ulysses Sidney and Ellen Catherine Simmons

Ulysses Sidney and Ellen Catherine were known to the community as Uncle Jack and Aunt Cass. They were the parents of three children: 1. Dr. Stanley Tennyson Simmons, born Sept 10, 1890, still living at Coral Gables, FL. Married Effie Powell — one child, Margaret Ann; 2. Belva

Dale, born Dec 13, 1891, died Sept 20, 1982. Married Oren Jividen. Three children, Ulysses Granville, Randolph Lane and Ivy Florence; 3. Mary Elzina Erma Ail, born Feb 25, 1895, died April 10, 1938. Married Romeo Freer Casto. Three children, Anna Dale, Roma Lee and Margaret Katherine.

In addition, they raised as their own, Eva Bowles, who married Mel Sargent. They had four children, Annie, Londus, Lloyd, and Dana.

Ellen Catherine died Jan 22, 1936. Ulysses died on July 12, 1955 and both are buried at Moss Chapel Cemetery. Submitted by Roma Lee Jackson

SKEEN

The following history of the Skcen family was researched and compiled by George H. Skeen, Kenna, WV.

King Malcolm II (of the house of Duncans) King of Scotland, shortly after the year 1110 A.D. was out hunting one day and was attacked by wolves. One of his retainers named James Duncan, killed the wolves with his knife, or skenedhu, its Scottish name, and as a regard for this heroic deed the King made him a Lord and gave him a large bounty of land, which he named Skene in honor of the knife which the wolves were killed with. Thus he was James Duncan, First Lord of Skene. The family gradually became known as Skene, rather than Duncan.

Robert Skene built the first house in 1118. This chateau had large chimneys with wolf heads on top and it is still standing. During World War II it was leased to Linnal Hamilton. When Hess, Hitler's No. 2 man, stole a plane and went to England, the first person he asked to see after landing was Hamilton. The estate is now a shrine and is located eight miles west of Aberdeen.

During the reign of King George I, of England, the royal descendants declared themselves for the Pretender Charles Stewart and with a part of his clan fought at Culoden for the Stewart cause. When this was lost, all who had sided with the Stewarts were forced to flee for their lives or be executed as traitors. Lord Cumberland, the British victorious leader, chased Prince Charles far into the Scottish Highlands and forced him to return to France. The Skene Clan scattered and the few who remained loyal to the King were able to stay in Scotland, but the estate was confiscated by the crown. The head of the clan went to France and our direct ancestors went with him.

Fleeing to France was Alexander Skeen, who was born at Skene, Scotland, about 1710. He was approximately 38 years at the time of defeat. His son, James Skene, was also born in Scotland, about 1743. He was a child of five years when he accompanied his father to France.

During Prince Charles' stay in Scotland he was befriended by Miss Flora MacDonald (clanish), daughter of Clam Chiefton, of Skyre, Scotland. For this act she was arrested, taken to London, and deported to America. She married Alexander Kingsborough before her departure in 1748. After arriving in America she went directly to the Carolinas. She rallied the scattered Scots who had come from Ireland, France, Prussia and other countries in Europe. They gathered in the mountains of the Carolinas. It is believed that the rolling Appalachian Mountains most resemble their native Scotland. Flora returned to her home at Skyre, Scotland, after the Revolution and died in 1790.

According the West's *History of the U.S.*, a large group of Scottish Highlanders gatherers in S.C. long before the Revolution. Among our ancestors coming to the Carolinas were Alexander Skene and his son, James. James had a son named Peter, born at Circa, in 1760. He served at Kings Mountain, S.C., during the Revolutionary War, emerging as a captain. This engagement was fought in 1780.

About 1790 Captain Peter Skene moved his

family from the Carolinas to Wise, Russel County, in Western Virginia. He had two sons (probably other children) James and Stephen. Stephen was born about 1793; James was born about 1800. Stephen Skeen married Suzannah Kiser in Wise, Virginia, and the following children were born: John, b. June 4, 1814; James, b. June 28, 1815; Archabald, b. October 18, 1816; Henry, b. Dec 25, 1817; Martha, born April 17, 1819; Margaret, b. May 10, 1820; Franklin, b. July 12, 1822; Joseph, b. Feb 12, 1824; Samuel, b. Sept 12, 1825; Tolley, b. Feb 27, 1826; Stephen Jr., b. April 16, 1827, married Hannah Parsons at Jackson County Courthouse, and moved to Indiana. Susan, b. February 13, 1828; Elizabeth, b. June 9, 1830; William, b. Jan 6, 1832; Nancy, b. Aug 7, 1834; Richard, b. March 6, 1836; Hop, b. Oct 12, 1837; Jane, b. March 9, 1839.



Joseph Skeen Sr.

Joseph Skeen, Sr. killed the last panther that was killed in Jackson County, at a cave near Basin Rock on the Tilden Kiser farm. His son, David L. Skeen, published an article about it in the county paper in 1908. Joseph also had a fight with a bear in a cave. He had picked up the bear cub when the bear returned. He fought it with pine sticks. The family had the dried bloody bone for years, according to an article written by Alice Pearl (Kerns) Skeen, wife of Virgil Lee Skeen.

Joseph Skeen married (1st) Mary Hamon, and their children were: Elijah, married a Laforce. (2nd) married Polly Garrett, their children: Harlan, married Elizabeth Fields; Josuah, married Nancy A. Kiser; Margaret, married Henry Kiser; Sarch, married (1) Joseph Kiser, (2) Sabastian Hamon; Charles, married Cynthia Casto. The 3rd marriage for Joseph Skeen was to Matilda Casto, daughter of George Casto. Her mother came from Holland by boat when she was 16 years old. It took them 6 months to cross the Atlantic Ocean. One of Matilda's brothers was Dr. James Casto from Staats Mill and his grandson was Dr. Wendell Casto, dentist in Ripley. Their children were: Joel, married (1st) Virginia Mays and had son Virgil Lee Skeen, (2nd) Sylvia Smith, their children: Lilly, Georgia, Arthur, and Napoleon. David, married Cordelia Ann Winters. Their children were: Romie Dale, Clifton, Herbert, Otho, Mincey, Elva, Ora and Ada. Stephen, married (1) Nancy Mays, (2) Susie Haynes. Their children: George and Henry (twins), Everett, Grover, James Owen and Clyde. Joseph called "Little Joe", married Mary C. Harrison. Their children: Okey, Dayton, Ora, Cordelia, and Hancel. Delitheia, married Jeff Kiser.

Websters Dictionary list the name Skene or Skeen (Sken) Scieon Celt. Here in West Virginia the name is listed as Skeen, Skene, Skean, Skeens, and Skeenes. Submitted by Eurada Skeen Landis and Lorraine Skeen Rawlings

SKEEN

History, and descendants of Franklin Skeen, second permanent settler in the Kentuck area of Jackson County.

Franklin Skeen, the son of Steven and Susanna Kiser Skeen, was born July 12, 1822, in Russell County, VA, and was number seven in his father's

family of 18 children. He followed Isaac Counts and wife Margaret Skeen Counts to this area about 1843. The Counts family had preceded him by about two years, and homesteaded several acres of land, and built a home. Franklin also claimed homestead rights to a number of acres. He was followed a few months later by his brothers, Joseph and Will, and then by many of the names familiar to the Kentuck residents today, namely Kiser, Poling, Cleek, Garrett, Fields, Fletcher, Hammond, Good, Duff, Shamblin, etc.

Franklin Skeen married Phoebe Garrett, daughter of James Garrett, who also was from Russell County, VA.



Franklin Skeen

Children of Franklin and Phoebe Garrett Skeen were as follows: John Henry (1848-1921) m. Margaret Jeffries. Elizabeth (1851-?) m. Presley. Peter C. (1852-1933) m. Charlotte Cleek. Richard Gilmore (1857-?) m. Nancy Duff. Franklin Pierce (5/13/1854)-(12-22-1924) m. Mary (Polly) Kiser (2-4-1856)-(Jan-1936). Martha Ellen (1860-) m. Gabe Smith. William H. (1863-1943) m. Chlora Casto. Robert E. Lee (1865-?) m. Dutch Hill. Alwilda (1867-1943) m. Park Casto. Thomas Perry (3-15-1869) (2-7-1940) m. Ida Stalnaker. Louanna (1873). Leva (1874) m. Frank Mays. Olivia and Susan died in infancy.

Children of Pierce and Polly Skeen: Flora Ann (10-12-18)-(3-19-54) m. Clark Simmons (1874)-(1-23-1947), children Sattis, Lilly, Alma, Guy, Dollie and Marie. Number 2, Abednego Franklin (10-15-1875)-(12-22-1924) m. Cora Good, children Clyde (Bud), Callie (Jones), Carrie (Counts), Gay (Davis), Bud married Dessie Poling. Bud's children are Emogene (Landis), Evaline (Parsons), Franklin (m Juanita Parsons), Allen (m Peggy Hinzman), infant son, Clyde Jr. died at birth.

Number 3. Omer Ishmael (6-22-1877)-(1-15-1958) m. Mary Elizabeth Arthur-Wheeler, (3-31-1883)-(5-1956), children were step-son Theodore Wheeler, Erma (Beam), James Winfred Skeen (1911/1912), Euna Harpold-Parsons, Harry, wife Mildred Bias, Harold n.m., Evelyn (Jones).

Number 4. James Lester (7-29-1878 -11-2-1968) m. Leola Georgia Casto on March 8, 1902. Children were Velma Bolling, Margaret (Crowder), Wava (Bird), Dolly (Tully), and infant son less than one year of age.

Number 5. Samuel Dennis (2-21-1880)-(1948) m. Eva Slaughter on Dec 4, 1909. Children were Ray, Ralph, Garnet, and Ronald.

Number 6. William Dolphus (6-2-1881)-(4-22-1952) m. 1st Ethel Mae Slaughter (3-16-1883)-(1-23-1917); children Delbert Howard (1-25-1905) never married; Clifton Clyde (10-25-1906) m. Pearl Jarvis, Denzil Cleo (5-24-1908) m. Rebecca Stephens, Donald Avon (12-20-1909) m. Glada Carpenter, Claude Wilson (8-31-1911)-(10-25-1973) m. Regina Brotherton, Mildred (1-17-1913) m. Jack Boykin, Roy Glenn (6-21-1914) m. Eleanor Howard. May

(7-7-1916) m. Auvil Chancey. Children of W.D. Skeen and 2nd wife Laura Dell Gandee Skeen were William Rhoderick (9-20-1922) m. Lorene Morris, Mary Allene (4-22-1926) m. Herman Cummings, Ellen Colleen (11-3-1928) m. Wilbur Rose; Randell Rex (4-19-1932) never married.

Number 7. Mary Elizabeth (5-16-1883)-(8-1911) NM. As to the origin of the name Skeen or Skene, legend has it that King Malcolm II (of the House of Duncan), King of Scotland, about the year 1110 A.D. was hunting one day, and was attacked by wolves. One of his relatives, James Duncan, killed the wolves with his knife, or skene-dhu, it's Scottish name, and as a reward the king made him a lord, and gave him a large boundary of land which he named Skene-Skeen in honor of his knife. Thus he was James Duncan, First Lord of Skene. The family gradually became known as Skeen-Skene rather than Duncan.

Franklin Skeen's grandfather, Captain Peter Skeen, born Circa 1760, served in the battle of King's Mountain, S.C. during the Revolutionary War, along with his brother James. The battle was fought in 1780. The result of the battle was: British killed 157, wounded 163, prisoners taken 698. Americans killed 28, wounded 62, afterwards the militia returned to their homes.

Franklin Skeen rode a fine white horse through the mountains from Wise, VA, to where Charleston now stands. He swam his horse across the river to where the state house is today. He spent a few days with a settler, living there, and the man offered him all of the land, from his cabin to the Elk River, for his white horse. Franklin didn't trade though, because a horse was of great value, and land was plentiful, and of little value as a medium of exchange.

Franklin and Phoebe Skeen, his wife, along with Isaac Counts and Margaret Skeen Counts, his wife, Abednego Kiser and Rebecca Kiser, his wife, John H. Skeen and Margaret Skeen, his wife, and Henry Kiser, were charter member of the Goshen Baptist Church when it was organized June 9, 1877. Franklin's son John was pastor of the church for many years.

Sattis Simmons, son of Clark and Flora Skeen Simmons, was a well known Ripley banker, and also editor of the Jackson Herald, a county newspaper, for many years.

During World War II, seven of W.D. Skeen's eight sons were in the service of the United States Military, at the same time: Delbert, Clifton, Denzil, Donald, Claude, Glenn and Rhoderick. One of them, Donald Avon Skeen, died in France in 1945, when a troop train was sabotaged.

When Franklin Skeen came to Kentuck, there were no mills nearer than 10 or 12 miles, and no stores. Ripley was the nearest settlement for buying goods. People made the most of their clothes at home, spun and wove it out of sheeps wool and flax. Settlers made their own spinning wheels, and the women spent many hours at the wheel. The tow linen thus made was very "scratchy". According to John Skeen in a letter written in 1909, from which the above paragraph was taken. Submitted by Regina Skeen and Euna Grey Parsons

DAVID LEON SKEEN

My great-grandfather, David Leon Skeen, was born March 3, 1864 in Jackson County, WV. He was the son of Joseph (1824-1896) and Matilda Casto (1834-1908) Skeen. Joseph's parents were Stephen and Susanna Kiser Skeen. David died Nov 12, 1922.

David married Cordelia Ann Winter (Dec 23, 1862-July 25, 1946) on Nov 14, 1882 in Jackson County, WV. David played the fiddle and was in great demand to play at weddings, funerals and community events. He was a real estate salesman.

David and "Cordy" had eight children: Romic Dale (1883-1912) married Martha Jane Rose; Clifton K. (1885-1885); Steven Herbert (1887-



David Skeen

1952) married Lillie Margaret Hamon. Herbert served as Circuit Clerk of Jackson County from 1918 to 1927 and from 1950 until his death in 1952. Otho Howard (1890-1945) married Malissa Ann Godbey Boggess; Miney O. (1897-1897); Eunice Elva (1895-1986) married Parvin Simmons; Orla (1898-1918) married Delmar Good and, Ada Ernestine (1900-1978) married James Benjamin Poling.

My grandfather, Otho Howard Skeen, (Nov 10, 1890-Jan 15, 1945) married Malissa Ann Godbey Boggess (Oct 23, 1890-April 8, 1973) on Oct 22, 1914. They had six children; Kermit Dalphus (1915-1988) married (1) Irene Ford, (2) Pearl M. Redman Parsons; Hershel Clifton (1917-1958) married Josephine Landis; Herman Dallas (born 1920) married Mamie Bell Parsons; Gladys Lorraine (1922-1968) married (1) Wilber Casto, (2) Luther Kiser, (3) William Hackney, (4) Marvin C. Casto; Girtha Dorline (1932-1963) married Hillard Ray Boggess; Helen Justine (born 1935) married (1) Edward Rhodes, (2) Earl Castle, (3) George Koontz.



Herman, Mamie and Dallas W. Skeen

My father, Herman Dallas Skeen, was born Feb 18, 1920. He married Mamie Bell Parsons (born Jan 17, 1925), a daughter of Roscoe Leonard (Apr 5, 1897-Mar 10, 1983) and Ethel Floy Vannoy (born Aug 13, 1907), on Feb 18, 1939. They have one son Dallas Wayne Skeen born Dec 7, 1942.

Submitted by Dallas W. Skeen

FRANKLIN SKEEN

Franklin Skeen was born about 1824 at Kentuck, Jackson County, Virginia, now West Virginia. He was the son of Stephen and Susanna Kiser Skeen.

On 23 Sept 1847 he married Phoebe Garrett at Kentuck.

They had five children. Peter Click, born about 1853; F.T., born 13 May 1854; an unnamed male, born 9 Dec 1858 and died 9 Dec 1858; Martha E., born 25 June 1860 and Robert E., born 27 Feb 1865. They may have had two other daughters, Allic, born 15 Apr 1867 and Louanna (?), born 2 Apr 1873. All the children were born in Jackson County.

Franklin died 9 Oct 1904 at Ripley, WV and Phoebe died 9 Feb 1912 at Fletcher, WV.

Their son, Peter Click Skeen, m. Charolitta Temple Cleek. She was born at Kentuck.

Peter and Charolitta had seven children. They were Adam W. "Jake", born 1876 at Mill Creek; Major; Ester D., born 1878; Ben Wetzel, born 3 Apr 1882 at Kentuck; Elizabeth, born 7 Feb 1884; Ernest (a girl); and Park.

Peter died 13 May 1933 in Jackson County. Charolitta died at Kentuck.

Ben Wetzel Skeen was born 3 Apr 1882 at Kentuck, Jackson County, WV. He was the son of Peter Click and Charolitta Temple Skeen.

He married Mary Jane Kiser who was born 21 June 1888 at Kentuck. She was the daughter of Henry and Margaret Skeen Kiser.

Ben and Mary Jane had 13 children. They were Mayme Florence, born 8 Aug 1905; Macel Leo, born 6 Apr 1907; Mabel, born 30 June 1908; Millie Mae, born 30 Oct 1910; George Henry, born 19 July 1912; Margie Elsie, born 7 June 1914; Peter Camden, born 8 Sept 1918; Dennie Millard, born 11 Nov 1920; Benjamin Webster, born 15 July 1922; Margaret Marie, born 8 Apr 1927; and Madeline, born 3 May 1929. All the children were born at Kentuck.

Ben died 19 Oct 1953. Mary Jane died 27 March 1972. They both died at Ripley and are buried at Jackson Co. Memory Garden, Cottageville, WV.

Benjamin Webster Skeen was born 15 July 1922 at Kentuck, Jackson County, WV. He was the son of Ben Wetzel and Mary Jane Kiser Skeen.

On Valentine's Day 1945, he married Mabel Irene Sayre at Charleston, Kanawha County, WV. She was the daughter of Ronald Early and Edna Isabelle Ankrum Sayre.

Web, as he is known, served with the U.S. Marines during WWII. After the war ended, he worked for the water department in Charleston. His next job was with the AFL-CIO. In 1985 he retired from his job with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Early in their marriage, Mabel worked as a secretary at Ideal Corrugated Box in Parkersburg. She died 3 Mar 1986 at their home in Winfield, Putnam County, WV. She is buried at Tyler Mountain Memory Garden, Cross Lanes, WV.

Web and Mabel had six children, Patricia Ann, born 12 Aug 1946; Jerry Webster, born 2 Nov 1951; David Lee, born 12 July 1953; Ronald Wetzel, born 16 Dec 1955; Lynette Sue, born 29 April 1958; and Richard Ben, born 29 Sept 1960.

They have seven grandchildren, Scott Webster Skeen, born 16 July 1971; Andrea Erwin Skeen, born 17 June 1978, died 17 June 1978; Andrew Erwin Skeen, born 6 March 1980; Jason David Skeen, born 30 March 1973; Jennifer Lea Summerfield, born 25 Apr 1985; Heather Irene Skeen, born 21 July 1986 and Nicholas Ryan Skeen, born 3 Jan 1989.

On 27 Dec 1986, Web married Janet King Rucker at Winfield, WV.

He and Janet currently reside there. *Submitted by Carol McConkey Skeen and Sarah McConkey*

JOEL SKEEN

Joel was born in a log house along a haul road in 1862. This road is presently known as the Kenna-Kentuck Road. He was the oldest child of Joseph and Mitilda Casto Skeen. He was a school teacher for 30 years in the Kenna-Kentuck area.

Joel's first wife was Virginia Mays (b. April 19, 1867-d. March, 1891). She was the daughter of James and Cleopatra Hatcher Mays.

Joel and Virginia had one son, Virgil Lee, born July 7, 1884. Virginia died before Virgil was six years old and she is buried in the Cleek Family Cemetery on the Goshen flats behind the Poling home.

Joel's second wife was Sylvia Smith (1864-1921). She was the daughter of Samuel and Beth Ann (Bytheney) Kiser Smith. To this union was born four children: (1) Lilly m. Arthur Kerns. He

was the son of Daniel O. and Rachel Barton Kerns. Lilly and Arthur had four children: Glenver, Clifton, Gay and Gladdie. Lilly died in 1918 in the flu epidemic. Arthur died in January, 1920. The small children were placed in private homes. Lilly and Arthur are buried in the Kerns Kentuck Cemetery. (2) Georgie (b. 1900-d. July, 1958). Georgie was mentally handicapped and never married. She made her home with her brother and sister-in-law, Virgil and Alice Kerns Skeen, after the death of her parents. (3) Arthur, born 1896 and (4) Napoleon, born 1899 and died in infancy.

Joel, Sylvia, Georgie, Arthur and Napoleon are all buried in the Skeen Family Cemetery on the hill at the forks of the Kenna-Kentuck road and Pigeonroost road. *Submitted by Kathern Narasaki*

JOSEPH SKEEN

Joseph Skeen was born at Wise, Virginia on Feb 12, 1824. He was the son of Stephen and Suzannah Kiser Skeen. As a young man Joseph came to the western part of Virginia and settled in the Kenna-Kentuck area.

Joseph was married three times. His first wife was a young lady by the name of Hamon. His second was Polly Garrett and his last wife was Mitilda Casto. He was the father of ten children: 1. Elijah m. ? LaForce; 2. Harlam m. ? Fields; 3. Joshua m. ? Kiser; 4. Margaret m. ? Kiser; 5. Sarah m. (a) ? Kiser; (b) ? Hamon; 6. Joel m. (a) Virginia Mays; (b) Sylvia Smith; 7. David m. ? Winters; 8. Stephen m. (a) Nancy Mays; (b) ? Haynes; 9. Joseph (Little Joe) m. Mary Harrison; 10. Delithea m. Jeff Kiser.

Joseph was a farmer during his lifetime. He killed the last known panther to be killed in Jackson County. This occurred at the Basin Rock which is located on the White Pine Road between Kentuck and Belgrove. He had stooped to drink from a small stream flowing under the outcropping when he saw the reflection of the panther in the water. As the panther was preparing to jump, Joseph raised with a rock in his hand and killed the panther in mid air.

Joseph also was involved in a dangerous situation with a bear. He had found a cub in a cave. As he picked up the cub, the mother bear suddenly returned and charged him. It is reported he flung pine cones at the bear to hold it off him until he got the chance to kill it.

Joseph is buried in the Skeen Family Cemetery at Kentuck, WV. *Submitted by Dorothy Fowler*

JOSEPH SKEEN

The Skeen family traces its Scottish ancestry to Aberdeenshire. The original spelling in the Scottish language, McSgign, was later Anglicized to Skene and there are also American variants such as Skeen, Skeens and Skeenes. Skene was the name of the dagger worn by Scotsmen on their ankles and the name was given to an ancestor who used such a weapon in saving the life of Scottish King Malcolm II for which he was knighted, his name changed to Skeen and given an estate for his valor.

Earliest American history indicates the first Mason in the United States was a Skene and that Revolutionary War Captain Peter Skene, the family patriarch, migrated to North Carolina and then to the Wise/Russell County area of Virginia about 1790. One of his sons, Stephen, born about 1793, married Savannah Kiser of Wise County. They had a large family, three of whom, Margaret, Joseph and Franklin Skene (Skeen) migrated northward, finally settling in Jackson County, Virginia in the Kentuck area, where many of the descendants still reside.

Joseph Skeen (1824-1896), one of the three children of Stephen and Savannah Skeen, was married to three women (Mary Hamon, Polly Garrett and Matilda Casto) which produced the following offspring: 1. Elijah Skeen (? - ?), 2.

Charles Skeen (1851-1920), 3. James Harlan Skeen (1854- ?), 4. Joshua Skeen (1854-1944), 5. Margaret Skeen (1856-1944), married Henry Kiser, 6. Sarah Skeen (1859- ?), married Joseph Kiser and later Sebastian Caleb Hamon, 7. Joel Skeen (1862-1918), 8. David Leon Skeen (1864-1923), 9. Telitha Skeen (1866- ?), married Jefferson D. Kiser, 10. Stephen Progler Skeen (1869-1928), 11. Joseph Willie Dayton Skeen (1873- ?)

William Kenna Skeen (1878-1936) was the first child born of the marriage of Joshua Skeen and Nancy A. Kiser. The other ten children of Joshua and Nancy Skeen were: 1. Virginia (1879- ?) married James Gordon Counts, 2. Loring (1882-1905) married Nora Kiser, 3. Mark (1883-1972) never married, 4. Thomas B. (1885-1984) married Esta Kate Presley, 5. Hoyt C. (1886- ?) married Phoebe Presley, 6. Rosco Roy (1887- ?) married Lona Ferrell, 7. Abednego C. (1889-1975) married Alice Cadle, 8. Joseph Della (1891- ?) married Ruth Ray, 9. Henry Beecher (1896-1979) married Ora Hamon, 10. Mary Mae (1898- ?) married Zeland O'Dell Hamon.



William "Kenny" and Clara (Smith) Skeen and children

William Kenna Skeen, called "Kenny" by his friends, married Clara Sonora Smith, the daughter of Rev. David D. Smith, and they later bought a farm in the Fletcher area of Southeast Jackson County where they raised cattle, sheep and other livestock and operated a community store. He and Clara had four children: 1. Doy Basil Skeen (1901-1968) married Ruby Chapman. Their children and descendants are: A. Doy Basil Skeen, Jr. (1936-1943), B. Willard Skeen (1942 -) married Glennis Casto (1) Shannon Lee Skeen (1970 -) 2. Ella Skeen (1903-1975) married J. William (Willie) Parsons. Their children and descendants are: A. Dale Parsons, an engineer with a PhD. from WVU, (1922 -) married Gay Hatcher. Their son and descendants are: (1) W. Dale Parsons, Jr. (1943 -) married Marcia Lyle. Their children and descendants are: (a) James W. Parsons, II (1968 -), (b) Tamara Dawn Parsons (1972-), (c) Terri Leah Parsons (1974 -), B. Orel Adair Parsons (1924-1974), a career soldier with permanent rank of Major, first married Edith Smith. There were three children: (1) Donald Lee Parsons (1944? -) married a Figgat. They have two children. (2) Sandra ? Parsons (194?-). Married ?. (3) Cheryl Parsons (1955 -) married Terence D. Peters. Their children and descendants are: (a) Jeffrey Allen Peters (1975-) (b) Timothy Neal Peters (1980 -).

Orel Adair Parsons' second marriage was to Mildred Proctor and they had one son and three daughters names unknown.

C. Zane Wetzel Parsons (1930 -), a U.S. Postal Service employee, married Betty Reese. They had one son: Zane Wetzel Parsons, Jr. (1953 -). 3. Loring Clifton Skeen (1905-1983) was first married to Amy Poling and they had one daughter: A. Christine ? Skeen (1928 -), married first to Curtis Plantz and later to Charles Parsons. Her children and descendants are: (1) Ronald Plantz (1948 -) married Judy Vanee. Their children and descendants are: (a) Julia Plantz (1969 -) (b) Chad

Plantz (1971 -), (2) Donna Plantz (1948-1973) married David McKinney. Their children and descendants are: (a) David McKinney (1968 -), (b) Teresa McKinney (1970-1975), (3) Teresa Plantz (1957-1973), (4) Denise Plantz (1959 -) married Ben Brabbin. Their children and descendants are: (a) Christopher Plantz (1973 -), (b) Jennifer Plantz (1975 -). Clifton's second marriage was to Marjorie Mangus and they had one daughter: B. Helen Skeen (1943? -) married Atkinson. Clifton's third marriage was to Mary Oliver and they had one daughter: C. Janet Skeen (? -) married ? Hackney. Clifton's fourth marriage was to Martha M. Skaggs. Their eight children and descendants are: D. William Gray Skeen (1949-), E. Joyce Skeen (1950 -). Her children and descendants are Billy Hewitt, Russell Hewitt and Kerrie L. Hewitt. F. Margaret Skeen (1952-) was married twice. Her first marriage was to Thomas Wandling. Her second marriage was to John William Johnson III. Her children and descendants are Mark Allen Boggs and James Darrell Wandling. G. Lori A. Skeen (1968 -) married Rexford Allen Stone. H. Irene Ella Skeen (1956 -). Her daughter is Laura Beth White (1980 -). I. Jeannie Lynn Skeen (1959 -) married James Allen Payne. They have one son: Jarred A. Payne (1986 -). Other children of Martha Skaggs Skeen and step-children of Loring Clifton Skeen are: J. Sandra Shott (?) married Jack Keen, K. Katy Shott (?) married Jack R. Rose. They have two daughters, Kelli and Jackie. 4. Orel Joshua Skeen (1911-1984), West Virginia Penitentiary Warden and later elected West Virginia State Treasurer, and youngest of the four children of William Kenna and Clara Skeen, married Rilla Roberta Landfried, a school teacher and daughter of Adam and Anna Landfried in 1937. Their two sons and their descendants are: A. Kennad Lee Skeen (1939 -) an attorney married Carolyn Lee Rader. Their daughter and son are: (1) Kristin Susanne Skeen (1971 -), (2) Kennad Lee Skeen II (1973 -), B. Larry Lynn Skeen (1941 -) an attorney married Margaret Ringo, a designer. Their two daughters are: (1) Heather Lynne Skeen (1971 -), (2) Jennifer Erin Skeen (1973 -). *Submitted by Larry L. Skeen*

OREL J. SKEEN

Orel J. Skeen, Democrat, of Ripley, was born in Jackson County, WV Oct 27, 1911, son of William Kenna and Clara (Smith) Skeen; educated



Orel J. Skeen

in public schools of Jackson and Kanawha Counties, graduating from Ripley High School; married to Rilla Landfried June 2, 1937; two children, Kennad Lee (married to Carolyn Rader; children, Kristin and Kennad Lee II) and Larry Lynn (married to Margaret Ringo; children, Heather and Erin); Methodist; member American Legion, having served with the United States Army in World War II, Moose, Kiwanian, 32nd degree Mason, Shriner, 40 & 8; Advisory Board Salvation Army; Boy Scouts Camping and Activities Committee; Board of Directors, American Prison Association; Past Secretary, Vice President and President,

American Wardens' Association; taught school four years in Jackson County; Custodial Officer of West Virginia Penitentiary 1936-39; Custodial Officer Federal Bureau of Prisons 1939-40; Administrative Assistant to Director of Probation and Parole, 1940-45; managed Skeen Service Store in Ripley 1945-47; appointed Warden of West Virginia Penitentiary, 1947 and resigned 1956; listed in Who's Who 1957-58; led the ticket and was elected State Treasurer in 1956; ran for governor unsuccessfully in 1960; later worked in the Department of Welfare from which he retired in 1971 with 33 years of public service; accepted an appointment as consultant for the Commissioner of Institutions and served for a short time; remaining years of his life were spent hunting, fishing, gardening and dabbling in the oil and gas business with his two sons, Ken and Larry, who were engaged in the practice of law in Ripley and Charleston; referred to by friends as the "Old Philosopher"; died at home Oct 17, 1984. *Submitted by Kennad Lee Skeen*

VIRGIL (DOC) AND ALICE (KERNS) SKEEN

Virgil was born July 7, 1884, the son of Joel and Virginia Lucy Mays Skeen. He received his nickname from friends after playing a doctor in a school play. In this play he operated on the stomach of Otho Skeen, his cousin, and removed an opossum.

As a young man, Virgil served three years in the U.S. Coast Artillery at Ft. Baker, CA. He was given the opportunity to attend an officer training school, but elected to return home to his childhood sweetheart.

In 1911 Virgil married Alice Pearl Kerns (b. July 2, 1890). She was the daughter of Gamaliel Pendelton and Rachel Ellen Boston Kerns.



seated: Virgil and Alice (Kerns) Skeen;
standing: Eurada, Doris, Dicie, and Lincoln Skeen

Virgil was a farmer and school teacher. He taught many years in schools in Jackson, Kanawha and Mingo Counties, often leaving home on Sunday evening and returning the following Friday evening.

He was a postmaster and general store operator at Mt. Tell, WV from 1916 to 1918. From 1918 to 1919 he was a guard at a powder and ammunition plant at Nitro, WV. He was a federal prohibition agent during the prohibition days, 1927-1932, working in WV, PA and Washington, D.C.

Virgil and Alice were both members of the Goshen Baptist Church and also members of the St. Charles I.O.O.F. Lodge at Kentuck until it dissolved. He later moved his membership to the Ripley Lodge. They have seven children: 1. Doris Edwinia (1911-1972) married Howard Skeen, eight children. a. Delphia Alice m. Joseph Fleck, b. Charles Virgil m. Sadie Newhouse, c. Marvin Howard m. Margaret Anderson, d. Aaron Lee m. Liscotte Berger, e. Allen Noel m. Dorothy Dooly, f. Vernon Max m. Gloria Jacobs, g. Walter Phillip m. Fae Rowley, h. Karen Edwinia, 2. Zelma Virginia (1913-1919), 3. Juanita Ellen (1915-

1915), 4. Dicie Alice (1921 -) married Ray Casto, three children, a. Dorothy Jean m. William P. Fowler, Jr., b. Robert Ray m. Helen C. Evans, c. Kathern Jane m. Kunio Narasaki, 5. Lincoln Virgil (1923-1989) m. Mary King, three children, a. Lincoln Virgil, Jr. m. (1) Rebecca Stewart (2) Barbara Brown, b. Mary Francis m. Wallace Jones, c. Judy Regina m. Craig Sabo, 6. Eurada Lee (1926 -) m. Kemp S. Landis, five children. a. Zelma Doris m. William Bogges, b. Mary Louise m. Dencil Sayre, c. Carolyn June m. William Lewis, d. Gary Kemp m. Darleen Stover, e. Shannon Lynn, 7. Barbara Agnes (1930-1930).

Virgil died on March 12, 1958 and Alice followed on Jan 30, 1968. They are buried in the Kerns Family Cemetery at Kentuck, WV.

Daughters Zelma Virginia, Juanita Ellen, Barbara Agnes, Doris Edwinia and her husband Howard, are also buried at this cemetery. Son, Lincoln Virgil, is buried in the Patterson Union Cemetery at Deersfield, Ohio. *Submitted by Eurada Landis*

NATHANIEL SKINNER

Nathaniel Skinner was born August 1826 in Monroe County, OH. On 3-15-1849 he married Sarah Ann Wilgus; born 8-13-1822 at Marietta, OH. They lived in Washington County, OH, and were the parents of Lott, James, Permelia, Thomas, Maloth, Elsworth, Olive and Mary. The house they lived in is still standing near where State Route 26 crosses Duck Creek.

There sure were big catfish in Duck Creek then according to tales Grandpa told me.

In the late 1870's the family moved to the Ravenswood District of Jackson County, WV. Sarah Ann died 3-3-1890, and is buried at McGee Chapel near Sandyville.

On 2-11-1890 Nathaniel married Nancy Adams. They were the parents of Bessie b. 1-1-1894. On 12-14-1902 he married Emily Chapman. He lived on Cherry Camp and is listed for taxes until 1906.

My grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Skinner, born 1856, Marietta, OH, died 1934 at Gay, WV. On 3-2-1876 he married Minerva Jane Stanley, born 3-20-1853, died 12-19-1937. They are buried in Parsons Cemetery at Gay.



Thomas and Minerva Skinner

On 5-9-1888 he bought a farm near Gay from E.H. Rader where he lived the remainder of his life and where his grandson, Roy Skinner, now lives. It is a small hill farm, but most productive. The home was known for good food as attested to by the fact that all the drummers of the time made extra efforts to get to Uncle Tom's house to spend the night, and the neighbors that came to Sunday dinner.

Although he was not a church-going man, he was very religious. I never heard him swear, and he always asked a blessing at every meal. Roy has owned the farm for years has continued to take good care of the land, and today it is a beautiful green oasis in the forest.

Thomas and Minerva had six children. Jonathan b. 1-1-1887, died 1892; Minnie, 10-18-1880, died

9-11-1933; married Alfred Whited, parents of nine children; Opal, born 9-2-1901, married Charles Greathouse; Amet, born 10-4-1903, m. Nancy Thomas; Jason, born 6-24-1905, m. Claudia Wine; Clate, b. 2-15-1907, m. Grace Tuttle; Gladys b. 12-15-1910; Aaron, b. 5-20-1912; Ruby, b. 10-14-1914, m. Charles Cunningham; Norville, b. 6-4-1918, m. Vesta Litton; Ival, b. 8-17-1922, m. Bruce Boyer.

Gertie, b. 12-9-1883, d. 7-8-1965, m. Howard Carpenter had six children: Clare, b. 12-27-1907, m. Mabel Lowe; Wayne, b. 10-19-1909, m. Virginia Johnson; Grace, b. 12-1-1911, d. 11-17-1943, m. Raymond Merritt; Wilson, b. 2-8-1914, d. 7-8-1985, m. Bernice Barnitz; Sidney, b. 9-10-1915, d. 8-8-1983, m. Margaret Hayman; James, b. 3-7-1920, d. 4-7-1963, m. Betty Beagle.

Colonel, b. 7-24-1886, d. 10-10-1957, m. Bessie Phillips (Cox). Four children, Glada m. Lloyd King and later, Russell Miller; Chester, m. Madeline McGrady; Roy m. Pearlene McGrady; Earl m. Verda Jeffries.

Chlora, b. 5-9-1890, d. 1965, m. Lester Whited, had four children, Gleason, Eva Jane, William and June.

Rufus, b. 9-29-1896, d. 11-24-1917, m. Margie Parsons., had one child, Raymond. *Submitted by Capt. E. Clare Carpenter*

WILBER SLADE

Wilber Slade and his wife Margaret (Tabor) lived in New York State. They owned a flour mill that was destroyed by fire. Wilber and Margaret moved onto Virginia and lived for a time. After the Civil War, Wilber and his family moved on. They came to settle in Jackson County, West Virginia, a residence was established along Grass Lick just outside of Ripley.

The 1870 Census of Jackson County recorded Wilbur, born around 1823 in New York State. Margaret was born in Virginia in 1828. Two sons Josiah and J. Samuel and a daughter Martha also were born in the State of Virginia. Once in Jackson County, Wilber and Margaret had three more children, William, Harriet, and Julia "Aunt Pet".

The family at some point moved to Elmwood, located in Mason County, WV. Harriet would marry Hugh Bails. Martha married John Snyder. Two sons Josiah and William, and their daughter Julia would never marry.

Wilber and Margaret eldest son J. Samuel Slade went to work in Ohio cutting timber. He met Benina Jones and married her in Portsmouth, Ohio on 4/22/1890. Benina was born in Scoito County, Ohio. Benina parents were Hiram Jones and Ellen Riley. Samuel and Benina settled in Elmwood, WV. They had five children.

Charles 2/26/1891, and Hiram 3/27/1894 died before entering adulthood. Walter born on 5/10/1892, married Belle Barnette of Rockcastle, WV, they had no children. Walter served in the army and was a Veteran of WWI. Eliza born on 7/20/1897, married Oak Barnette. Oak and Belle were brother and sister. Eliza and Oak had three sons, William Franklin Barnette born 6/20/1921, Clarence Junior Barnette born 9/24/1924, and Clyde Omer Barnette born 8/20/1926, and one daughter Opal Louise 3/3/1930. Eliza died 2/13/1933.

Samuel and Benina's youngest son, William Russell Slade, was born 1/13/1901. William "Bill" married Belva Rogers also from Elmwood. Bill and Belva married on 5/25/1928 in Point Pleasant, WV. Belva was the daughter of Forrest Rogers and Sarah Margaret "Maggie" Sullivan. Belva was born on 4/4/1911.

Bill and Belva would have three sons and two daughters. Glen Eugene Slade b. 4/25/1929; Hazel Pauline Slade b. 11/16/1931; Furl Lamonte Slade b. 12/24/1933; Dorothy Ann Slade b. 3/20/1936; and Bueford Ira Slade b. 1/8/1941. Bueford died at birth.



front: Furl and Dorothy;
back: Hazel, Bill, Glen, and Belva Slade

The lineage of Wilber and Margaret Slade, through their son Samuel's daughter, Eliza Slade Barnette and son Bill Slade. They will always live on. *Submitted by Dorothy Slade Sargent*

JESSE SLAUGHTER

Jesse Slaughter was born about 1763 in Virginia. He lived in Lewis County, VA; came to Jackson County between 1830 and 1840. He and Mary were living there in 1850. Jesse m. Mary (Polly) Rollins, born about 1783 Maryland, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth (McGill) Rollins. Mary's brother Zachariah was an ancestor of my mother. Their children were Elizabeth, Jacob B., Andrew, Mary, Silah H., James C., Michael, Asa, and Roseanna.

Andrew Slaughter, third child of Jesse and Mary, born Jan 2, 1806, Virginia, died Sept 10, 1889, Jackson County. Married Tabitha Rucker, b. Feb 4, 1807, Virginia, died Jan 23, 1886 Jackson County, daughter of G. and L. Rucker.

Andrew Slaughter was the first person known to be granted a license to preach in the United Brethren Church in the conference that included Jackson County, Virginia. His son, Jonah Slaughter, and his grandson, Fred Slaughter, were also United Brethren ministers. Their children were Nathan B., Gideon, Calvin Marvin, Lydia A., William Riley, Reverend Jonah S., David S. and Virginia.

William Riley Slaughter, fifth child of Andrew and Tabitha, born Jan 9, 1841 Upshur Co., VA, died July 21, 1910, Jackson County. Married Malinda Arizona Davis, born April 6, 1845, Tyler County, VA, died Jan 30, 1926, Jackson County. Their children were Ollie Evangeline, William Cyrus, Andrew Cilvester, Melissa A., Clara Lou B., Theodosia Charlotte, Charles Monroe, George Edgar, and Ora Ethel.

William was in the Civil War Feb 28, 1862 to July 26, 1865. He was in battles at Cloyd's Mountain, Dublin Depot, New River Bridge, Millboro, Bath County, VA, Lynchburg, and Winchester. He was wounded Sept 19, 1864, at Winchester.

Andrew Cilvester Slaughter, third child of William and Malinda, born Jan 6, 1871, Jackson County, died Oct 30, 1932, Union County, OH. Married first, Evaline Grace Canter, born about 1870, Mason County, WV, died March 4, 1898, Danstown, Jackson County, daughter of George Washington and Hannah Jane (Roush) Canter. Their children were Jerry Arthur, Oscar Evermont, and Flao Nathaniel.

Andrew married second Amy C. Geho b. July 26, 1862, VA, died May 18, 1937, Union County, Ohio, daughter of George W. and Sarah (King) Geho. Their children were: Roscoe Milton, Waldo Escoe, and Cheley Sylvester.

Oscar Evermont Slaughter, second child of Andrew and Evaline, born June 1, 1894, Evans, Jackson County, died Sept 23, 1975, Franklin County, Ohio. Married Nellie May Taylor born March 13, 1903, Mason County, WV, daughter of Mortimer Dunlap and Eva Lina (Wilson) Taylor.

Their children are Raymond Dare, Rex Guyson, Eileen Joan, Norman Gale, June Mary, and Perry Forest.

Oscar served in Co. B, 166 Inf., 42nd Rainbow Division in World War I in France. He received five gun shot wounds July 28, 1918.

Raymond Dare Slaughter, first child of Oscar and Nellie, born Nov 9, 1920, Columbus, Ohio. Married Ruth Ina Price, born July 21, 1921, Columbus, Ohio, daughter of Ralph Otis and Bartha Mary (Ellison) Price. Their children are Ralph Edward, and Judith Anne. Raymond married second, Gertrude Mason Streets b. Dec 4, 1913, Brooke County, WV, daughter of Troy Lee and Lucy Marie (Lewis) Streets. Their child is Robbin Dale. Raymond married third, Ruth Ina Price. Raymond served in World War II.



Raymond Dare and Ruth (Price) Slaughter

Ralph Edward Slaughter, born Aug 23, 1944 Dayton, Ohio. Married Kristin Elisabeth Lindholm, born Feb 19, 1945 St. Joseph County, Indiana, daughter of Clarence and Irma (Bentz) Lindholm. Their children, born Columbus, Ohio, are Raymond Edward, Oct 19, 1971; John David Magnus, March 8, 1974; and Elisabeth Ann, Nov 2, 1978.

Judith Anne Slaughter, born March 20, 1946, Columbus, Ohio. Married Billie Irwin Harris, born Sept 11, 1942, Columbus, Ohio, son of Raymond Merrill and Mary (McJunkin) Harris. Their children born Columbus, Ohio, are Jodie Anne, Aug 16, 1968; and Jill Nicole, July 27, 1970. Judith married second and third William Michael George.

Robbin Dale Slaughter, born Oct 1, 1953, Columbus, Ohio. Married first Verdonna Jean Sanders, born Feb 18, 1950, Gallipolis, Ohio, daughter of William Leonard and Virginia Maxine (Gothard) Saunders. Their child is Robyn Nicole born March 7, 1979, Columbus, Ohio. Robbin married second Joyce Kay Smith, born 2 Aug 1954, Columbus, Ohio, daughter of Jack Eugene and Nancy Jean (Boylan) Smith. *Submitted by Raymond D. Slaughter*

NAOMI MYRTLE (PARSONS) MEIER-SLUSSER

After the end of World War II, Naomi Myrtle Parsons married Donald William Meier, Nov 16, 1946, and moved to Stafford, New York, a small village between Rochester and Buffalo. Donald was employed at P.W. Miner's Shoe Factory for 18 years in Batavia, NY. He served 4 1/2 years in the African and Italian areas during World War II. Later, he was employed at the LeRoy Machine Company in LeRoy, NY, where he spent 20 years before becoming disabled in 1972 from arthritis. He died Nov 22, 1977.

On April 15, 1949 a daughter, Susan Ellen, was born. She was graduated from the State University at Oneonta, New York in 1971 with a degree in Elementary and Special Education, and has taught Special Education since that time. On August 19, 1972, she married John Robert Magano, also a graduate of Oneonta State University, and has pursued a career in Computer Science. Their only child, Christopher Robert, was born July 19, 1983.

On April 13, 1952, a son, Stephen William, was born. He holds Associate Degrees in Merchandising and Business Management from Bryant Stratton Business Institute, and a degree from the University of Buffalo in Business Management. He presently is Manager of Management Information and Compliance Review for the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority. On June 14, 1975, he married Bonnie Jean Dostal in Rochester, New York, a graduate of the University of Buffalo. They lived for 10 years in Buffalo, New York, and moved to Apex, North Carolina in 1988. They have two children, Matthew William, born Feb 1, 1980, and Meghan Elissa, born Dec 7, 1982.

Naomi pursued her career in Accounting and spent 22 years as General Accountant for Batavia Metal Products in Batavia, New York. Five years after the death of her husband, Donald, she married William Harrison Slusser, a widower who was employed as a draftsman for the same firm. Both are retired and spend the winters in Florida and travel to many foreign countries. *Submitted by Mrs. Wm. H. Slusser*

SMITH-COAST

Helen Mae Coast, 1890-1964, born in Ripley, West Virginia, daughter of Katherine Ashley Coast, 1858-1943, and George Washington Coast 1858-1935. The Coast's owned thousands of acres of land in Jackson, Mason, Putnam counties West Virginia and Meigs County, Ohio. George Washington Coast raised cattle and sheep; his wife taught school.



Helen (Coast) Smith, 1915

Paternal grandparents were John W. Coast Sr. and Malinda Ferguson. Both are buried in the old Ripley Settlers cemetery. John W. Coast Sr.'s father died on-board ship coming from Scotland. First they settled in Virginia and then moved to Wheeling Island traveling the Old National Road US 40 through Maryland. They next moved to Belmont County, Ohio before coming to the Ripley area and settling on Sycamore Creek on 200 acres. They lived here during the Civil War. John W. Coast Sr. and his oldest son, James, served on the Union side throughout the war. When they came back, James moved to Missouri and never returned.

Maternal grandparents were Rebecca Starcher Ashley and Joseph Ashley of Roane County. Rebecca's father and mother were William, 1802-1872, and Sarah Evans Starcher, 1802-1883. William's father and mother were Jacob Starcher Sr. and Ann Staats Starcher who donated the Court House square. Ann Staats Starcher's father and mother were Abraham Staats and Ann King Staats.

Helen Coast received her education at the Ripley Lee Normal School. She also taught school. She worked with her father raising cattle and was a proficient rider.

In November 1919 Helen Mae Coast married Roscoe Conkling Smith, 1890-1975. Roscoe was named after a U.S. Senator from New York who died in the blizzard of 1888. Roscoe's parents were Robert Henry Smith 1859-1943, and Mary Ann

Moran, 1863-1954.

Paternal grandparents were George Washington Smith and Rebecca Martin Smith. The Smith's settled in northern Jackson County after moving from Noble County, Ohio. George Washington Smith was a Civil War soldier on the Union side. After the war he moved his family from Caldwell, Ohio to Indiana then back to Caldwell so they could escape the typhoid fever that was epidemic in Indiana. George Washington Smith next moved his family to northern Jackson County, an area that he had been in and liked during the war.

Roscoe's maternal grandparents were Robert Moran and Jane Bates Moran, 1841-1900; they are buried in the old Sandyville cemetery. Robert Moran was a civil war soldier on the Union side. He was in the battle of Look Out Mountain, Tennessee under Sherman's command. The Moran's were also originally from Noble County, Ohio. They spent their first winter around the Independence Church area later moving to Sarvis Fork.

Helen Mae Coast and Roscoe Conkling Smith had five children. They were: George Henry Smith, Clifford Paul Smith (deceased), Warren Dale Smith, Helen Althea Shockey, and Alwilda Phost. They raised their family on a large farm on the Comet Road. The area got its name from Halley's Comet in the year 1911. The Comet church and school was named the same. Roscoe rode his horse and collected pledges to construct the Comet Church which was started in 1920 and completed in 1921. Helen and Roscoe operated a general livestock farm where they raised their three boys and two girls. All three boys served in World War II and Roscoe in World War I. Dale maintains the family homeplace.

George H. Smith married Pauline Somerville in 1948. Their children are: Patricia Sue who married James Martino and they have one daughter Erika. Rosemary who married Randall Curry and they have three children: Gregory, Alexander, and Daniel. Lola Mae and George Henry Smith Jr. are the youngest children who continue to help their parents maintain the family farm raising cattle, registered Belgians (since 1942), and Australian stock dogs. *Submitted by George Henry Smith and Lola Smith*

A.M. SMITH

Edward Ellis Smith (1850-1896) and wife Juda Farnsworth (1851-1892) were farmers.

A son, Augustus Maywood (1873-1952) married Orpha Jane Saunders (1876-1937) daughter of George Saunders (1847-1924) and Margaret Mooney (1848-1910); George was a stone mason at Odaville.



August Maywood Smith family

Children: Hester Aphra (1896-1986) — husband Harry Roliff (1893-1974), children: Ella Mac, Carl, Loulia Jane, one infant died.

Alta May 1897 — husband Wayne Eddy; children: Frances, Charles, Robert Dean. Alta married Charles McClure (1883-1957); one child Shelia. Alta married Francis Lafferre.

George Ellis (1899-1980) — wife Gracie Gibbons (1901-1949); children: Carroll, Doris and Delores — twins.

Icy Belle 1900 — husband Elmer Earl Riggs (1897-1961); one child Dorothy. Icy married John T. Gump (1903-1985).

Charles Durwood 1902 — wife Ethel Poling 1904; one child Marica.

Judy Eleanore 1905 — husband Burt House (1904-1962); children: Iris, Earl, Ray. Juda married Robert Westberg (1887-1965).

Augusta Frances (1907-1987) — husband Brady Stephens (1908-1961); one child Betty.

Bessie Marie 1909 — husband James Belden 1907; children: Lois, Kenneth.

Kay Vincent 1912 — wife Louise Sinroff 1914; children: James, Ellis. Kay married 3 more — the last to Louise again.

Murhl Jeane (1915-1989) — husband Francis Hall; one child Jancie. Murhl married Charles Fortner; children: Edith, Nancy.

Vada Alice 1918 — husband James Robinson. Vada married Richard Schwab; one child Dawn.

All lived to adulthood.

We lived on a farm on Sarvis Fork enough level land for the house; the barn and garden was across a small creek, with a large tree flattened on top was used as a foot log.

The farm provided everything needed; we purchased staples; flour, etc. by trading eggs or chickens. Butter was made in a wooden churn; we got honey from bee hives, we planted sorghum cane to make molasses. There were orchards with a variety of fruit; we canned fruit and vegetables; potatoes, cabbage and apples were buried. Meat was butchered in the fall, sausage was canned; the rest was cured, smoked with hickory wood, chickens were plentiful, turkeys were special.

July 4, 1912 I woke early, looking out the window was surprised to see Dr. Curry's buggy hitched to the gate. I was frightened, slipping to Charles's room, I said "we gotta go hide"; the Dr. is here to take us somewhere. The doctor always brought the babies.

We left the house unnoticed, went on the hill before breakfast climbed a cherry tree where we could see when the Dr. left or if he was waiting on us. I was positive I didn't want to leave. We ate cherries for breakfast, lunch; we went to the spring, laying down we drank — then ate more.

Late afternoon the Dr. left. Arriving home Dad said "where have you been?"; telling the truth, he took us to the bed and showed us the Dr. had brought a baby brother, Kay.

Dad built a house in 1929 at Crow Summit. Ellis "Doc" returned to Jackson Co. helping repair machinery etc. and odd jobs from the homeplace.

Submitted by Icy Riggs Gump

MAJOR CHARLES SMITH

Major Charles Smith was born in Frederick County, Virginia, June 2, 1763. He died May 12, 1846 and is buried in the Dewitt Cemetery, Jackson County. He was the son of Captain Charles (of the Indian Wars and Braddock's Campaign) and Rebecca Hite Smith. Rebecca was the daughter of Col. John Hite (son of Jost Hite, the "Valley Pioneer") and Sarah Eltinge Hite. Major Charles Smith served in the Revolution War, beginning at the age of 14, guarding prisoners at Winchester, Virginia, and later in several campaigns, both in the Virginia and Continental Lines. He earned his Major's commission in the Virginia State Militia after the war.

Charles' first marriage to Jane Morton, daughter of Elijah, June 19, 1783, is registered in Orange County, Virginia. They had three children: Rebecca, Charles and Lucy. We have no record of Charles' life; Lucy never married; Rebecca married Whiting Washington, son of Warner and Hannah Fairfax Washington. They had four children: Charles Henry, Jane (Walker), Lucy (Lceper), and

Whiting Washington Jr. The family lived in Russellville, Kentucky, where Whiting Sr. died. They later moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Major Charles Smith married, second Elizabeth England, daughter of Jacob, Jan 24, 1809. The marriage is registered in Berkeley County, now West Virginia. They lived near Berryville, Virginia, until about 1819 when they moved to Greenup County, Kentucky where Major Charles tried to secure some of the land from grants his father had received for his service in the French & Indian War. Apparently failing at this, Charles and Elizabeth moved to Muses Bottom in Jackson County about 1828, onto a 927 acre tract which his father had purchased from Col. George Muse who had received it as payment for service in the French & Indian War. Charles was a member of the first Grand Jury empaneled at the June term of 1831 when Jackson County was formed.

Charles and Elizabeth had eight children: John Smith (1811-1870) married Sarah White. In 1864 they traded land in Jackson County for a section of land in Meigs County, Ohio. They had 13 children. They are buried in DeWitt Cemetery, Jackson County; Whiting Smith (1815) married Mary White. He later moved to Indiana; Maria Smith (1818) married George Payne and lived in Meigs County at one time. After the death of her husband she lived at Muses Bottom near her family; Lewis Smith (1821-1863) married Mary Wilkinson. He served in the Union Army in the Civil War, and died in the Confederate Prison at Belle Isle; Mary Ann Smith (1823) married John Sheppard; Elizabeth "Betsy" Smith (1825) married Robert Shanklin. They lived in Ohio; Francis C. Smith (1827-1897) married Francis Gardner. Some of their descendants still live in Ohio; Adelaide Smith (1829-1901) married James Hassey. They moved to Hamilton County, Indiana. She joined the DAR on her Father's military record, July 10, 1899. *Submitted by David Allen Brewer*

CHARLES ASA SMITH

In 1820 my great grandfather, Hyland Smith (1800-1867), and his brother, James (1797-1887), sons of Charles and Mary, came to this area and settled on lower Little Pond Creek near the Jackson-Wood County line. Shortly after arriving here Hyland, married Ida and James married Agnes, daughters of Absolom Bailey. Hyland's and Ida's children: William (1823-1899) married (1) Jane, widow of Joseph Dewey (2) Elizabeth (Gilpen) Hazelton; Cummins (4/29/1825-9/10/1897) married Elizabeth Wilson; Stewart (1827) married Lavinia Campbell; Betsy (1829) married William Dewey; Margaret (1830) married Henry Thomas; Benjamin (1832-1890) married Rebecca Watkins; Isaac Newton (1834) married (1) Susanna Woomer (2) Savilla Bowman; Deborah (1836-1912) married William Swain; Joseph (1837-1896) married (1) Mahala Bowman (2) Eliza Jane Staats; Eliza (1840) married (1) Joseph Nelson Bailey (2) William Wilson; Martin (1843-1879) married Esther Jane Wilson.

Hyland married (2) Adeline Buckley, widow of John F. Buckley in Wood Co. WV 25 July 1852. They had four children: Inepta (died as infant 1854); Agnes (1856-1912) married Guy Staats; Ida (1858-1921) married Samuel P. Talbot; John (1861-1929) married Elizabeth Tumlin. Hyland died 7 Nov 1867 at his farm on Washington run in Grant District, Jackson County. He is buried in the Ford Cemetery on Little Pond Creek near where he first settled.

My grandfather, Cummins Smith, married Elizabeth "Betsy" Wilson (1/1/1829-12/11/1904) daughter of James and Martha "Patsy" Cross Wilson, in Wood County, WV 21 Aug 1845. They lived most of their life in Grant District, Jackson County and are buried in the Boso-Cross Cemetery on Cavin Fork. Grandfather was in the Civil War,

Co. I 11th WV Infantry along with four of his brothers. Cummins and Elizabeth's children: Solomon (1847-1925), also served in the Civil War, Co. D 17th WV Infantry, married Margaretta Grimm; Hyland (1849-1922) married Eliza Trader; Mary (1851-1942) married Alexander Emerick; Martha (died 5 July 1854 as child); Rebecca (1857-1932) married John Safreed; James (1860-1928) married Jenny Boso; Magdalena (1861-1941) married Thomas Sargent; Jack (1864-1932) married Margaret Bailey; George W. (1868-1912) married (1) Josephine Boso (2) Maggie Hill; Charles Asa (8/2/1871-2/15/1957) married (1) Orpha Peters (1876-1908), daughter of Michael and Catherine Archer Peters, and (2) Iva Jane Sines (2/10/1890-12/29/1977). My father, Charles Asa "Charley", was born near the head of Meathouse Fork of Little Sandy. By his first wife, Orpha, whom he married 4 Dec 1897, he had two daughters; Mona (1898-living) married Kenneth Backus and Luda (1901-1970) married (1) Willie Dye (2) Loam Rogers. Shortly after his marriage, Dad decided to sign his name A.C. Smith as he was getting confused with other C.A. Smiths on the mail route. He went by this name the rest of his life and it appears so on his second marriage to my mother, Iva Jane Sines, in Wood County, WV 12 Jan 1913, and on the birth records of some of their children: Chester Paul (1913-1987) never married; Helen Pauline (1916-1974) married (1) Carl Nohe (2) George Wilson; Charles, Jr. (1919) married Mary Ellen Smith; Melvin Lawrence (1921) married Catherine Jablonski; Opal Grace (1924) married William Nottingham; June Alberta (1927) married Robert Cain; Carl Wayne (1929) married Ellen Knox.



Charles A. Smith with daughter, Helen (Smith) Nohe; and granddaughter, Phyllis (Nole) Godfrey

My family loved growing up in Jackson County, attending the one room schools at Lone Star, Cuba and Mountain Flower and the churches at Beech Grove, Willowdale, etc. Dad and Mom are buried at Pond Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in southern Wood County close to where Mom was born, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann Shannon Sines. *Submitted by June Smith Cain*

CHARLES AND MELVIN SMITH

Remembering Pearl Harbor comes easy for Charles Smith, Jr., Parkersburg, West Virginia, and his brother, Melvin, now living in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. The Smith brothers, who were raised in the Medina area of Jackson County, were aboard the U.S.S. California which was sunk by the Japanese during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Sunday morning Dec 7, 1942. When general quarters sounded, Charles was preparing to go ashore on liberty. As he raced for his battle station below decks, the first torpedo hit the California, exploding in the area of the ship's oil tanks and cutting off all power. Seconds later an armor piercing bomb smashed into the ammunition room about mid-ship, detonating much of the large store of ammunition in an explosion that ripped that

section of the ship apart. The power outage and loss of ammunition made it impossible to muster any kind of effective anti-aircraft defense. In a matter of minutes, the order came to abandon the ship as it went down. The California settled to the harbor floor, but was not completely submerged. The survivors made their way to nearby Ford Island to wait out the attack, then returned to the ship to begin the grim task of collecting the dead.

The California was the first ship in line on "Battleship Row", and the Arizona was the last in line of eight battleships. The California, Oklahoma, Arizona, West Virginia and Utah were sunk while the other three were damaged.

Charles' most anxious hours were those waiting to learn what had happened to his younger brother, Melvin. About eight hours later he saw him crawl up out of a hole where he had been trapped. A hole had to be cut in the bulkhead to get the trapped sailors out. Their parents had been notified at home that Melvin was missing in action, and it was a sad time until the Navy realized its mistake and notified his parents that he was all right.

Charles and Melvin had enlisted in the Navy together November 29, 1939, and were with the Pacific Fleet when it was moved from Long Beach, California, to Pearl Harbor early in 1941. They are the sons of Charles and Iva Sines Smith, and were only 20 and 18 years old when they joined the Navy.

After things became organized, Charles was reassigned to the heavy cruiser Chicago, based in New Caledonia. The Chicago was later sunk at the Battle of Guadalcanal. After that he was sent home for a 30-day R&R, and while home married Mary Smith, daughter of Harry and Alma Stallings Smith, March 13, 1943. After WWII, he went to electrician's school under the G.I. bill. He and Mary have two children, Steven and Jane.

After the Pearl Harbor attack, Melvin was reassigned to small crafts and mine sweepers around the Hawaiian Islands and Midway until the end of the war. He married Catherine Jablonski of Detroit, May 28, 1948. They have one son, Michael. Melvin is retired from General Motors.

Submitted by Charles Smith

GEORGE W. SMITH

George W. Smith, (1823-1903) 80 years, came to Noble Co., Ohio from Virginia, after the Civil War, having served as a Union Soldier. He had six brothers. Joab was the only one we have record of, and one sister Betsy or "Aunt Betts". His first wife (Andrews) died. He brought two children to WV, Mary and John. Mary married John Gibbons first and John Rake second. John returned to Ohio. There were three more children of the first family, but we do not have their names.

George then married Rebecca Baker, (1835-1930) 95 years, daughter of Elizabeth Martin and Andrew Baker. Elizabeth was the daughter of James Martin who married a Shawnee Indian maiden. They moved to Fairview Ridge in Jackson County in the late 1870's where he bought a sizeable amount of virgin timber land. There they raised eight children, some were in their teens when they made the long wagon ride from Noble County, Ohio.

He had gone into Kentucky and Indiana looking for land, but the people were dying of "Agar" which probably was "Malaria" and he wouldn't buy. He said he was going where it was high and dry, and it sure was! Their children were Henry (1859-1943), George W. II (1861-1935), Sarah (1864-1939), Susan, Martha, Ralph, Nathan, and Martin (1877-1951). Ralph and Nathan never married. Nathan died at age 18 of Spinal Meningitis. Henry married Mary Ann Moran, 1879, daughter of Robert and Jane Bates Moran, former neighbors in Noble County who also came to Jackson County and settled on Turkey Fork. George W. married Lettie Rake; Sarah married Dan

Rake; Susan married Jasper N. Holt (a Methodist preacher); Martha married Vinton Wilcox. Martin married Estelle Ice.

Our grandfather, Henry, and Mary Ann (1863-1954), had five children — Florence (1880-1964), George W. (1883-1953), Sara (1885-1917), Roscoe C. (1890-1975), Robert (1895-1900) who was five years old when he died in a diphtheria epidemic. Florence married Willis Tallman, no children. George W. married Sarah Murphy — their children are Patrick H., Kathleen, and Rosemary. Patrick married Kay Chadwick — their children are Karen and Shaune; Kathleen married William O'Reilly; Rosemary lives in Colorado with a large family. Don't have her husband's name. Sara never married. She was a graduate of Glenville Teachers College and died in 1917.

Roscoe married Helen Mae Coast, daughter of George W. and Kate Ashley Coast, Nov. 14, 1919. Their children were George H. (1920), Paul Clifton (1921-1968), Dale (1923), Althea (1926), and Alwilda (1932).

George H. married Pauline Somerville. Their family is Patricia, Rosemary, Lola Mae, and George H. Jr.

Paul Clifton married, first, Helen Tippens. Two daughters died at birth. Helen died in childbirth in 1946. Second, Paul married Hope Barnett and third, Jessie Payne.

Dale married Eunice Currey.

Althea married Carrol E. Shockey (Aug. 31, 1946).

Alwilda married Earl P. Fisher, and their children were Earl P. Jr., Clifton Burhl and Andrea Lynn.

Althea and Carrol Shockey had three children: Paul E. (Sept. 25, 1947), Helen Mae (Jan. 20, 1949), and Carl Olin (July 30, 1951).

Paul E. Shockey, DVM, married Patricia Sibold. Their children are Erin Lynn, Todd Edwin, and Joseph Paul.

Helen married John Taylor. Their children are Matthew Sean and Mark Joseph.

Olin married Elaine Rowley and their children are Daniel Olin and Julie Shea. *Submitted by H. Althea Smith Shockey*

HARRISON SMITH

Harrison Smith's father and mother, Holly and Ottie Smith, were born and raised in Jackson and Mason Counties. Holly and Ottie were married in the early 1900's. They lived on Cow Run and raised nine children who are as follows: Nancy Gunno, Virginia Sprout (deceased), Deldia Polesley, Harrison Smith, Martha Smith, Cora Belle Coe (deceased), Rosa Lea McIntyre, David Smith (deceased), and Hattie Bennett.

Harrison married Ruth Grady on September 16, 1933 at Ripley, West Virginia. (See Elias & Susan Grady). He worked during the war at defense plants but was a farmer all of his life.

There were nine children born to this union as follows: Harold Eugene who married June Johnson and they had six children. He is now married to



row 1; Harrison and Ruth, row 2; Scott, Connie and Penny; row 3; Curtis, Kenny, Mary, Jim, Carroll, Eugene

Pam Williams and they have one child. His children are as follows: Charles married to Terry Vining and they have two children. Ricky married to Candy Wood and they have four children. Debbie married to John Davidson and they have two children. Cindy married to Mike Smith and they have two children. Tina is single and Kelly is single.

Carroll married Irene Casto and they have two children; Sherry married to Nicholas Hill and they have one child; Kimberly married to Lonnie Purdue and they have no children.

Jim married Eldeana Williams and they have four children: Terry, single; Nathan, married; Lisa married to Ralph Loveless and they have one child; and Pamela, single with one child.

Mary married Tony Weedo and they have three children: Tim, single; Keith, single; and Donna married with two children.

Kenny married Maxine Baker and they have one child, Dale, single. Curtis B. married Sandra DePoy and they have two children: Christy, single and Brian, single.

Scottie married to Esther Ridenour and they have no children.

Connie married Bill Ralston and they have two children; Jennifer, single and Joshua, single.

Penny Gail is single and lives near Harrison and Ruth on their farm.

This family lived on Cow Run most of their lives but now live at Racine, Ohio on a farm. They are semi-retired after operating a dairy there for years. *Submitted by Penny Smith*

ISAAC AND PRICY SMITH

Anyone living in the Foster Chapel area of Jackson County and for miles around knew Ike and Pricy Smith. She was the daughter of Aley and Sarah Lynch Smith; her mother died when she was 11 years old. He was the son of James and Jane Zearley Smith. His grandfather, Straughter Smith, a riverboat purser, had married Able Sayre's daughter, Rachael. Her brother, Joel, had the first Jackson County Court at his home.

Pricy was a Baptist who lived her Christianity every day. She was never too sick to go help someone. If she heard of sickness in the community she went, and often nursed whole families through epidemics of flu or delivered babies. Whatever the need, she was there.

They lived with Aley on Long Hollow when they were first married because he had a broken hip. But a step-mother was no fun and a step-mother-in-law less fun.

They went to Parkersburg to live when he got a job at the steel mill. He made stove pipe and bread pans. His six brothers, including brother, Bert, of Given joined him and worked there, too. After their first five children were born, (the first two died as infants), Pricy and the children came back to the farm. Ike had bought his father's farm after his death and his mother's marriage to Albert Hussell of Mt. Alto. He worked at the mill in summer and came to Millwood by train, where he was met by a team of horses or walked home. The mill closed during the winter months.

His boyhood dream had been to own the Major Harpold place. When Pricy's sister, Myrtle, died, her husband, Verde Lathey, who then owned it, sold it to Ike. Pricy and the boys raised the crops on the farm. She had inherited the ability to handle horses as well as any man.

Clyde, Inez and Holly had been born in the city, Luther, Gladys and Olive were born on the farm. In 1930 Ike lost his savings plus his health and came back to the farm permanently. The drought years were hard to live through, but food was never scarce.

Inez, the first to marry, married Lee Oldham of Evans. Clyde had spent some years with cousin John Zearley in North Dakota and later married Cornelia Kessell and lived for a while on the

adjoining farm. Holly joined the Navy and spent 20 years including both World War II and the Korean War era. Luther married May Belle Livingston of the Evans Route and Gladys went to work at the American Viscose and married Bernard Braun of Belpre. They lived for a short time at the Glen Parsons farm near Foster.

Olive, the youngest, was home with the parents after the others were gone. She tried to be a boy when her dad needed one and a girl when her mother needed her. There were grandchildren and nieces at various times that kept them company. Olive was away in winter going to school after she was 12 and went to Parkersburg to work a year after her graduation from high school. She married Howard Stone of Belpre, the grandson of an old family friend.

Ike and Pricy were nearly the last ones to leave the Foster Community which had once been a thriving community with its church and store, but now abandoned with all the houses falling down.



Ike and Pricy Smith

The Stones talked them into moving to Belpre into a house they owned. After Ike's death, Pricy lived for a while with Gladys and later with Inez, where she was living when she died. She spent a lot of her time with her granddaughter, Lynn Stone, now Carson. Lynn was a teacher at that time living in Marietta, Ohio. They visited Pricy's friends and traveled to many places where she had always wanted to go. She had broken both hips during her last years, but recovered to be active again.

She was always busy with her flowers or making rugs or quilts; also writing letters to her many friends and relatives. She was active in keeping the Long Hollow Baptist Church in good repair as long as she lived. She was confident that the Lord would take care of her and she would never be in a nursing home and she wasn't. Ike died in 1962 and Pricy in 1972. They are buried at Fairplain Cemetery as is her father Aley and Brother Lawrence. *Submitted by Lynn Carson and Sharon Kantos*

JOHN SMITH

The Smith lineage is so extensive, that we have not attempted to list the entire family, therefore, we apologize to any of the family whose records have been omitted or the dates inaccurate, as many dates of birth and death are not known by us.

Our great-great grandfather, John Smith, was married several times and fathered 23 children. He was a wagon maker from Kentucky and settled at some time in the Fletcher area of Jackson County. His son, Samuel James Smith (1832-1917), was our great grandfather. Samuel James settled in the Fletcher area also and met and married Bethany Kiser (1834-1907), the daughter of Rev. Abednego B. Kiser and Rebecca Counts Kiser. Samuel was a farmer and carpenter by trade. They are buried in the Kiser-Garrett cemetery at Goshen. They were the parents of six children. (1) Sylvia married Joel Skeen (1862-1918) (2) Perry married Phoebe Moffatt; (3) Rebecca Ann (1861-1943) married William W. Fields (1867-1943);



Samuel James Smith

(4) John Henry married Cora Lee Skeen; (5) William B. married Lea Boler and (6) Abednago Cannan (1868-1940) married Virginia Ann Mangus (1868-1943).

Grandfather Abednago also settled in the Fletcher area where he met and married Virginia Ann Mangus. Abednago was a farmer and carpenter by trade. He built log houses and furniture. They traveled by horse and buggy to Ripley at least twice a year for supplies of soda, salt and rice and clothes for the children. They raised their own meat, wheat and corn. Abednago and Virginia are buried in the Goshen cemetery. They were parents of eight children. They are (1) Ambrose Carl (1894-1988) married Amanda Ray. Their children, Kenneth married Luemma Brown and Edsel married Mary Margaret Pittman. Ambrose and his second wife, Ina Mae Gandee, did not have any children. (2) Boyd Cannan (1895-1920) died of pneumonia at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas during World War I. He was single. (3) Amy (1897-1983) married William Cobb, no children. (4) Ada (1899) the only living child of Abednagos is now 90 years old, is totally blind and a patient at the Eldercare Nursing Home in Ripley. Ada has never been married and has no children. (5) Samuel Hoyt (1900-1980) married Emma Jeanette Ray (1900-1975). Their children are; Edward Cannan married Ellen Stalnak of Ripley, children are John Edward married, children are Jeffery and Amanda; Rebecca Ann married Randy Bridgette, one son, Barry Stephen; and Jay Scott, not married. Berndena Ann Smith married Charles Kiser, one daughter Pamela married Bob Laheta; Mary Virginia Smith married Roy Jackson Riley, children Kathy Riley married Dean Carroll, no children; Patty Riley married Bill Nash, two sons, Christopher Ryan Nash and Samuel Jackson Nash; Samuel Jackson Riley married, one son Paul Jackson Riley; Samuel Boyd Smith (1935) married Ruth Ann Tackett (1939) of Boone County, one son Samuel Mark Smith (1967); Mildred Lucille Smith (1938) married Earl Thompson, one son Eric William Thompson (1973) (6) Ellie Smith (1904-1970) married Herbert Maxwell, one son Leo. Second husband was Fleet Young, who was murdered near Rock Port. They had no children. (7) Alfred Paul Smith (1905-1986) married Tressie Casto. Children, William Preston married Donna Ramsey; Bonnie married Richard Button and Paul married Anna



Hoyt Smith family, ca. 1941

Young. (8) Dottie Smith (1908-1989) not married and no children.

The picture we have submitted was made at our home in Fletcher around 1945. Pictured front row left to right is Mildred Lucille with her pet cat, Samuel Boyd; middle row, Mary Virginia and Berndena Ann; back row Emma Jeanette, Edward Cannan and Samuel Hoyt Smith. Submitted by Samuel B. and Edward C. Smith

JOHN SMITH

Major Charles Smith, a Revolutionary soldier who was born near Berryville, Virginia, and his second wife, Elizabeth England, settled at Muses Bottom, Jackson County, in 1828. Their son, John (1811-1870), married Sarah White (1823-1895), daughter of James and Mary Coleman White, March 29, 1839. John and Sarah traded land in Jackson County for land across the river in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1864, and built a log cabin on what is now called Smith Ridge. They were my great grandparents. They are buried in the DeWitt Cemetery at Muses Bottom. Children: 1. Louisa (1841) married William Gardner. Children: Adelaide (Hilton); Charles married Emma Coatman. They all lived in the West; 2. Lewis M. (1844-1922) married Mary "Mollie" Flinn. They are buried in the Sand Hill Cemetery, Long Bottom, Ohio. Children: Lenora (Pickering); Frances "Fannie" (Fulton); an infant son born and died 1874; Charles married Daisy Anderson; 3. Charles Nelson (1845-1931), never married, buried Sand Hill; 4. John H. (1847-1850), DeWitt Cemetery; 5. Mary Elizabeth (1849-1928) married Andrew Rose, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Racine, Ohio. Children: Clarence married Katie Curtis; Melvin married Daisy Dean; Wilbur married Roma (?); Ott married Columbia O'Neill; Mildred (Wolfe); 6. Sarah Adelaide (1851-1853), DeWitt Cemetery; 7. Robert Bruce (1852) married Isabella McCormick and lived at East Liverpool, Ohio. Children: Everett married Katie Fitch; Ada (Debessie); Nellie (Marrow); Melvina (Price); Elsie (Stansberry); 8. William (1855-1873), DeWitt Cemetery; 9. James H. (1857-1858), DeWitt Cemetery; 10. Horton Coleman (1860-1940) married Ida Biram. Buried Sand Hill Cemetery. Children: Mollie (Zink); Clayton married Grace Fitch; 11. Hulda (1862-1943) married James Lambert. They went West in 1892 and are buried at Deadwood, South Dakota. Children: Ethel (Cummins); Rawley married Helen (?); Bess (Vorhees); 12. Spencer, October 15, 1864-June 1, 1904, married Carrie Miller (1872-1906), daughter of Jacob and Jane Lawrence Miller, November 11, 1891. Spencer was killed by lightning near Long Bottom, Ohio, and Carrie died two years later. They were my grandparents. Spencer and Carrie are buried in the Bald Knob Cemetery. Children: Willard (1892-1970), never married, Bald Knob Cemetery; Clinton (1894-1972), married Helen Bentz. No children, Bald Knob Cemetery; Ruby (1886-), married (1) Lawrence Deem (2) Henry Frederick; Audrey May 9, 1899-Dec 4, 1988, married Allen Brewer in 1923. They were my parents. My father was Lebanon Township clerk for 23 years, and retired from Ohio Fuel Gas Company in 1963. Children: David Allen (1923); Myrna (1925) married Clyde Close, six children; Ruby (1927) married Arnold Donnan, two children; an infant son born and died 1929; Harold (1920) married Ruby Powell, one daughter; Marilyn (1934) married John Beall, two children; Kenneth (1939) married Gertrude Smith, two children. Mother had a daughter, Louise McKay (1916-1982), by a first marriage. She married Edgar Brewer and had three daughters. All our family is buried in the Stiversville Cemetery, near Portland, Ohio. 13. Leota Montez (1867-1911) married Albert Roe, three daughters: Reva (Jenson); Leota (McDonald); Alta (Reynolds). Submitted by David Allen Brewer

JOHN W. AND ELIZA JANE (GARRETT) SMITH

Most people who are familiar with the area around Kenna will know the location of Fairview Church. It is about 1.5 miles off Route 21 on Shamblin's Run or Given Road. If you stand on the church steps and look west across the road, you will see a large, white, well-kept house in the open field. This house and farm is the homeplace of my maternal grandparents, John W. Smith (1848-1926) and Eliza Jane Garrett Smith (1856-1922). They were married on March 30, 1876. The present house (my mother called it the new house) was built in 1898 or 1899. The original house which was torn down a few years later was about 20 feet north of the new house.

John W. was the son of Wyatt Smith (1818 to 1896) and Lucinda Oldham Smith (1826-1909). He was born in Pocahontas County, Va, but the family moved to Jackson County sometime before 1860. Eliza Jane was the daughter of Charles L. Garrett and Elizabeth Click Garrett. She was born at Kentuck where her family had lived for many years. John and Eliza Jane called themselves farmers as most people did in those days but John was also a teacher and store keeper. For a while, the store was on Shamblin's Run near the farm house and then was moved to Kenna where he had the store and a boarding house. My father and Uncle Herbert (John and Eliza's sixth child) as young men in their late teens and early 20s, hauled supplies for the store from the railhead in Ripley by horse and wagon.

John and Eliza Jane had nine children. 1. Claude Roland (1877-1958) married Zorah Corbin; 2. Minnie B. (1879-1976) married Charles M. Winters; 3. Della Mae (1881-1977) married Hiram Oliver Faber; 4. Bessie C. (1884-1953) married Everett Hambrick; 5. Mary Ethel (1888-1978) married Otis Otho Simmons; 6. Herbert Owen (1890 to 1936) married Ami Casto, second marriage to Gladeen Minns; 7. Cora Alice (1892 to 1981) married William Granville Casto who are my parents; 8. Carra Elizabeth (1897 to 1977) married Allen Skidmore; 9. Wilbur Guy (1900 to 1981) married Nina Harpole. At the time of this writing only Nina Harpole Smith is living. All the children and the other spouses have gone on to their rewards.



Smith family reunion, 1949, Wilbur, Carra, Cora Alice, Mary, Bessie, Della, Minnie, and Claude

The remarkable thing about this entire family was their deep and abiding concern for each other. I can only assume this lovely virtue was instilled in them by John and Eliza Jane or was learned from them by their example. In all my years of talking to my mother and her brothers and sisters, I never heard even the slightest hint of dissention or friction among any of them. Every summer on the third Sunday of July from 1932 to about 1978, all of those that were living and well met for a family reunion. The meeting place was rotated each year from one home to another. In more recent years it was held at Fairview Church on Shamblin's Run. John W. and Eliza Jane and their parents, Wyatt and Lucinda, are all buried there is the church cemetery. Submitted by William H. Casto

RONALD R. AND RUTH A. (HILL) SMITH

Ronald Smith was born in Reedy, WV in the year 1916, the son of Bud C. and Mabel (Hoskins) Smith.

Ronald was the grandson of William Parkinson Smith, who was the son of Jacob Brown Smith, the son of Reverend Jacob Clingman Smith, who was born in Ohio County, Virginia, now Tyler County WV in the year 1813 and was a Methodist preacher.

Ronald has four brothers; Charles, Rossing, Billy and Bobby. One sister, Wanda, two step-brothers, Paul and Buddy Joe and one step-sister, Diane.

Ronald grew up helping his father in the family general store at Penial, WV. At the age of 16 Ronald's parents moved to Liverpool and continued in the general store business. He went to work for the South Penn Oil Company until entering the Army during World War II, where he served in the Philippine Islands. Upon returning home, he took over the general store at Liverpool from his father who went into the grocery business in Ripley.

Ruth A. Hill is the daughter of Oliver Clayton Hill and Lora Price Hill. Ruth's grandparents were James H. Hill and Mary Jane Daugherty. James' father and mother were Hannibal Hill and Kathryn Cline Hill, who was born in 1830. Hannibal died during the Civil War.

Ruth's family lived at Fulls Fork, WV. She has four sisters; Nelma, Ina, Beulah and Dana, five brothers; Lloyd, Wilford, Edwin, Rollie and Clair. The family moved to Leroy, WV in 1926, where her father ran the general store and post office.



Ronald R. and Ruth A. Smith

Ronald and Ruth were married at Sandy Summit, WV. They are the parents of six children, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The children are: Helen M. Hill of Sandyville, WV, Darrell G. Smith of Parkersburg, WV, G. Jean Wade of Parkersburg, WV, Sherol A. Cross, of Belpre, OH, Janet L. Smitherman, of Gastonia, NC, and Melody L. Smith of Cottageville, WV.

Helen and her husband Robert Keith Hill are the parents of Kevin, who resides in Sandyville, WV, Kimberly, residing at Salisbury, NC, and Karen, of Richmond, VA.

Darrell and his wife, Mary Ann Malanowski, are the parents of Theresa who lives in Washington, D.C., Craig of Parkersburg, WV, Shelley, who resides in Parkersburg, WV, and Brenda of Parkersburg, WV.

Jean and her husband, David C. Wade, are the parents of Mark, who is deceased, and Sherry who resides in Parkersburg.

Sherol and her husband, Joseph D. Cross, are the parents of Ronald and Benjamin, who reside in Belpre, Ohio.

Janet and her husband, Bobby R. Smitherman, are the parents of Randy, who resides in Hutchinson, MN.

Melody and her husband, Lester R. Smith, have no children.

Ronald Smith died in 1969 and is buried in the Liverpool Cemetery and Ruth presently resides on

Sixth Street in Ripley, WV. Submitted by Sherol Smith Cross

THOMAS AND EMALINE (POWELL) SMITH

Thomas, born Nov 21, 1823 in Ohio, son of Reuben Smith, born March 10, 1777 in Virginia and Christina Durst, born Oct 18, 1782 in Virginia. Thomas may not have been born in Letart Falls, Meigs County, Ohio, but was raised there, the last of nine children. Proven names of the first five are unknown; (6) Jackson Smith, born July 19, 1816, died Oct 17, 1840; married Nancy Elizabeth Ankrum on Oct 17, 1840. (7) Joseph Smith, born about 1817, died Feb 18, 1844; married Minerva Lowther. (8) Lydia Smith, born Aug 27, 1820 in Ohio, died Feb 22, 1891, married Hiram Donohew March 7, 1839. (9) Thomas J.

Thomas married Emaline Powell, born Dec 15, 1823 in Virginia, the daughter of William and Eleanor ? Powell. By the time of the 1840 Census these families were living in Mason and Jackson Counties. Emaline's grandfather was William Powell Sr. Family history said during the War of 1812 he helped build boats on Lake Erie for Commodore Perry; discharged in 1814, but had contracted malaria and died on his way home. Fellow soldiers buried him along the Muskingum River somewhere in Ohio. His widow, Sophia A. Powell, was born about 1780 in Delaware and died Nov 15, 1854 in Mt. Alto.

Thomas and Emaline had nine children: (1) Nancy Evaline (possibly Emaline?), born May 2, 1846, married George Washington Shinn. (2) Sarah Matilda, born Nov 25, 1846, died Feb 25, 1928; married Hiram N. Rollins Nov 8, 1866. They are my direct line to the Smith's. Their children: Barney Johnson, married Minnie Vincent; Thomas Smith, married Mary "Molly" Vincent; Louisa Evaline, married Frances "El" Blaine; Elizabeth Anseth, married James Grimm; George Franklin, married Malinda Nave; Infant-Charles W.; Margaret Emaline, married Alonzo Pauley, then Michael Rickard; William Jackson, married Elizabeth Smith (no known relation); Etha Jane, married Guy Blessing; Joseph, married Goldie Merritt. (3) Letha or Etha Jane Smith, born July 9, 1851, died Dec 16, 1851. (4) Louisa Ann Smith, born Oct 11, 1852; married James Abbott; children were: Walter, Horton, Hilton, and Jennie. (5) Clarissa Jane Smith, born March 17, 1855; married Charles Bush; children were: Gladys and Daisy (Topsie) Bush. (6) Rueben Maywood Smith, born Feb 19, 1858; married Ellen Thorton; children were: Gertrude, married Ray Wheeler; Bertie or Berdie, married Pole Click; Charles (Web), married Jessie Belle Winter; Vennie (Ding), married John Ankrum; Thomas M., married Beatrice Lloyd; and Otis. (7) Charles Welby Smith, born July 21, 1861, died Oct, 1881. (8) William Jackson (Dode) Smith, married Dora McCarty; children were: Vada, married Ray Wheeler; Russell Thomas, married Jessie Parsons; Lillian, married John Lemon; Goldie, married K. Kessel; Ada, married Carl Donohew; Gamct. (9) Emma Vada Smith, married Burt Lloyd.

Deaths: Reuben Smith died March 20, 1854; Christina, Feb 8, 1853; Thomas Smith, ?; Emaline, Jan 25, 1904. All are buried at Mt. Hebron (Jackson Chapel) Cemetery.

Any information on this family would be appreciated. Submitted by Clara Capehart

WICK B. SMITH

Wick Bruce Smith was born in Pennsboro, WV in 1891 and moved to Jackson County with his parents, Bernard and Mary Ellen Markle Smith, in 1896. They lived on Drift Run where Wick went to school. He earned his Teacher's Certificate in 1910. He taught his first year in Lincoln County at the Sugar Tree School near Griffithsville, WV.

He also taught in Mason County and at the following schools in Jackson County: Lockhart, McGraw, Odaville, Upper and Lower Turkey Fork, Copper Fork, and 24 terms at Drift Run.

In 1913 he married Bertha Estella Conger, daughter of Charles Ulysses and Virginia Price Conger. They were the parents of two daughters: Jessie Edna (1914) and Helen Eunice (1918).

In addition to Wick teaching school, they operated a productive and well-kept farm on Drift Run, Sandyville, WV. As Wick frequently walked to school, including the Turkey Fork School, it was necessary for him to start his busy day early, and after school, work often continued until late in the evening.

In addition to other farm animals, Wick and Bertha kept several dairy cows and sold cream which was delivered to Sandyville for further shipment by train. Milking was done by hand, as was normal at that time, and the milk was put through a hand-operated separator to separate the cream. When Wick was absent due to school meeting, taking classes, etc., Bertha very capably took care of the chores pertaining to running a house and busy farm. By fall the cellar shelves were full of canned fruits and vegetables from their orchard and garden. She loved flowers, so flowers in the yard and on the porch were also a part of summer and African violets filled the kitchen windows in winter.



Wick B. and Bertha (Conger) Smith

Often in the middle of the night, after a telephone call on a crank turned citizen phone, Bertha would take her lantern and go to help a neighbor care for a sick child, or on occasion, help deliver a baby.

Later, after a gas well was drilled on their farm, they were able to use natural gas for heating and cooking, and still later had electricity which made their lives easier.

After Wick retired from teaching, they continued a busy work week. Although they later had to discontinue the heavy work, passers by could often see Wick working in his nice garden or scything weeds, briars, and brush from his fields.

Bertha passed away Dec 23, 1979 and Wick continued to live on the farm until his death Feb 2, 1987. They are buried in the Drift Run Cemetery.

Jessie Edna married Orville Thomas in 1932, a well known builder in Jackson County. They were the parents of a son, Lee Thomas, and a daughter, Connie. They made their home on Drift Run all of their married life except for a short time in Ripley. Jessie continues to live on Drift run, since Orville's death in 1979.

Lee, who married Helen Benson, has worked over 32 years at Kaiser Aluminum and still employed by Ravenswood Aluminum, and is the Chief of the Silverton Fire Department. They are the parents of two children, a son Greg and a daughter, Joyce. Greg married Denise Stamper and they have a daughter, Stephanie. Joyce is married to Pete Baltie and they are the parents of a son, Jason, and a daughter, Stacy.

Connie, who lives in the Cottageville area, is

employed by a construction company.

Helen Eunice Smith and Martin Dole Archer were married in 1943. They are the parents of two daughters; Patricia Archer Travers (b. 1945) and Bonnie Jo (b. 1949), who is married to William T. Hatch. They have four granddaughters, Tamara Travers Mills (b. 1965); Deborah Travers (b. 1967); Meredith and Emily Archer Hatch (b. Sept. 1980), and one grandson, Tremain Archer Hatch (b. 1983). They also have one great-grandson, Eric David Mills (b. 1987).

They lived in the Washington, DC area, Norfolk, Virginia, San Diego, Calif, Subic Bay, Philippines, and in London, England during Commander, USN (Retired), Archer's military career. Submitted by Jessie Smith Thomas and Helen Smith Archer

WILLIAM ANDERSON SMITH

On Dec 23, 1823, Robert M. Smith and Malinda Good were married in Botetourt County, Virginia. In 1833, Robert and Malinda traveled by horse and wagon with four small children to establish their new home on Frogs Creek in Kanawha County. There they farmed and raised their family of 12 children.

Eleven of the children born to Robert and Malinda were William Gardner, John M., Elizabeth, Mildred, Lucinda, George, Emily, Margaret, Columbus, Levissee, and Lewis. The oldest child, a daughter, I have been unable to identify. Three of the sons served in the Civil War. William and John were in the Confederate Army and George fought for the Union.

William Gardner Smith married Mary Catherine Persinger, daughter of Kenneth and Lucinda Persinger, on Jan 10, 1854. William was a school-teacher and also farmed. One of their crops was tobacco which was sent by boat to market in Cincinnati.

William and Mary remained near the elder Smiths on Frogs Creek. Their children were Pleasant Amon, Victoria, Regana, Mary E., Phebe, William Anderson, Savana, Beatrice, Viola, Robert L., and Ernest.

William Anderson Smith married Eliza Cunningham, daughter of Harrison D. and Rachel Fisher Cunningham, on August 27, 1896. William and Eliza settled at Goldtown in Jackson County and later moved to Young where William was the postmaster. He also sang in a group that performed in churches throughout the area in addition to farming.

William and Eliza were the parents of Ivan Hampton, Iva Belle, Dorothy who married Luther Hill, Amy who married Lewis Smith, Alphon who married Faye Pickering, Mary Rachel who married George Hopkins, Lionel Ray who married Nadine Hambrick, Edna Marie, William Randall who married Lucy Humble, and Frances Lee who married Floyd Brammer.

Thirteen grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 12 great great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild have now been added to the William Anderson and Eliza Cunningham Smith family. Submitted by Carolyn Brammer

SNYDER

Melody Diana Gonzalez, Stephanie Michelle Gonzalez, and Mary Bruce Snyder, their grandmother, lived at the old Episcopal Rectory, called the Fitzhugh House, frequently visiting their family's farm at Sandy Summit in Roane County. Our West Virginia family ties were to the Echols and Malcolm families of Nicholas County. The girls attended Ravenswood schools, and were active in Band, 4-H, Girl Scouts, dancing school, and Grace Episcopal Church. Mrs. Snyder taught at Ravenswood Middle School, chiefly Language Arts, and was active in the church. Submitted by Mary Snyder

SOMMERVILLE — MOORE

Benjamin William Somerville, son of John Sr. (1830-1906) and Jane Hayward Somerville (1831-1904), was born February 4, 1871 and died June 12, 1938. He married Christina Lockhart who was born April 7, 1872 and died June 9, 1972. Grandmother "Tena" lived to celebrate her 100th birthday. "Ben" Somerville was a member of the Jackson County Court during the 1920s. Ben and Tena had three sons: Harold David (deceased), Karl D. (deceased), and Delmar Keith. Harold was born on February 17, 1895. He married Inez Lola Moore, she was born February 20, 1899, the daughter of David Ellsworth Moore and Harriet Smith Moore. David E. Moore's parents were Jonathan and Elizabeth Matlack Moore. The Jonathan Moore family came to Jackson County in 1875 from Monroe County, Ohio. They settled near the head of Nesselroad Creek. Harriet Smith Moore's parents were Martin and Ester Jane Wilson Smith. Martin Smith was a civil war soldier.



Benjamin W. Somerville, 1892

Harold (Harley) Somerville was a public school teacher, a rural mail carrier, and a county surveyor. He also was the author of many family genealogies and historical articles printed in the Jackson Herald and Wirt County Journal. His pen name was "Tommie Sewell." Harold died April 8, 1973.



Harold D. Somerville

Harold and Inez had five children. They are: Paul D., Helen (deceased), Gaynelle, Pauline, and Hiram. Inez lives with her daughter, Pauline, who married George Smith. Their children are Patricia, Rosemary, Lola Mae, and George Jr. Patricia married James Martino and they have one daughter, Erika. Rosemary married Randall Curry and they have three sons: Gregory, Alexander, and Daniel.

Benjamin Somerville's father, John Somerville Sr., was the youngest son of Samuel and Susanna Sheppard Somerville. Samuel Somerville, son of Solomon, was born in 1771 in Ireland. He arrived in America with two brothers and a sister in 1795. They settled in the Good Hope Community about 15 miles up the West Fork River from Clarksburg. Tradition has it sometime before the early 1800s, Samuel Somerville Sr., Jonathan Sheppard, Samuels father-in-law, and others pursued a raiding band of Indians who had stolen some children from the West Fork Settlement. They over took the

Indians and rescued the children below Elizabeth in Wirt County. They were so impressed with the country a few years later they settled in the Right Reedy Valley area.

After staying in the Right Reedy area several years, Samuel and Susanna Somerville sold their homestead and moved to Brushy Fork in upper Jackson County. Several of their younger sons came with them. They acquired many acres in the Right Sandy Creek area. Jonathan Sheppard, father of Susanna Sheppard Somerville, was a Revolutionary War soldier.

Adella Somerville, only daughter of John Sr. and Jane Hayward Somerville, married Jacob Toncray. "Aunt Della" and "Uncle Jake" had no children of their own. Their kindness and wisdom were shared with all the Somerville family. They lived on part of the old Somerville land in Grant District.

Christina Lockhart Somerville's father was Albert Lockhart born on December 5, 1840 and died on March 6, 1905. He married Annetta Dernberger who was born on March 1, 1840 and died on January 27, 1921. Albert Lockhart was an early school teacher, storekeeper at Lockhart, sawmill operator, and owned many acres of land. Albert Lockhart's father was John Lockhart who married Mary Jane Cheuvront of another pioneer family of that section of the county. Her parents were Amos and Sarah Joseph Cheuvront. Amos Cheuvront, three of his brothers, and the family of William O. Maddox, moved to Jackson County in 1838. They purchased 2,000 acres of land along the branch of Nesselroad creek. Amos Cheuvronts father, Joseph, was a Revolutionary war soldier and early Methodist Preacher (Circuit Rider). When the Cheuvronts moved to the Nesselroad creek area they found Joseph and Ann Hayward from Maryland already living there, having moved to the area around 1830. Their daughter, Jane, married John Somerville Sr.

Isaac Lockhart born in 1791 and died in 1845 married Sarah Sheppard born in 1791 and died in 1863 were John Lockharts parents. They moved to northern Jackson County in 1826. Sarah Lockhart was a daughter of Jonathan and Martha Wilson Sheppard. Jonathan Sheppard was a Revolutionary War Soldier.

Annetta Derenberger Lockhart, who married Albert Lockhart was the daughter of John Peter Derenberger Jr. who was born on ship as his family was on their way to America from Germany. John Peter Derenberger Jr. was born on November 27, 1802 and died in 1849. He married Christina Staats who was born in 1806 and died in 1881. She was the daughter of Elijah and Margaret Alkire Staats who lived in the Muses Bottom area. John Peter Derenberger Jr. and his wife purchased a large farm on little Sandy Creek at the mouth of Meathouse Fork. They had a family of 12 children. Submitted by Pauline Somerville Smith and Patricia Smith Martino

HAROLD SOMERVILLE

Harold David (Harley) Somerville (1895-1973) oldest son of Benjamin and Christina Lockhart Somerville born at the Somerville family homestead on Brushy Fork, Jackson Co. WV was a descendant of several early pioneer families. He had two brothers, Karl (1900-1921) married Clara Archer. They had three sons: Kermit, Chandis and Warren. Dr. Delmer Somerville (1907-) married Audrey Sayre. They reside at Ripley, WV.

Harold received his education in the public and Summer Normal Schools. He was awarded a First Grade Teacher's Certificate at the age of 18. His first term was taught at Lynn Valley, Grant District, in 1913-14. While teaching at Simpson School he met his future wife, Inez Lola (1899-) daughter of David and Harriett Smith Moore of Belleville, WV. They were married 25 March, 1917 at the bride's home by the Rev. I.N. Smith.

After teaching for 12 years he was appointed

to the Sandyville Post Office in Oct. 1924 as an R.F.D. carrier. The family moved from Lockhart's Fork to New Era. In this day of modern transportation it is difficult to picture the hardships these rural route carriers endured because "the mail must go through." His first route was up Trace Fork, down Joe's Run, out the ridge to now North Hill then back to Sandyville. In the early days horses were used to travel through high water, snow drifts and the never-ending mud. Sometimes he used a large sleigh if there was snow on the ground. He stopped at homes along the route to get warm and thaw his frozen lunch. Mail-order houses did a flourishing business in those days and carriers delivered packages as well as letters and papers. In the spring there were boxes of cheeping baby chicks to deliver!

His first car was a Star, then several Model-A-Fords. They were built high off the ground to pass over the rough roads. In 1946 he bought a Jeep and was the first carrier in Jackson Co. to use one. In 1947 he transferred to Rt. 2, which included McGraw Run, Pleasant Ridge, Horner's Run and Turkey Fork.

After his retirement in 1958, he and good friend, Romie Hutchinson, surveyed many tracts of land in Jackson Co. He served as Jackson Co. Surveyor from 1958-1968. An attractive bronze plaque in his memory can be seen in the Jackson Co. Court House.



Harold and Inez (Moore) Somerville, 50th Anniversary, 1967

Harold Somerville was the author of many historical and genealogical articles. He began research in the 1930s, assisted by G.N. Lockhart and T.A. Lockhart. They talked with elderly people, viewed family Bibles, searched weed grown cemeteries and hand written court records. "A Pioneer History of Jackson Co." was published weekly in The Mountaineer and The Jackson Herald under the pen name "Tommie Sewell." "A Pioneer History of Wirt Co." was published in The Wirt County Journal in the 1940s. This series has recently been republished.

Children of Harold and Inez: Paul (1917-), Helen (1922-24), Gaynelle (1924-), Pauline (1927-), Hiram (1930-). Family records listed elsewhere in this book. Submitted by: Gaynelle Somerville Davis

JOHN SOMERVILLE

John Somerville (1830-1906), son of Samuel and Susannah Sheppard Somerville, married 10 April, 1851 Eliza Jane Hayward, daughter of Joseph and Ann Hayward. John born on the original Somerville homestead, Right Reedy, was thirteen years old when the family moved to Brushy Fork, Jackson Co. (W)Va. Eliza Jane was born on the farm at Red Brush her father had patented in 1830.

After their marriage, John and Jane lived on her father's farm. They purchased it from the heirs after the death of Joseph Hayward in 1853. In the 1850s John Somerville named Isaac's Run, Red Brush, because the red leaves stayed on the brush all winter. He also gave the village of "Buttermilk" its name. His brother, Hiram, lived on the hill above

the village and his children daily carried buttermilk from the Isaac Cheuvront home, below the village. Every time John was at the store he saw the children on their daily errand and so exclaimed, "We'll call this place 'Buttermilk.'" The name, Buttermilk, was once on Rt. 21 road signs, but later changed to Lockhart.

David, son of Samuel Somerville, was to have the home farm on Brushy Fork for caring for his parents. But, in 1859, he and John traded farms. In 1886, the Walnut Grove U.B. Church was built on John Somerville's land near the mouth of Gault's Fork. It was razed about 1900, and the Mt. Hope Church on Windy Ridge was built from the material. In 1889, a school house was built on Somerville land. It was first called Oak Grove, later Somerville School, and last known as Brushy Fork School.

John Somerville was a land surveyor, constable for Squire Currey's court, and known as the "walking constable" because he did not like to ride a horse.



Alice (Somerville) Mason, Tena Somerville, S.K. Somerville, Adella (Somerville) Toncray and Jacob Toncray

In 1855, while John and Jane lived on Red Brush, their two small sons died of diphtheria. Joseph Asbury and Henry Fisher, age three and two, were buried in the same grave in Red Brush Cemetery. Other children were: Samuel (S.K.) 1856-1948, married 1st Gula Myers, 2nd Margaret Campbell. A minister in United Brethren Church, lived Ravenswood, WV. Children: Alice, Lawrence, Glen and Earl.

Joseph 1858-1913, married Arie Snodgrass, lived Parkersburg, WV. Children: Anna, Dora, Sank, Alfred, Rae and Thomas.

Charles (1861-1890) married Victoria McFee, lived on part of home farm. Children: Maggie and Nannie.

David (1863-1895) married Mary Showalter, lived on Full's Fork. Children: Herbert, Clarence, Harold and Charley. John Jr. 1865-1930, married Jane Wells, lived on the home farm. Children: Gula, Pearl and Velma. Henry 1868- 1930, married Martha Lincicome, lived Medina; later Parkersburg, WV. Children: Nolia and Bernice. Benjamin W. 1871-1938, married Christena Lockhart, lived in Sandyville, WV. Children: Harold, Karl and Delmer. Adella 1874-1963, married Jacob Toncray, lived on home farm. No children.

At this time, Oct. 1989, three grandchildren of John and Jane Hayward Somerville are living: Earl Somerville, Parkersburg, WV, Mrs. Velma Lott, Elizabeth, WV and Dr. Delmer K. Somerville, Ripley, WV. Submitted by: Dr. Delmer K. Somerville

SAMUEL SOMERVILLE

Samuel Somerville, son of Solomon, born 1771 Donegal County, Ireland, emigrated to America in 1795. His brother, James, and family, sister Elizabeth Burnside and family sailed on the ship Delores. They may have lived in Virginia or Pennsylvania before settling near Good Hope, Harrison Co. (W)Va about 1800.

The name of Somerville may have been taken from a small village in Normandy, named St.

Omerville. In the course of time it was abbreviated to Somerville. Sir Gaultier de Somerville was one of the Normans who accompanied William the Conqueror to England in 1066. For his services he received estates in Staffordshire and Gloucestershire. William Somerville, a descendant of Sir Gaultier, settled in Scotland in 1136. He was granted the estates of Carnwater. A descendant of this William of Scotland settled in Londonderry, Ireland. Representatives of each branch of the family from England, Scotland and Ireland migrated to America.

Samuel Somerville married 16 year old Susannah Sheppard, 1 Jan. 1805 in Harrison Co. Va. She was daughter of Jonathan and Martha Wilson Sheppard who had come from Hardy Co. Jonathan was a Revolutionary War soldier. Soon after their marriage, the Somervilles, Sheppards, Otts, Bumgarner and others came to the Right Reedy section then in Wood Co., later Jackson Co. then in 1848 Wirt Co.

Through purchase and patent rights, Samuel acquired considerable acreage near the mouth of now Somerville Fork. His oldest son, James married Catherine Van Lere in 1830. In Oct. 1831 Samuel deeded 100 A. to James. This was the first deed of record, Deed Book I, Page I, at the Jackson Co. Court House, as that county was formed in March 1831.

In Nov. 1843 Samuel Somerville sold his farm on Right Reedy to son-in-law, Jacob Bumgarner, and moved to Brushy Fork, Jackson Co. Va. He had purchased several hundred acres from A.L. Kinnard. He built a large double log house and established a horse mill for grinding corn. Samuel and Susannah had seven sons and one daughter. Most of the Somervilles in Wood, Wirt and Jackson Counties are their descendants.

1. James and Catherine Van Lere Somerville moved to Jackson Co. They are buried Providence Church Cem. 2. Nancy and Jacob Bumgarner lived in Wirt Co. 3. Jonathan married Margaret Ott. They lived on Somerville Fork and their descendants still live there today. 4. Samuel, Jr. (Sim) married Mary Ott. They moved to Milan, Missouri after the Civil War. 5. Andrew married Margaret Slaven from an early pioneer family. They lived in northern Jackson Co. Their home was called the "Half-Way House" because it was half way between Ripley and Parkersburg on the old Pike. It was noted for its hospitality to travelers. Later known as the Clair Sheppard farm. His mother, Lucy, who married Pascal Sheppard, was daughter of Andrew and Margaret Somerville.

6. Hiram married Mary Ingram, 2nd Emiranda Grant. He was in the Union Army, later moved to Salem, ILL. 7. David married Julia Hayward. They lived on Red Brush. He enlisted Union Army at age 35. Operated the Victoria Hotel in Ravenswood, WV in 1869. It was named for his daughter. They later moved to Odin, ILL. where he served as post-master for several years. 8. John (1830-1906) married Eliza Jane Hayward (1831-1904), daughter of John and Ann Hayward and sister to Julia who married David Somerville. They lived on the Somerville homestead on Brushy Fork. They are buried Pleasant Ridge Cem. Grant Dist.

Samuel and Susannah lived the remainder of their lives on Brushy Fork and are buried in the Providence Church Cem. near their home.

This information compiled by H.D. Somerville in 1940. It has been published in Jackson Herald and Wirt County Journal under the name of "Tommie Sewell." Submitted by: Gaynelle S. Davis

SOUTHALL

Generations of Southalls have made their homes in the Virginia/West Virginia hills. Our earliest settlers came to Virginia in the 1700s. It is suspected that they originated from an area in Southern England.

William Henry Southall, Sr. and his wife Cath-

arine were born in Virginia in 1808 and 1812 respectively. They had seven children: Jonas (born 1832) and our direct descendant William Jr. (born 1835) were both born in Rockbridge County, Virginia; Alexander (born 1852); and Jane (born 1856); were all born in Franklin County, Virginia. William, Sr. was a farmer and divided up the family farm between his sons, who continued as their father as farmers.

William Jr. married Margaret Tolley on March 25, 1858 in present day Jackson County, West Virginia. Margaret (born 1835 in Rockbridge County, Virginia) was the daughter of John and Rebecca Tolley. (She died October 7, 1882 in Jackson County). William Jr. was fondly known as "Devil Bill" and was a confederate private in the 22nd Virginia Infantry, Company B. Bill and Margaret had ten children, all born in Jackson County: Susan (born 1859), married George Merical; James Henry (1861-1934); Frannie (born 1862); Nora (born 1867), married Timmy Casto; our direct ancestor Benjamin Alexander, known as Dick (born August 8, 1868-died September 9, 1945) married Flora Jane Casto in the early 1900s; William Early (born 1810), married Stella Garrete; Harvey (born 1872), married Annie Parsons; Rebecca (born 1874), married William Rhodes; Barbary (born 1879); Albert (born 1876 — died 1891).



Dick and Flora (Casto) Southall

Dick Southall continued as his father and grandfather as a farmer. He and his third wife, Flora (daughter of Martha Siders and Jake Casto) had ten children. Flora had a son by previous marriage, Brady Rhodes who later married Mattie Good. Flora and Dick's were as follows: our direct ancestor Romic (born 1905), married Orpha Fisher; Otho (born 1906), married Mae Wiseman; Dealie (born 1908); George (born 1916), married Cora Taylor; Opal (born and died in 1920); James (born 1923), married Garnet Gande; Ova Rector (born 1917), married Devona Atkinson. William Jacob (Bill) married Ethel Garmes.

Flora and Dick's children were all born in Kentuck, Jackson County, West Virginia.

Romie Southall married Orpha Fisher (born 1906) on May 11, 1929. Orpha was one of the eight children of Locke and Elizabeth Jones Fisher. Romic and Orpha both worked at Kelly's Ax Factory, later known as True Temper. Romic retired from True Temper with 42 years experience. Romic and Orpha had seven children: Renelda (born and died 1930) Roy (born 1931); Donald (born 1933); Delmer (born 1935); Dora (born 1942); Darrell (born 1944); and Dotti (born and died 1946). They have 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Roy, Delmer, Darrell live in California, Florida, and Georgia respectively. Dora and Donald reside in Ripley.

The Southalls have been part of Jackson County and its rich heritage for more than 130 years. *Submitted by: Kelly Haynes*

J.R. SOUTHALL

Little is known of his background, it's been said he was adopted by James H. Southall and Emily Dixon Southall, thought to be settlers from Virginia. James H. Southall was born September 16, 1830 deceased March 13, 1901. Emily Dixon was born February 22, 1834 (no record of death). J.R. Southall was born November 7, 1860 deceased April 1938. Married Lorena Payne, born June 17, 1866 deceased August 16, 1945, daughter of Thomas Payne born in 1818 deceased 1907, and Frances Southall Payne (No record of birth or death).



Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Southall

United in married on April 16, 1884, J.R. and Lorena were blessed with nine sons. Son (deceased — infancy); Henry Austin Story born June 30, 1885 deceased May 1, 1966, one son Pearl and daughter Phyllis; James Leonard born February 25, 1888 deceased November 14, 1963, married Ophra Ethel Staats January 27, 1910 at Staats Mills by T.O. Powers; she was born February 16, 1894 deceased March 20, 1967, to this union of marriage were 11 children, Alice Rhodes (deceased), Wendell, Lelia Cunningham, George (deceased), Ethel Ball, Mae Curatolo, Levi, Ladoona Talbott, Zona Thomas, Eileen Chesser, Lurlene Pierce; Floyd Wilson born September 19, 1889, deceased April 3, 1976, married Tina Glendola Casto May 6, 1917. She was born on February 22, 1900 deceased April 29, 1977, the daughter of Rader Casto and Cora Sharp Casto. To this union of marriage were 12 children, Mary Olive Smith, Evilena Young (deceased), Starling Floyd (deceased — infancy), Eudora Coon (deceased), Eathel W., Wilber H. (deceased — infancy), Ershel E. (deceased — infancy), Charles E. (deceased), Viola Tyree, Tina Palmer, Carl R., George C.; Robert Royce born February 8, 1892 deceased December 20, 1968, married Alma Glick on March 23, 1918. She was born December 10, 1901 deceased January 19, 1987. To this union of marriage were 12 children, Robert W., Raymond R. (deceased), Floyd E., Esther M. Smith, Vera F. Mercer, Howard F., Betty J. Slark, Donna J. Cummins, Clarence A., Dale R. (deceased — infancy); Waid (Wade) Francis born May 14, 1893 deceased February 16, 1974, married Margaret Elizabeth Casto on August 14, 1921. She was born August 14, 1901 deceased January 8, 1972, daughter of Elza Casto and Blanche Green Casto. To this union of marriage were six children, Lena Bell Sullivan, Waid F. Jr. (deceased), Willard O'dell, Naomi Elizabeth Bartlett, Willis A. (deceased), James Everet; Virgil Lalance born January 10, 1895 deceased September 26, 1979, married Eliza Easter on July 5, 1915. She was born May 26, 1894 deceased December 25, 1965 daughter of Joseph Henry Easter and Martha F. Hill Easter. To this union of marriage were 11 children, Robert (deceased), Anita Mays, Madalyn Biggers, Clotean Barnett (deceased), Elsie Kirkpatrick, Thelma Perry, Virgil Jr. (deceased), Eugene (deceased), Jess, Dewey (deceased), Ema Lou Lynch (deceased); Lawrence Vail born May 6, 1898

deceased November 25, 1968, one daughter Helen; Eger Cleo born June 13, 1900 deceased April 27, 1954, married Freda Kay on July 4, 1925. She was born September 27, 1905, daughter of J.B. Kay and Augusta Williams Kay, to this union of marriage were two children, Harold E. (deceased — infancy), Sharleen Louise.

Floyd was the only son remained on property deeded to him and his wife and in 1955 the home place ground was deeded to his son, Eathel, on which he lives and operates a Nursery. His son Blaine built on the plot which was the home place. Floyd and Tina built closer to the road around 1960. Leonard built on land deeded to him and lived on the ground which now belongs to Larry Casto. In the early '40s he and his family moved to Ohio. Robert (Bert) and his family lived in Columbus, Ohio. Verge lived near Covington, Virginia. Vail lived on his deeded property and with family members. Story lived in Ohio and made his home with his brothers in Jackson Co., West Va., Cleo lived in the Weirton, W.Va. area. Wade lived on the ridge and in Ripley.

Each one of the boys were deeded their share of land, as stated, Floyd and Tina held residence till they deceased. The J.R. home place no longer stands, only the old mill house. It was replaced by a new home by the Rogers family, and is now owned and maintained by the G.B. Mann family.

To new folks in the county, it is known as Staats Mills or Jackson Co. #36 Road. To many it's still called Southall Ridge, the History you have just read reflects why. *Submitted by: Mrs. Helen L. Southall Mrs. Naomi Bartlett*

HENRY AND ROSETTA SOUTHALL

It is not known when the first Southall arrived here nor where he first settled. Southall is a municipal borough of South England, in Middlesex, west of London.

Joan Collins, British television star of "Dynasty," did some of her earliest filming at Southall Studios in 1952.

Douglas Southall Freeman is perhaps best known for authoring "Lee's Lieutenants." We know that the men of Albermarle Artillery, Everett Regiment, Southall's Battery, were present at that most tragic and bloody Civil War between the states. My great grandmother told of hiding from both Union and Confederate soldiers.

My grandfather, James Henry Southall, son of William and Margaret Tolley Southall, was born November 4, 1862. He had 4 brothers — Jenkins, Harvey, Early, and Richard. His three sisters were Fannie McDonal, Rebecca Southall Rhodes, and Nora Southall Casto. His father died in 1907 and his mother in 1882 at age 46. His paternal grandparents were James and Emily Southall, whose children, in addition to William, were a son, John, and two daughters — Jane Southall Johnson and Catherine Southall Tolley.

James Henry Southall purchased land of wild beauty in Jackson County, where he cleared the trees by moonlight in order to plow and plant by day. He and Rosetta Catherine Pringle were married December 23, 1891 at the bride's home at Fairplain, West Virginia, and stayed with his Aunt Jane Johnson and her husband Bentie until January 8, 1892. He was 29 and she 20. Henry's "pet name" for his young red haired wife was "Peggy."

They traveled by wagon to their new home at the head of Straight Run, where they lived in a log cabin. As their family grew, so also did the house and their love.

James and Rosetta had nine children; namely William Howard, (who died in France during World War I), Holly Forrest, James Boyd, Rolley, Addie, Arnel Roy, Bessie, Alma and Ora. Bessie, Alma, and Ora are the only children still living. Bessie and her husband Melton Skeens live in the old homestead, where they still make the family



Henry and Rosetta Southall

welcome.

They spent their entire married life there where James Henry died March 20, 1934 and Rosetta Catherine died February 25, 1940. Their funeral services were held there where they had lived and died. They are buried at Fairplain Cemetery.

Rosetta Catherine was the fifth child of 13 born to John G. Pringle, who died in 1909, and Mazella Rhodes, who died in 1931. The other 12 were Artimisha, James (Matt), Fred Wilson, Arthelia, Froni May, Mary Belle, Hannah Elizabeth, Carry, Lucy Florence, Effie Alice, Oley Edgar, and Clara Ethel. Much has been written in West Virginia history books concerning the Pringle brothers who took up residence in a large hollow tree and lived off the land as they cleared it for farming.

The union of Henry and Rosetta Southall was typical of the many fine families built on a structure of hard work and enduring love. *Submitted by: Janet L. Beck*

HOLLY AND RUBY SOUTHALL

Holly Forrest Southall and Ruby Grace Snider were married at her home in Big Springs (Calhoun County) on February 11, 1923.

Holly was born September 17, 1894 at Straight Run, Statts Mills. He was the second son of James Henry Southall and Rosetta Catherine Pringle. They were of English and Dutch descent.

Ruby was born May 10, 1900, in Big Springs, the tenth child of Joseph Emory Snider and Mary Rosalee Holbert. Mom told that her great grandfathers name was Schneider later shortened to Snider.



Holly and Ruby Southall

They had four children: William Troy born December 27, 1923 at Big Springs; Rose Marie born September 16, 1932 at Statts Mills; Forrest Wilbur born May 19, 1934 at Statts Mills; Bertrice Lee born August 23, 1937 at Statts Mills. Rose married Robert Harold Clegg from Wood County. They had three children: Jennifer Lee born September 9, 1959. Cynthia Ann born September 26, 1963. Michael Harold born May 14, 1970.

Forrest married Marsha Wade (now divorced) from Spencer. They had two children: Elizabeth Susan (Betsy) born September 13, 1972. Anne Miklyn born April 4, 1974. All grandchildren were born in Parkersburg, WV.

Bertrice Lee married Jackie Lee Leisure in

1962. They are divorced and had no children.

Troy never married. He died August 14, 1987 and is buried at the Fairplain Cemetery.

Ruby died June 2, 1969 at age 69. Holly died September 13, 1973 at age 78. They are buried at the Fairplain Cemetery.

Holly was a farmer, carpenter, timber and oil worker. He was a kind devoted husband and father, a good patriotic citizen, honest, sympathetic and helpful toward neighbors and friends.

He enlisted with the first U.S. draft law in early summer of 1917 for WWI and served with the infantry at Camp Mead, MD. until the war was over January 31, 1919.

He later worked for the Carter Oil Company in the gas fields of Calhoun County where he met Ruby while boarding with her parents. (His first car a 1918 Overland touring car is still owned by his son Forrest).

Holly worked for the State Road as foreman for 18 years and built the roads at Cedar Lakes Camp. He retired from construction on the then Kaiser Aluminum Plant in the early 1950s.

Ruby was a scholar and teacher who loved to read, sing and play the organ. She attended Calhoun schools through eighth grade and then attended Fairmont Normal School. She was teaching school at Beatrice, WV when meeting Holly. According to Freda Miller at the Ripley Library, her name appeared in all the books as being read. She loved people and was a good friend to all.

They built their first home at Statts Mills where it still stands today, owned by his sister, Ora, and Stanley Ellis. In 1939 the family built their home on top of Salt Hill overlooking Cedar Lakes (where it also still stands) and lived there until their deaths. It still belongs in the family and I live there. *Submitted by: Bertrice Lee Southall*

JAMES SOUTHALL

James (Jimmy) Southall 1-5-23, married Garnet Blondina Gendee. Their three children are; *Connie Karen*, married Rondus Guy Casto, had two children; Rondus Wayne, married Regina Harrison and they had Rondus Allen and James Christman. Annette Lynn Casto 1961 married Alonzo Oscar Spencer and had two children, Natalie Nichole Spencer 1978 and Lonnie Nicholas Spencer 1980. Second marriage was to John Hall, third to James Amos Cumberledge. *William* (1943-1944), *Brenda* (1946-1946), *Opal* 1920 died at birth, *Girl* (1925-1925). Last but not least my mother, *Delie Southall*, October 8, 1908 — November 15, 1987, married Kenneth C. Kerns, September 12, 1926. They had 13 children; Hanford L., Clyde A., Eurada, Francis, Emsey L., Richard Lee, Otho A., Denver Walter, Dale Ray, Nellie Mae, Sherry Juanita, Izetta, Sue.

I'm sure everyone thinks their mother is the best. Well, I know mine was. She always was giving of her love and time to everyone around her always sharing, but most of all was the love she had for her family. I was raised in hard times, not as much so as my older brothers, but we had our share of hard times. Mother and Dad didn't always have the money or transportation to take us to the doctor when we were sick, or to buy special medications. They had several ways of doctoring us, like mixing certain things to make cough syrups, or rubbing us with camphorated oil. I'm sure I wore a sock around my neck a few times just like many others have done back then. As a child I had asthma and got sick easily. I remember a lot of wonderful things my mother did for me as well as the rest of the family. But one special time really stands out in my mind as if it were yesterday. My mother and father and at least five or six of my brothers and sisters had gone to Sunday School, like we did every Sunday. To miss going to Sunday School we had to be really sick or dying, (so I thought), anyway I had a bad cold with Asthma too, I was feeling bad. There was a big snow on,

the wind was blowing hard and it was in the low teens, we were walking back from Church (a long walk), everybody had walked ahead of Mother and me. I remember getting colder with every step I took, I started coughing, the wind was blowing in my face and taking my breath away; my Mother unbuttoned her coat holding it out as far as she could to her side shielding me from the wind the rest of the way home. Being the young child that I was I didn't understand why she didn't get sick, she was the one that got hit with the cold winds while protecting me. As I grew older I began to realize and understand a lot of things that I didn't understand as a child. That was just one of the special ways that mother showed her love. *Submitted by: Sherry (Kerns) Miller*

WILLIAM SOUTHALL

William Southall Sr., born 1808, married Catherine from Rockbridge, Virginia and moved to Tug Fork, Jackson County. Their children were: Jonas, born 1832, married Emiline Tolly; Alexander F., born 1839 married Hannah Waybright; Martha S., born 1846; Louisa S. born 1848; John, born 1852; Jane V. born 1856 married Joseph Johnson; Josephine born 1872 married W.H. Rollins; Pauline born 1824; Parmele F., born 1833 married Thomas Payne in 1848; William Southall Jr., (Devil Bill) born 1835, married Margaret Tolly 1848 moved from Franklin Virginia to Southall Ridge, Jackson County. This information was found in Jackson County census 1850 and Jackson County Vital Statistics.

William Southall Jr., was my great-great Grandfather. I have always been told that our ancestors are from a Cherokee Indian Tribe, from Virginia. William Jr. and Margaret Southall had nine children: Susan V., James Henry, Fannie, Nora A., William E., Harvey A., Rebecca, Barbary, Albert J. (Tink).



Cora Jane Casto and Benjamin A. Southall

My Great Grandfather was Benjamin (Dick) Alexander Southall (1868-1945) married Cora Jane Casto in 1905, which was his second wife. He had two daughters by his first wife Lucretia, their names are Liza Jane (Sissie) and Ester (Rink). My Great Grandmother had one son by her first marriage to a Rhodes; Brady Rhodes (1902-1981), married Mattie Good and they had 4 children; Genevia, married Sanford Duff and they had one child, Michael Duff; Grantford, married a Robinson and they had 4 children, Cathy, Jeanie, Gary, Larry; Ruby; Emma Jane, married (1) to a Collie and they have 4 children, (2) to Glen Anderson, children are Sandra, Mary, Angie, and Curtis.

Benjamin Alexander and Cora Southall's children were: *Romie Delford Southall*, born 1905, married Orpha Mac Fisher in 1929 and they had six children; Renalda (1930-1930), Roy Delford 1931, married Mary Taylor and had two children, Gary and Debbie.

Delmer Lee Southall, born 1935 married Ethaleen Skeens and they had two children, Yvette and Delmer Jr.; Dora Marie Southall, born 1942

married Ronald Haynes, they had to children, Jr. and Kelly; Darrell Vernon Southall, born 1944 married Youvonna Beckner and they had four children. Vernon; Bonnie; Karen; Tangela Lynn; Jenny Lynn; Dottie Lou Southall (1944-1944). *Otho Clayton Southall* born 1906 married Mae Wiseman, they had three children, Opal Jane, b. 1937 married Paul Skaggs; Denzil Clayton, born 1943 married Vivian Houesher and Ronald born and died 1938. *Clifton George Southall*, born 1916 and married Cora Taylor, had two children, Evelyn, married Wendell Koon, Clifton George Jr., married Wanda Taylor and they had three children Teresa, Tina, and Tamera. *William Bill Southall*, born 1911 married Ethel Garnes and their children are Linda Gay, b. 1943 married Robert J. McGraw then Frank Fields. Their children are Terry Lynn, Lina Jane, William Edward. Ilene, born 1955 married Jerry Taylor. *Ova Rector Southall*, born 1917 married Devona Adkins and they had five children. Rector married Sarah Horn and they had two children, Charlie and Gary. Larry, Joyde died at 16. Dale married Corles Ray and they had one child and then married Carol Skeens Rhodes, Tammy born 1970. Phyliss married Jimmy Brown and they had two children, James and Timmy. *Emma Southall*, married Gobel Hudkins, they had four children, Dorothy married Bob Mase, Charles married Nancy and then Carol Miller. Bonnie married John Starcher and they had Margie and Nora. Homer married Martha Hall and they had Marsha Jene. Submitted by: Annette Cumberledge

SPEARS

The Spears Family descended from an English family in Sussex County, England.

William Wright married Virginia Underwood (-1862). She died in 1862. They were the parents of Lois Wright (1825-1903). The Wrights came to this country and landed on the Virginia shore. They settled near Warm Springs, Virginia, Bath County.

Lois Wright married John C. Richardson, a Baptist preacher, in 1846. They had eight children. Three of these were (1) Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson Rhodes. (2) J.C. Richardson Jr. (3) Annie Francis Richardson Spears.

John C. and Lois brought their family to West Virginia crossing the Blue Ridge Mountains. They rode in a covered wagon part way. They settled in Ripley about 1850. According to the history found in the old Bibles of Virginia Shockey and a history written by Lee Mays of the Ripley Baptist Church, Rev. J.C. Richardson helped organize the first Sunday School in 1888. He and his wife, Lois, and some of their children are named as members in that Sunday School in Ripley. He traveled to surrounding towns preaching and died on the pulpit at Elizabeth, WV. in 1889. His body was brought back to Ripley. His name and others of his family are on monuments near the gate as entering the Early Settlers Cemetery.

Their daughter, Annie Francis (1855-1919), married Isaac Spears (1846-1916) in Fleetwood, Virginia.

Isaac Spears was a confederate soldier in the Civil War. They settled near Ripley in a log house near where Thelma Hall lives now. They soon got land out the ridge known then as Nigger Hill and began building a house and other buildings. Most of the men in the family were gifted at building as their descendants are yet.

They spent the rest of their lifetime there and were buried in the Ludwig Cemetery near their home along with some other members of the Spears family and their descendants.

Isaac and Annie Spears had 11 children. (1) John Calvin Spears (1870- 1958). He was never married and stayed at home and worked on the farm; a very useful man. (2) James Toliver (1873) married Corda Rogers (1899-). (3) William Walter (1874-1878). (4) Charles Alonzo (1875-

1943). In 1905 married Rosie Been Latstetter (1875-1936). (5) Henry F. Spears (1877-1944) married Lucie Ann Bowman (1880-1946). Six children: Oscar, Clara Spears Hurd, Lenn, Otmer, Russell and Esta Spears Patterson. Esta and Rex had 8 children. Two of Esta's girls live in Ripley — Mary Patterson Gandee and Della Mae Canterbury. They had three other daughters — Audine, Rotha and Bertha Mae and had three sons — Everett, Donald and Ralph. (6) Sarah Francis Spears (1879-1963) married C.F. Ludwig (1867-1920). They had seven children, two are living — Jack in Florida, Pauline Small in Vienna, West Virginia. (7) Benjamin Hill Spears (1881-1968) married Ruby Mae Walters (1899-1936). He stayed on the farm and took care of his father, mother and grandmother. He also took care of his brothers — Will, Jim and John until their death. (8) William Wesley Spears (1884-1907). (9) Mary Alma Spears (1889-deceased) married J.L. Bush — had four children — all deceased. (10) Infant son (1892-1892). (11) Anna Pearl (1895-1916) married W.H. Taylor — four children. All are deceased or unaccounted for.

When Charles Alonzo was 22 years old he enlisted in the Army, 1898, to serve in the Spanish American War. He was in Company F, 1st. Regiment of West Virginia. He was honorably discharged February 4, 1899. In 1903 he went to Randolph County to work in the virgin timber. While there he met a young widow with three children — Rosie Mae Been Latstetter (1875-1936). Their father was Fritz Latstetter.

Children of Rosie Mae and Fritz Latstetter were: (1) Mary E. (1896-) married twice (1st) Virgil Crawford (1898-1953) (2nd) Lawrence Havery (1898-1984). (2) John Latstetter (1898-1946) married Hazel Campbell (1900-deceased). Nine children, seven are living: Rosell, Calvin, Eugene, Robert, Ruth, Wilma and Betty. Fred Latstetter (1900-deceased) married Hazel Stalnakker (deceased).

Rosie M. Been Latstetter and Charles A. Spears were married September 18, 1905 in Randolph County. They came to Jackson County and bought a 92 acre farm from Tom Armstrong for \$3,000. The farm was five miles from Ripley — the Compressor Station is there now (1989) on Route 21 North.

In 1905 they began farming for a living and raising a family of girls. The farm provided most of the food. A good orchard for apples and peaches. A garden for vegetables, corn and wheat for bread and the grain for the cows, horses, hogs and chickens. There was wood for heat and cooking.

Walking was the best mode of travel, horses, buggies and wagons did the rest. Cars were seen occasionally in summer in dry weather. A citizen phone to talk to neighbors came along. Covered wagons with gypsy's often went by in summer, tramps often stopped for food and water.

The girls born to Rosie and Alonzo Spears were: Inez, Juanita, and Thelma.

Inez (1906-) married James D. Anderson (1901-1983). "J.D." was a graduate of West Virginia University and worked 13 years for the

soil conservation service. They had three children: (1) Don Roland (1932-) retired in 1989 from Athens High School after teaching 35 years there. He married Glenva Hunt who is an elementary teacher at Athens, Ohio. They have four children: Debbie, a minister, Columbus, Ohio, Larry, Athens, Clara Anderson Wyant, Cleveland, Ohio and Glenn at home. Children of Clara and Kenneth Wyant are Aaron and Amanda. (2) Charles (1934-) married Genevieve MaLoney in 1959 in Newfoundland, Canada. In 1983 he retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve and from N.A.S.A. in 1984. Their children are Mark (1961-), Jeannette (1962-), both born in Spain, Billy (1964-) and Scott (1965-). Mark is in the U.S. Naval Air Force. (3) Jane Anderson (1941-) married Daniel Hutchinson (1940-1971). They had two children, Joe and Susan, both college graduates. Jane is a school teacher in a vocational high school at Marietta, Ohio.

Juanita Spears (1910-) married Floyd Puckett (1912-). They have two children: Steven Puckett and Carol Puckett Sarver. Floyd is retired after teaching school for 35 years in Jackson County. He was in the U.S. Army.

Thelma Spears (1914-1926), died of scarlet fever.

The children of Benjamin and Ruby Spears were: (1) Emma (1920-) married James Kibble (1923-). He was in the 2nd World War and on the U.S.S. Pennsylvania when it was torpedoed. They had four children: James, Mable Jean Kibble Harbin, Ronnie and Diane.

(2) Virginia Lois (1922-) married Harley Shockey (1915-). Three boys Leslie, David and Eugene. Leslie was a college student. David served in the Marines three years. One year in Vietnam where he won the purple heart and two stars. He also won a National Defense Service Medal. Eugene served in the Army three years.

(3) Vera Mae Murray (1925-1950) married Lorraine Murray (deceased). (4) Vairl C. (1928-) married Luella Kay (1932-). Jack was in the Army 18 months, 14 months in the Philippines. They had three children: Sharon Spears Thompson (1952-) served three years in the U.S. Army as a Physical Therapist. Sheila Spears Long (1961-) graduated from Muskingham College and three years at Ohio State University. Steven Randall (1955-) Steven served in the U.S. Army two years and spent most of that time in Germany on a missile base.



Chad Steven, Aaron Tyler and Kenneth Randall Spears

Steven Randall Spears married Rebecca Young (1958-). They had three sons. Kenneth Randall (1980-) Chad Steven (1982-) Aaron Tyler (1989-). These three boys — Kenneth, Chad and Aaron are the youngest living boys in the Spears Family History. They are growing up on a farm on Trace Fork, Sandyville, Jackson County. They may carry on the Spears generation for many years.

The oldest living member of the Spears Family History is Inez Anderson (1906-). She is the daughter of Rosie and Alonzo Spears. Inez is living in Ripley and is responsible for the research of The Spears Family History. Submitted by: Inez Spears Anderson and Virginia Spears Shockey.



Inez and J. D. Anderson

STAATS

Guy Staats, born April 12, 1852, son of David and Sarah (Flinn) Staats, married Ackie Smith on December 27, 1873. She was the daughter of Hyland and Adaline (Buckley) Smith. They lived on Roadfork in Grant District. Guy died on January 25, 1926 and Ackie died on March 10, 1912. They are buried in the Staats Cemetery on Skull Run Road.

The children of Guy and Ackie (Smith) Staats are: 1. *Emmett* (1874- 1890) buried in the Staats Cemetery. 2. *Clayton* (1876-1929), married Belle Orem (1884-1948), lived on Skull Run and are buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery. 3. *Dellie*, born 1878, married John Cross and lived in Williams-town, WV. 4. *George* (1879-1951), married Lona Belle McKinley (1881-1972) lived in the Sherman area, later in Parkersburg, WV. 5. *Laura* (1885-1967) married Jim Huff (1872-1959), lived at Williamstown, WV. 6. *John* (1888-1958) married Liza Belle Cook (1880- 1968); they lived on the old Staats farm on Roadfork. Later moved to Ravenswood. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. 7. *Myrta* (1890-1894) buried in the Staats Cemetery. 8. *Vada*, born 1892, married Ottis Ray Means (1892-1972) and lived at Folsom, WV. 9. *William* (1897-1961) married Ona Jackson (1899-1984) and lived on Skull Run, moved to Ravenswood in 1952. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. 10. *Raymond Wesley* (1899-1920) buried in the Staats Cemetery.



front: Louise, Inez, and Jean; back: Ila, Vada, and Clara

William and Ona Staats were parents of five daughters, as follows: 1. Mrs. James Gorrell (*Louise*), born November 8, 1929 and live at Ravenswood, WV. 2. Mrs. John Black (*Clara*), born November 8, 1932, lives on Greenwood, S.C. 3. Mrs. Paul Stephens (*Ila*), born October 26, 1934, lives at Sherman, WV. 4. Mrs. William Miller (*Jean*), born July 22, 1938, and live in Parkersburg, WV. 5. Mrs. Gerald Shuman (*Inez*), born April 8, 1942, lives in Grantsville, W. Va.

The only survivor of the Guy and Ackie Staats family is Vada Means. She is living at Seton's Nursing Home in Clarksburg, WV. Vada is 97 years old and is shown with her five nieces mentioned above. Submitted by: Louise Gorrell

STAATS — CARSON

Cornelius C. (Neil) Staats, (February 21, 1874 to October 17, 1935) married Bessie Evelyn Carson Staats (September 17, 1878 to November 18, 1967). (See CARSON — LASHER entry). They married April 14, 1898 in Ripley.

Neil Staats was the son of Enoch Staats, Sr. (August 9, 1842 to April 2, 1912) and Louisa Casto Staats (November 8, 1847 to March 30, 1892). His brothers and sisters were: Lenora Jane Staats Carney (born 1862), Frederick Hartford (Hart) (born 1864), Geneva (Jennie) Staats Morris (born 1866), Theodore (born 1868), Clara Alice Staats Rardin (born 1870), Nicholas (1872 to 1873), William Early (born 1875), and Rosa Belle Staats Rardin (born 1878). After Neil's mother died in 1892, his father married Zona Wen-



Cornelius C. "Neil" Staats

dell Staats. His half-sisters were Nellie Brown Staats Shinn (born 1895), Ruby Staats Kessel (born 1897) and Thelma Marie Staats Vance (born 1899).

Neil Staats began work at age 17 as Assistant Cashier at the Bank of Ripley which opened August 10, 1891. He continued in that position until 1897 when he became the bank's Cashier. Later he became Cashier and then President of the Valley Bank. (now United National Bank).

Mr. Staats served as Clerk of the Jackson County Court from 1908 to 1921. The present courthouse was built during his clerkship. He was the Clerk of the War Board registering soldiers for WWI. He served several terms on the School Board and the Ripley Town Council. For many years he was manager of the A.M. Carson Store Company.

Neil Staats was a member of the United Brethren Church (now Calvary United Methodist) Board of Trustees for more than a quarter of a century. In 1926 while he was President of the Board of Trustees, the church on the NW corner of Court and North Street was dedicated. He was also Sunday School Superintendent.

Neil and Bessie Carson Staats' children were: Theo Carson Staats Maddox (See MADDOX — STAATS entry). Enoch Dwight Staats, M.D. (See STAATS — HOVEY entry) and Wallace Waid (W.W.) Staats (April 6, 1912 to present). They lived in the brick home on Charleston Drive, where Judge Oliver Kessel now lives.



Bessie Evelyn Carson Staats with children, Enoch Dwight Staats, M. D. and Theo Carson Staats Maddox

Wallace Waid Staats, son of Bessie Carson Staats and Neil Staats attended West Virginia University and had an appliance repair business before WWII. During WWII, he served in Africa, specializing in communications. After discharge from Army, he had an appliance business in Ripley. He has had a long time interest in tropical fish.

Neil Staats' father, Enoch Staats, Sr. bought the mill at Staats Mill from his father, Isaac Staats, in 1877. Two years later on October 21, 1879, a post office called "Staats Mill" was established there. The spelling of the post office was officially changed c 1907-08 to "Statts Mill" as illegible handwriting led to confusion of Staats Mill with

Stouts Mill in Gilmer County.

Enoch Staats Sr. was a founder of the Bank of



Enoch Staats family, ca. 1880

Ripley; he was elected President but declined to serve. Enoch Staats was also a lumberman who helped organize the Ripley Boom Company with his son Neil, father-in-law A.M. Carson, and C.W. Sayre in 1899. Mr. Staats also operated a hardware store which was located on the NW corner of Main and Church Streets. After he moved to Ripley, he lived in a brick house on Church Street which is now Aunt Mary's Personal Care Home for the Elderly.

Enoch Staats, Sr. married Louisa Casto Staats, daughter of Nicholas Casto (1825 to 1845) and Telitha Jane Casto Casto (1826 to 1913). Nicholas Casto was the son of George Casto, Sr. (c. 1786 to 1845) and Sarah (Sallie) Ours (1793 to c 1862). "Ours" is an Anglicized spelling of the German name "Auers." George Casto, Sr. was the son of David Casto, Jr. (born c 1758 to January 23, 1802) who served in the Revolutionary War and Margaret Province Casto. David Casto, Jr. was the son of David Casto, Sr. and Phoebe Gandy Casto.

Nicholas Casto's wife, Telitha Jane Casto was a daughter of William Casto, Jr. (1790 to 1884) and Martha "Patsy" Parsons Casto (1800 to 1878). "Patsy" Parsons Casto was a daughter of Charles Parsons and his second wife Anna (nee) Flesher Sleith Parsons. She is a half sister of Mary "Polly" Parsons Carney mentioned below.

Nicholas Casto was Captain of the 141st militia, during the Civil War. He wrote a hymnal called *The Social Songster*. He served in the third session of the WV Legislature which met in Wheeling, January 17 to March 3, 1865.

Isaac Staats (c 1814 to April 18, 1890), father of Enoch Staats, married Ann Eliza Tolley Staats, daughter of William L. and Elizabeth Hill Tolley. The Tolleys were from Rockbridge County Virginia. William Tolley was in the War of 1812.

Isaac Staats, who owned a large farm nearby, bought Jacob Pfof's mill, May 8, 1838. It later became known as Staats Mill. The children of Isaac and Ann Eliza Tolley Staats were: Anderson, Isabinda, Mary Jane, William, Enoch, Sarah Jane, Anna, Squire, Granderson, Hannah, John Franklin, Riley and Mary.

Isaac was the son of Cornelius Staats (c 1790-c 1816) and Anna Carney Staats (1794 to July 8, 1879). She was the daughter of Thomas (October 15, 1768 to October 19, 1846), and Mary (Polly) Parsons Carney (January 1, 1773 to December 4, 1863). Polly Parsons' father was Charles Parsons (1745-1825) who served in the Revolutionary War. Her mother was Elizabeth Chestnut Parsons, Charles Parsons' second wife. Polly Parsons Carney is the half-sister of Martha (Patsie Parsons mentioned above).

Cornelius Staats died about 1816 when his son, Isaac, was an infant. Cornelius Staats' widow, Anna, married William Randolph and later Enoch Thomas, who was a miller. Enoch Thomas' stepson, Isaac Staats became a miller as did Isaac's son, Enoch Staats.

Cornelius Staats was the son of Abraham Staats

(1750-1826) and Anna King Staats (1755-1811).

Submitted by: Dorothy Staats Kerns and Kathryn Carson Kerns

The group photograph of the Enoch Staats Sr. Family was taken about 1880. Enoch Staats Sr. holding William Early Staats, Louisa Casto Staats holding Rosa Belle Staats Rardin. Cornelius C. (Neil) Staats to the right of Rosa Belle. Back Row: Geneva (Jennie) Staats Morris, Clara Alice Staats Rardin, Fredrick Hartford (Hart) Staats, Theodore Staats, and Leonora Jane Staats Carney. *Submitted by Dorothy Staats Kerns and Kathryn Carson Kerns*

STAATS — HOVEY

Enoch Dwight Staats, M.D. (February 3, 1903 to May 12, 1979) married Helen Evelyn Hovey Staats (October 31, 1907 to August 22, 1979) of Ravenswood, WV. (See HOVEY — WHITTINGTON entry). He was the son of Cornelius C. (Neil) Staats, February 21, 1874 to October 17, 1935) and Bessie Carson Staats (September 17, 1878 to November 18, 1967). (See STAATS — CARSON entry).

Dr. Staats did not graduate from high school, but went to college when he was 16 years old. He graduated from Otterbein College, Westerville, OH in 1924. While there he was president of his fraternity and lettered in football, baseball and track. He was captain and quarterback of the football team which in his senior year won all its games. He was captain and shortstop on the baseball team. He was also captain of the track team and ran low hurdles.



Enoch Dwight Staats, M. D.

Dr. Staats was graduated from West Virginia University Medical School in 1927 when it was two year school. He finished his medical education Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA where he was graduated 1929. He did a two year internship in Wilmington, DE. Dr. Staats was a general practitioner in Ripley for many years. When he first started his practice in the depression, he hired a driver and drove all night making house calls.

Dr. Staats closed his practice during World War II. He served with the Army Medical Corps. Most of his military service was in Alaska. After the war, he set up practice in Ripley. In 1958 he moved to Charleston, WV where he practiced with a distant relative, Dr. Charles Staats at the Staats Hospital and Clinic. He retired to Ripley in 1973 and died May 12, 1979.

Dr. Dwight Staats and his wife, Helen Hovey Staats, had two children: Helen Louise Staats Harris (December 18, 1941 to present) and Dorothy (Dotty) Marie Staats Kerns (June 20, 1947 to present).

Helen Staats Harris, daughter of Dwight Staats, M.D. and Helen Hovey Staats, was graduated in 1964 from Otterbein College, Westerville, OH. She is married to David Frederick Harris, M.D. (July 21, 1944 to present). He is originally from Spring Valley near Doylestown, PA. His parents are William Brisbane Dick Harris, Jr. and Harriet



Helen Evelyn (Hovey) Staats

Washburn Miller Harris. Dr. Harris received his AB in Physics from Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH and his M.D. from Cornell Medical College, NYC, NY. He did his internship at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL and his residency in Pathology at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, DC. Helen Staats Harris has been a social worker, and now manages her husband's pathology practice. They have three children: Enon Waid Harris, (January 19, 1972 to present), Noah Seth Harris (February 19, 1974 to present) and Morgan Elizabeth Harris (October 20, 1975 to present). They live in San Marcos TX.

Dotty Staats Kerns, daughter of Dwight Staats, M.D. and Helen Hovey Staats, married Dennis Overton (Champ) Kerns (August 5, 1947 to present). Mr. Kerns is from Charleston, WV. Mr. Kerns has a masters degree from Marshall University, Huntington, WV. He owns a video game business. They have three children: Katheryn Carson (K.C.) Kerns (February 16, 1967 to present), who attends Marshall University, Huntington, WV; Brandon Todd Kerns (March 5, 1969 to present), who attends West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV and Kristen Elizabeth (Kit) Kerns (April 13, 1970 to present), who attends Marshall University, Huntington, WV. The Kerns family lives in the old A.M. Carson home on North Street, Ripley, WV. *Submitted by: Enon Harris and Brandon Todd Kerns*

ABRAHAM STAATS

Abraham Staats (1750-1826) and wife, Anna King (1755-1811), came to what is now Jackson County from Delaware (?) circa 1802, by way of Hampshire County, VA. (Hardy). Taxed there in 1784 as Abram Stotts and Harrison Co. (Lewis) in 1785 with six in family. His children had increased to nine by 1802 and three were married. He bought land from Benjamin and Sarah Wright in 1806 and with Anna was present at the first Methodist Class meeting in 1803.

The children were: Catherine b. ca 1773-married Isaac Crusan, Ann (1777- 1847) married Jacob Starcher 1795, Susana b. ca 1780-died between 1816 and 1826 married Andrew Hushaw, Abram, Jr. b. ca 1782 died between 1816 and 1826 married Elizabeth Hughes, Rebecca b. 1788? married William Hughes, Sarah b. 1788? married 1. King, 2. Henry Runnion, Cornelius b. 1790 in Harrison Co.? married Anna Carney, Elijah b. 1893 married 1. Sally Marvin, 2. Sarah Parsons 3. Mary J. Davis; Jacob b. 1895 married Ellen Evans.

After death of wife, Anna, in 1811 Abraham married Sarah Tilghman in 1812. To this union three children were born. William Tilman b. 1815 married Margaret Ables, Hannah b. 1816 married Alexander Ables, John Tilghman b. 1817 married Margaret Carney.

Abraham died in 1826. His will, dated July 1, 1826 was presented in Court in Mason County on September 4, 1826. In it he bequeathed to his "beloved wife Sarah Staats, one bed and bedding also one cow and calf." To the two younger sons (age 8 and 11) "The plantation I lately lived on,

situated and joining the farms of Elijah Staats and Daniel Sayre now under rent to Isaac Cruse and the said farm or plantation to be equally divided between them, the said William Tilman and John Staats, at the time that the youngest arrives at the age of twenty-one years". To each of his other (7) living children he left \$1.00 to each and to the heirs of Susana, Cornelius and Abraham-\$1.00 to each family. His son, Jacob, was named executor and guardian of William and John. The will was witnessed by Elijah King, Francis King, and Jacob Staats.

William and John on becoming of age in 1838 sold land and moved to the midwest. John moved back in the 1850s and is buried in Roane County. Some of his children married in that area and others in midwestern states. The older children married and lived in Jackson County where some of their many descendants still live. *Submitted by Vera S. Crum*

ABRAHAM & ELIJAH STAATS

The Staats family emigrated to what is now Jackson County, West Virginia very early, perhaps about 1800. It is not certain which member of the family was first in the county, however, some historians record that the first was Abraham Staats, who was born about 1751 in New Jersey.

The first permanent settlers arrived in the Muses Bottom area about 1807 and among the first contingent of settlers was one Ellis Nesselroade. Later the Nesselroades and the Staats family intermarried. Whether they (the Nesselroades) were descendants of Ellis or not has not been established with certainty.

About 1807 or shortly thereafter, a second contingent of settlers emigrated to Jackson County. They included Abraham Staats (see above) and Isaac Staats. A few years later (about 1810) several other early settlers came to Muses Bottom. They included Elijah Staats, Daniel Staats, and Noah Staats. Others who came at the same time were Adam Alkire and A.W. Alkire. The Alkire family also intermarried with the Staats. Another family which came in the second or third contingent and who later intermarried with the Staats was the Sayres. Possibly the first was David Sayre.

The early settlers first erected log cabins as their dwelling place. Often the arrival of a new settler was such an occasion for celebration that neighbors would turn out en masse and help the new family to cut down the trees, clear the land, build the cabin, and establish the homesite. Sometimes large meals would be prepared by the ladies and a real welcoming party, or celebration, would result. This might have included a dance or husking bee.

The cabins were very simple structures and could be raised quite rapidly. They were functional and provided immediate shelter for the family, and sometimes limited belongings. The door of the cabin would sometimes be built with a latch on the inside. A string attached to the latch could be left outside or inside the door. During the night, or during particularly dangerous periods, the string would be pulled inside, and the door could not be opened from the outside. But when company was expected, the string was left outside and those expected would be told, "the latchstring is out for you."

Some historians have presumed that Abraham Staats, born in 1751, married first Anna King and came to Jackson County in the early 1800s, was the ancestor of the West Virginia branch of the family. However, as indicated earlier, other Staats families, emigrated about the same time, and they must have been the ancestors of many Staats families. For instance, Isaac Staats, who emigrated to Muse's Bottom about 1807, was probably the brother of Abraham. Elijah Staats, who came before 1810, was probably the brother of Abraham, and Daniel, who came at the same time, was probably a contemporary of Abraham. Noah

Staats, who also came at the same time, was probably the son of Elijah.

The Staats who emigrated to Jackson County originally came from New Jersey, or were descendants of the New Jersey branch of the family. Peter Staats was the probable ancestor of the New Jersey Branch. His father's name was Abraham, but which Abraham has not been established with certainty.

The first Staats in America was probably Abram Staes (Flemish spelling), who came from Holland and settled in what is now Albany, New York about 1642. Another Abraham Staats immigrated to what is now Brooklyn, New York. He may have been the father of Peter Staats above, who was born about 1670 in Gowanus (Brooklyn), New York. Peter had a son, John, also born in Gowanus.

The Peter Staats family eventually settled in Somerset County, New Jersey. John, son of Peter, married Gertrude Quick and they had seven children, including Abraham and Ryneer. Abraham married Margaret DuBois, and they had seven children. Their three sons were: Issac, Elijah, and Abraham (born about 1751), all of whom came to Jackson County. Abraham became the ancestor of many West Virginia Staats families. Elijah emigrated to Letart Township in what is now Meigs County, Ohio sometime before the end of the 18th century, because he later married Margaret Alkire in Harrison County, Virginia in 1797. Later, before 1810, as indicated above, he moved to Jackson County.

Abraham Staats, son of the elder Abraham above, married first Anna King, born in 1755, died in 1811. They had nine children. The sons were Cornelius; Abraham, Jr., Elijah, Jr., and Jacob, Sr. The daughters were Anna, Catherine, Susannah, Sarah, and Rebecca. Abraham married second Sarah Tilghman, and they had William, John, and one daughter, Hannah. According to Harold Staats, Abraham "... was a leader in the religious and social activities of his community. He was one of the first three men to be converted in Jackson County. For many years he was secretary of the church of which he was a member."

The early pioneers of Jackson County, including the Staats families soon learned that their new life would not last for long, however, without the long arm of the government stretching out to the new settlement. For instance, they were sometimes called to jury duty in Point Pleasant. As Moore related it, they also could be called to help build roads. He wrote: "They could be called to Point Pleasant and sent out to work on a frontier road as many as four days a week. (Surprisingly enough, government in those days seemed to take more from its citizens than it does today.)"

The Elijah Staats family made history of another kind in the year 1813. The first use of a midwife was recorded in Grant District, Jackson County on August 13th of that year. Elijah and Margaret Alkire Staats were proud parents of David Staats, who was delivered by a midwife. It is certainly highly likely that event caused quite a stir, and probably called for some considerable celebration amongst those early settlers in Jackson County.

As this brief history indicates the Staats family became a very important part of the early history of Jackson County. The descendants of those early settlers are scattered all around these United States. Many of them, however, still reside in "Wild, Wonderful" West Virginia, and some considerable numbers of them still make their home in Jackson County. *Submitted by John Michael Cunningham and Roger Henry Cunningham*

WILLIAM STALLINGS

David L. Stallings was born, Jan. 1, 1813, at Friendship, Maryland, in Anne Arundel County. He married Ann Turner, Feb. 23, 1837. Their children

were born in Ohio. They lived in Franklin Township, Monroe County, Ohio (not far from the Noble County line). Their children:

1. William Stallings was born Dec. 16, 1838.
2. James Stallings was born Feb. 21, 1841 and died Aug. 8, 1941.
3. Mary Jane Stallings was born June 12, 1842.
4. John Wesley Stallings was born Nov. 20, 1844.
5. David Stallings was born Sept. 27, 1846.
6. Susan Stallings was born Nov. 13, 1849.
7. Elijah Stallings was born Aug. 13, 1852 and died Dec. 15, 1854.

William Stallings married Matilda Swain, (born Aug. 25, 1841 in Ohio), the daughter of William and Mary Swain. They lived in Franklin Township, Monroe County, Ohio before moving to Grant District of Jackson County, in the 1870s.



back: George, Mary Ann, Charley, Hanna Jane, and Laura; front: William, Clark, John, James Henry, and Matilda Stallings

William died Sept. 12, 1917 and Matilda died Aug. 17, 1913. They are buried in the Simpson Cemetery, in Grant District. They had eight children.

1. George W. (1861-1915) married, first, Campgedella Dillon (1868-1889) daughter of Martin and Rebecca Dillon, and, second, Hattie Boyce Skinner (1870-1951), daughter of Marcellus and Catherine (Atkinson) Boyce. George and Campgedella's child: Wilma Seals. George and Hattie's children; Edith Thorne, Rae Emerick, and Grace Bever.

2. Mary A. (1863-1927) married Jacob Brown (1859-1942), son of John and Mary (Miller) Brown. They had no children.

3. Charles (1867-1937) married, first, Nancy Brown (1865-1917), daughter of John and Mary (Miller) Brown and, second, Sarah Rader Andrews. Charles and Nancy's children: Alma Smith Seals, Pearl Stallings, Eva Moore Taylor, and Clarence Stallings. Charles and Sarah had no children.

4. Hannah Jane (1869-1941) married George Wellington Martin (1865-1943). Their children: Blanche Leach, Verna Enoch, Dora Givens, Freda Williams, Earl Martin, and Herman Martin.

5. Laura B. (1871-1921) married George T. Caltrider son of George and Elizabeth (Veon) Caltrider. Their child: Lloyd Caltrider.

6. John W. (1873-1888)

7. Clark (1877-1936) married Nellie Mihihbach (1880-1959), daughter of Peter and Matilda (Eaton) Mihihbach. Their children: Rodney Stallings and Wayne Stallings.

8. James "Henry" (1882-1963) married Rae Franklin (1888-1971) daughter of Samuel and Eva (Dailey) Franklin. Their children: Bert Stallings and Rex Stallings. *Submitted by: Rex Stallings*

ELIJAH STAATS

Elijah Staats, son of Abraham, Sr. and Margaret DuBois Staats of Bound Brook, NJ, came to now Wood and Jackson counties ca 1800. He is on the Kanawha Co. Personal Property Tax List for 1802 and the Mason Co. Tax List for 1804-06-07-13-14.

A brother, Abraham, Jr. and sister, Elizabeth,

who married Adam Flesher, also settled in now Jackson Co. WV at the same time.

Elijah Staats married in 1797, Margaret Alkire, in Jefferson Co. Virginia. They first lived along the Ohio River below now Parkersburg, WV and later settled on Washington Run near Muses Bottom in now Grant District, Jackson Co.

Elijah and Margaret Alkire Staats had the following children; 1. Noah Staats married 10 May 1832, Harriett Bradfield. Children; Joseph, Charles, Margaret Lobgill, Rebecca Lee, Eliza Woods, Harriett Buckley, Mary Morehouse, Henrietta Sargent Rardin and Rowena Rardin.

2. David Staats married 4 Dec. 1834, Sarah Flinn. Children; Rude, John, Guy, George, William, Oliva, Delany, Rebecca Powers, Nancy Blain and Mary Jackson.

3. Isaac Staats, son of Elijah, lived near the mouth of Red Brush Creek, Grant Dist. during the 1830s. That stream was then called Isaac's Run. His children; John, Isaac, Philip, William, Noah, Sarah, Jennie and Cynthia Kerwood.

4. Peter Staats went west. Had one son, Jay.

5. Mary "Polly" Staats married 31 Dec. 1829, William Flinn. Children; Joseph, David, Nancy, Martha Jane, Sarah, Catherine, Mary, William "Cap", Lafayette, and George F.

6. Christina married ca 1823, John Peter Derenberger, Jr. Children; Elijah, Hannible, Caroline, Margaret, Nathan, Sarah, William Tackett, John P. Jr., Annetta, George, Indiana, and California.

7. William Staats married Dolly Linscott. Children; Isaac, Adam, Cynthia Nesselroad, Mary Hartshorn, Emma Pickens, Ann Barnhart and Minnie.

8. Daniel, said to be the first white child born in Grant District. Death dates and burial site unknown for Elijah and Margaret Alkire Staats. Many of their descendants live in Grant District yet today.

Grant District Cemeteries, by Carolyn Mihihbach, 1984, lists many old cemeteries, including the Staats Cem. on Skull Run.

Information on Staats Family from "Early History of Pioneer Days" by Tommie Sewell.

Submitted by Gaynelle Somerville Davis

ENOCH STAATS

The first known Staats ancestor was Admiral Jonchin Ghyse who was given the name "Staats", which means loyalty, by the Grand Council of the States of Holland during the 17th century. Admiral Ghyse earned this name for bravery and courage displayed in naval battles between the Dutch and Spanish fleets. Descendants of this Dutch ancestor are patriotic people who have been classed among the most loyal Americans in the United States.

Some of the earliest settlers in Jackson County were of the Staats family. The name "Enoch" was a popular one for male children in the family



Enoch Staats

having been noted prior to its use for members of the Jackson County Staats family.

William Staats and Emily Jane Casto Staats were the parents of eight children. The fifth child was a son named Enoch who was born October 7, 1875 on a farm on Tug Fork where his grandson, Enoch Judson Staats, presently (1989) resides. Enoch was the grandson of Isaac Staats and Anne Eliza Tolley Staats. Isaac was the builder of the first mill at Staats Mill. Enoch's maternal grandparents were Nicholas and Telitha Casto.

This grandfather, Nicholas Casto, was a Captain in the 141st Militia during the Civil War. He was also said to be the sponsor of a Civil War hiding place which is described in a poem, "The Casto Hole".

Enoch's brothers and sisters were: Cordelia (m. Lovell Parsons), Ava Belle (m. Jacob Pfost), Louisa (m. D.C. Shamblyn), Holly (m. Pearl Knopp), Dora (m. Lushion Skidmore), Cora (m. Everett Simmons), and Edra (unmarried).

Enoch received his education in Jackson County Schools and was a teacher prior to entering politics. Enoch served as Jackson County Clerk and Deputy Clerk for a total of 24 years. In 1899 he married Allie Carney, only daughter of William Carney and Rosa Wedge Carney. Rosa's parents were Ira Wedge Jr. son of Ira Wedge, senior and E. Wedge. Ira Jr. married Catherine Crawford. Rosa's brothers and sisters were, Arilla E. (m. — Dunlap), John, and Charles. Allie's paternal grandparents were Enoch Carney and Martha Vandine. Enoch Carney was the son of Jesse and Sarah Greene Carney and Martha Vandine's mother was named Nancy. Enoch and Martha Vandine Carney had the following children: Jemima "Pinch" (m. Henry Click), Dr. James M., Rosalee H. "Zell", William (m. Rosa Wedge), Charlotte, and Jefferson (m. Mary Landfried).

During the Civil War, the Enoch Carney family resided on the present site of Cedar Lakes. According to family legend, William, father of Allie, and his brother, Jefferson, hid in a corner and watched an encampment of Union Soldiers as they rested in the large flat area of the present Camp-ground.

Enoch and Allie Carney Staats were the parents of four children:

- (1) *William Faye* (m. Mary Robe of Berea, Kentucky); child, William died in infancy;
- (2) *Delbert Carney* (m. Clara Lilly of Ashton, Mason County)
 - (A) Lilly Faye (m. Charles Lanham)
 - (a) Teresa (m. Howard Higgins)
 - 1-Alisa, 2-Monica, 3-Rebecca
 - (b) Joyce (m. Jeff Barryman)
 - 1-Claire, 2-Tyler
 - (c) Edgar (m. Patricia Keefer)
 - 1-Stanton, 2-Merideth
 - (d) Delbert (m. Deronia Foster)
 - 1-Christina
 - (B) Enoch Judson (m. Mary Bogard)
 - (a) Allen (m. Deborah Beveridge)
 - 1-Rachael, 2-Ben
 - (m. #2 Angela Ranson)
 - 1-Jessica, 2-Brooke
 - (2nd wife of Enoch — m. Patricia Parrish)
 - (a) Donald
 - (b) Mary Alice (m. Bill Durnell)
 - 1-Cassie
 - (m. #2 Bill Harmon)
 - 1-Brittany
 - (c) Leigh (m. Ted Workman)
 - 1-Teddy
 - (m. #2 Michael Collins)
 - 1-Christen
 - (3rd wife of Enoch — m. Jane Wells)
 - (3) *Russell Edward* (m. Margaret Oldham of Ripley, Jackson Co.) 3 children
 - (A) Lois Marjorie (m. William Casto)
 - (a) William Jeffrey (m. Bonnie Baker)
 - 1-Jeffrey, 2-Russell

- (m. #2 Sue Bishop)
- (b) David Staats (m. Debra Brubaker)
- 1-Casey, 2-Jordan
- (c) Mary Frances (m. Nelson Toler)
- (d) Laura Jeanne
- (B) Jeanne (m. James Hunter)
 - (a) Russell Matthew
 - (b) Margaret Helen, twin (m. Bruce Nester)
 - 1-Victoria
 - (c) Robert Mark (twin — died infancy)
 - (d) William Luke (m. Melissa Griest)
 - 1-Sarah, 2-Ryan
 - (e) Rebecca Lou
 - (C) Margaret Anne (m. William O. Hall Jr.)
 - (a) William O. III (m. Jennie Addison)
 - 1-William O. IV
 - (b) Joseph Kennison
 - (4) *Corrinne Virginia* (m. Charles Burdette) (m. #2 Guy Fisher)
 - (A) Robert Lee (m. Kathy Hamon)
 - (a) Michael
 - (m. #2 Penny Hinzman)
 - (a) Todd
 - (b) Corie
 - (B) Rosemary (m. Michael Corder)
 - (a) Lorie
 - (b) Dee Submitted by Jeanne Staats Hunter and Lois Staats Casto

FRANK AND SARAH STAATS

John Franklin (Frank) Staats, son of Isaac Staats b. Feb. 14, 1858, married Sarah Casto, b. Apr. 30, 1859-daughter of David and Louisa Casto, May 2, 1878. Their children were: Magie Bell b. May 4, 1879-d. Aug. 9, 1883, Columbus b. May 23, 1882, Cartwright b. Jan. 1, 1885, Pearl b. Apr. 7, 1887- d. Feb. 1890, Oshel b. Sept. 3, 1891.

Each son was given one name. When they came of age they added an initial or changed the name.



Frank and Sarah Staats with sons, Columbus, Oshel and Carter

Columbus L., teacher, surveyor and farmer, married Eva Fisher. Their children were: Urada married Moody Chancey — one adopted son, Roger, Romeo Claude married (1) Dolly Poling — two daughters, Zelma and Yvonne, Felice married Rev. Arthur Harpold, Columbia married (1) Clyde Hall (2) Louis Lockard.

Carter W., teacher and lawyer, married (1) Lillian Winter 1884-1925 (2) Elma A. Snyder — divorced. Children were: Vivian 1916-1973 married Albert Hite, Vera married Belmont Crum — two sons George Franklin and Samuel Belmont (see Crum Family), Joel Franklin 1920-1951 — WW II Battlefield Commission and reenlisted as Sgt. Died in Wisconsin 3/16/51, Sara Lenora 1921-1977 married Avery Hutchinson 1916-1981 — one daughter, Margaret, married (1) Jack Pursley two sons Jason, Tracey (2) Robert Mellon. 2nd wife — one son, Larry Gene m. Jan — two children Rene and Eric.

Oshel C., Optometrist, married Ora Casto. Children: Eileen married William Vickers — five children — Lynn, Jarrett Dee, Joyce, Vancssa and Timothy, Oreta Mae married Lowell Pitchford —

one son, Stephen. Oshel Frederick married Cecile Remariz — four children: Cynthia, Michael, Sara Jane and Mary Catherine. John Robert married (1) Janet Dunkleberger — one daughter (2) Barbara Ackerman — one son.

Frank worked as deputy Assessor, ran his brother Enoch's mill one year, had a watch repair shop for a time — the sons helping in these endeavors. He liked to sing, led the choir at Siniaville Church and taught some singing classes (using shaped-note Music Readers). He and Sarah took in Carter's two older children; Columbus and Eva took the younger two when Lillian died in 1925. Sarah taught the two girls as she would have her two daughters that died — housekeeping, plant knowledge, and gardening. After her death Frank moved to his house in Ripley with the two girls. He lived there until 1942 when a stroke disabled him. After the male nurse quit he was taken to granddaughter Urada's home where he died on May 30, 1942.

Now in 1989 where his home was near Staats Mill is under the lake formed by the Perry Emmett O'Brien dam. Only six of his 13 grandchildren are left — Felice Harpold, retired teacher in Dunbar, Vera S. Crum in Ripley, Larry Gene Staats, attorney, in Columbus, Ohio, Eileen Vickers, author of "Casto Cousins" in Raleigh, N.C., Oreta Mae Pitchford in Vienna, WV and John Robert Staats in Florida. Submitted by George Franklin Crum and Vera S. Crum

ISAAC STAATS

Isaac Staats was son of Cornelius Staats and Anna Carney, grandson of Abraham Staats. He died April 8, 1890 at age 74. He married (1) Ann Eliza Tolley (1818-1876) August 8, 1833 and (2) Mariah Brickels (age 37) February 25, 1877.

His children were: Anderson 1834-1907 who married Mary Casto 1836-1902. Isabinda born 1836, who died after 1917 — single; Jane 1840-1900 married David Casto 1840-1902 on October 8, 1865; William 1841-1914 married Emily J. Casto 1850-1911; Enoch 1842-1912 married (1) Louisa Casto 1847-1893 (2) Zona Windle 1874-1908; Sarah 1845-1891 married Granville Morris 1839-1911; Anna 1847-1930 married F.A. Casto 1845-1936 on August 31, 1870; Squire 1850-1921 married Nancy Dobson 1847-1907; Granderson 1851-1920 married Telitha Casto 1852-1928; Hannah 1855-1893 married G. Nestor Windle; John Franklin 1858-1942 married Sarah Casto 1859-1935. Riley 1860-1936 married Alice Casto 1860-1931; Mary (Polly) 1863-1929 married Joel Casto 1854-1932. All 13 children were living at his death and in his will he asked that everything be sold and each child be given so much. Then at the end — he'd changed his mind and wanted "Binda" to have more (she was single and over 50). Son John Franklin was to be the executor. Years later J.F. still had a lot of old handmade purses that had belonged to Isaac with old tax tickets (folded), notes paid (name torn out), notes of all sorts — (his filing cabinet). He spelled



Isaac Staats

notes of all sorts — (his filing cabinet). He spelled his last name "Statts" as did his sons at times.

His father died when he and sister were very small children. He grew up with mother, stepfather, Enoch Thomas, who had a mill and half-brothers. He must have learned the business of Miller there. In 1840 with two or three children he paid Virginia Taxes on two horses 16 cents and a county and poor levy 90 cents — total \$1.06. In 1846 with six children he paid County and Poor levy \$1.21, one horse and one W. Clock 23 cents total \$1.44. In 1850 — eight children the County and poor levy was \$1.50, 2 horses and 1 W. Clock 33 cents and 140 acres of land was 7 cents total \$1.90. In 1857 he bought 1 acre and mill from Jacob Pfost and was taxed for it in 1860 \$2.00 plus all other items. He sold the mill to son, Enoch, in 1877. Enoch applied for a post office and one was established in 1879, and is still operating today — the only evidence of the mill and miller, who raised a family near, and is buried in old Siniaville Cemetery as are many of his children. Submitted by Vera S. Crum

MITCHELL AND GRACIE STAATS

My father, Mitchell Lee Staats, was born August 23, 1901, the son of Adam Luther Staats and Mary Jane Faber Staats and grandson of John Madison Staats and Sarah Elizabeth Pringle. My mother, Gracie Bell White, was born March 23, 1893, the daughter of Wesley "Bud" White and Mary Henretta Garness.



Mitchell and Gracie Staats

Louisa Jane Boggess Faber, "Granny Faber" to us, raised Mitchell Lee and his sisters, Lolia Elsie (3-30-1896) and Hattie May (4-21-1898) after their parents died. Hattie May is still living. Adam Staats died July 9, 1903 at age 30 and is buried at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Jackson County. Mary Jane Faber Staats died October 17, 1905 at age 32 and was buried in the Faber Family Cemetery at Goldtown. When I-77 came through, she was moved to Emma Cemetery on Rt. 34 on August 31, 1959.

We lived in the Goldtown area until I was about six years old. I had a black collie dog called "Coley" that got killed by a car. It was sad, but dad brightened things up when he said we were moving to a big, beautiful farm and I would have plenty of room for a dog. We loaded the wagon. It was snowing as we headed through Jackson County just across the line on Dog Fork Road in Kanawha County. I saw what Dad was talking about. With my brother, Mitchell Jr. born December 23, 1926, my three sisters, Mary Jane born May 1, 1928, Geraldine Maxine born July 28, 1930, Corrine Mae born July 5, 1933 and myself, Luther Adams born March 9, 1936, we made our happy move. We attended Rock Spring School and our teacher was Rosa Hunt. There was a white church by the creek called Rock Spring that had the best spring water. The church is still there and the water is still the best.

Mitchell Jr. married Octava Harrison and they have one daughter, Sandy Lynn.

Mary Jane married Marvin Moore. They had three sons, Roger Lee, David Wayne, Terry Lynn, and four daughters, Karen Grace, Connie Renee, Sharon Kaye and Mary Elizabeth.

Geraldine married Eugene Reed. They have two sons, Michael Eugene, William Earl and one daughter, Hazel Marie.

Corrine married Donald Lewis. They have two sons, Kevan Carlyle, Travis Lee and one daughter, Kimberly Sue.

Luther married Donnie R. Presley. They have three sons, Craston Adams, Jimmie Leon and Glen Allen.

Terry Lynn Moore was drowned at Coonskin Pool on May 18, 1974 and is buried at Emma Cemetery, Rt. 34. Gracie Bell Staats died March 15, 1969 and is buried at Emma Cemetery. Mitchell died while visiting a daughter in Louisville, Ohio on December 8, 1983 and was brought back to Emma Cemetery. Submitted by Luther Staats

STAGG-STEINBECK

Raymond Edward Stagg of Spencer, WV and Barbara L. Steinbeck of Vienna, WV were married March 25, 1977 in Spencer. Barbara was 24 and Raymond was 23 years old. They moved to Norfolk, VA where Raymond graduated from Old Dominion University. Their first child, Jody Ruth was born in Norfolk, 5/23/79. Shortly after her birth, they were granted adoptive custody of their two foster children, Thomas Lee Stallings and Crystal Lynn Stallings, two of seven children of Thomas Stallings and Wanda Erstgaard Stallings of Chesapeake, VA. Crystal's name was changed to Crystal Rebekah Stagg and Thomas to Thomas Steinbeck Stagg. Her birthday is 9/12/72 and his is 6/16/70.

The family moved to Mt. Alto in 1983 and their next child, April Deanna was born 4/26/84. Thomas went to live with Ray's parents in Spencer, WV in 1985. In 1987, twins, Abigail Rose and Elijah Raymond, were born, 9/23/87. On 5/4/89, Victoria Kay was born. Thomas graduated from Spencer High School in 6/89 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Raymond and Barbara both work in the medical profession in Charleston, WV, he as a Medical Technologist and she as a Registered Nurse.



Stagg-Steinbeck family

Raymond's mother is Ruth Shamlin Stagg. She is one of eight siblings of Stella Jarvis Shamblin and Willie Shamblin.

Stella, from Clay County, was the daughter of Lucretia Arnold and Will Jarvis. Willie Shamblin was from Gay, WV, son of Isaiah Shamblin who abandoned his ill wife Loretta Williams, also of Gay. Loretta died of consumption, and her parents, unable to raise Willie and his sister Stella, sent them to the "poor farm". Raymond's father, William Stagg, is one of 14 siblings of Laura Hartsock and Raymond Stagg of Iowa City, Iowa. Raymond's parents were from Suffrage, England.

Barbara's mother is Etta Jo Long Steinbeck from Greenville, Texas. Jo's mother, Etta Taylor had three sisters and four brothers. Etta's parents, Mary Glass and Perry Taylor were from Glasgow, KY. Jo's father was Alfred Long, son of Jennie Woody and Thomas Long, from Tennessee.

Barbara's father, Criss Freer Steinbeck, Jr. was the son of the late Anna Ruth Kelley, whose father, Albert Sidney Kelley, was a Baptist minister in Parkersburg.

Anna's mother was Emma Griffith of Boone Co. Criss' father was Criss Freer Steinbeck, Sr., son of Elsie Conley of Roane Co., and Louie O. Steinbeck. Louie's mother was Araminta Rule, whose brother, David Rule, was killed in the Civil War and is buried in a Cottageville Cemetery. Araminta's husband was Christian Steinbeck, son of Henry and Julia Capiteau Steinbeck. Henry's parents were Frederich and Sarah Eckhart Steinbeck.

Raymond and Barbara chose Jackson County as a good place to raise a family, and hope to spend many more happy years here. Submitted by Barbara Stagg

REV. ANDREW JACKSON STANLEY

Rev. Andrew Jackson Stanley, married Catherine Lynch on Aug. 8, 1867 in Jackson Co. Their children were all born in this county, where he was a farmer and a minister in the Church of God. They later moved to Marshall Co. where he was the minister in Moundsville.



Rev. Andrew Jackson Stanley family

Catherine, was born in 1848 in Kanawha Co., died May 14, 1922 in Captina, WV, the daughter of James Lynch, born 1820, in Maryland, and Elizabeth Ann Cottrill born in 1827, who were married June 13, 1849, in Jackson Co.

Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Elijah Cottrill born 1793, Harrison Co. and Mary Pritchard born 1796, Harrison Co. They were married June 5, 1822.

James, a Pvt. with W. Johnson, MI at Ravenswood July 1861; with J. Johnson, MI Ravenswood July 20, 1863, MO Aug. 20, 1864; with Kennedy, MI Ravenswood Aug. 3, 1864, MO May 20, 1865. He was a farmer on Big Sandy and an Engineer.

Andrew, was born 1846, Raleigh Co., died Nov. 2, 1918 Moundsville, WV. The son of Jonathan Stanley, (son of John Stanley of Sandy Creek) and Mary Hanshaw, who were married April 14, 1842, Jackson Co. Andrew served in Co. A, 7th Cav., taken prisoner and held at Chillicothe, Ohio. MI Raleigh Co. Nov. 20, 1861, MO Charleston, WV. Their children were: CLAIRMONT mr. Flora Grimes, their issue: Carl mr. Winona —; Arthur mr. Evelyn —; Bernice; Eva; and Racheal; JAMES mr. Edith —; one son James; LYDIA mr. George Wolfe, their issue: Delbert mr. Helen Persinger; Zeldia; Thelma mr. Ralph Persinger; and Raymond mr. Maxine Ariojo; ALICE mr. Hiram Toler, their issue: James mr. Maxine McFann; Mildred mr. Charles Goudy; Clarence; Gussie mr. a Mr. Oliver; BENJAMIN mr. first Loretta Toler, one son Emerson, second Flossie Spencer, two children: Lois and David. BEN, served in the Spanish American War; LEOTA mr. Benjamin Largent, two children: Benjamin Jr. mr. Blanch Mueller and Katherine mr. Hurbert Verschöyle. LEOTA, served in Germany all during WW I as a nurse, where she met Ben; EVA mr. Buss Newman, their issue: Bob, Bill, Betty, and Dora; and ANNIE mr. Evrett Young, their issue: Emmett; Julia;

Mary; Ernest; Zona; Georgia; Hugh; Earl; Opal; and Phoebe. *Submitted by Susan Faye Leek*

JONATHAN STANLEY

Jonathan Stanley, born in 1820 in Virginia, the son of John Stanley who lived in a log cabin on the high plateau in the bend of the Big Sandy.

Jonathan was a farmer on Crooked Fork, Jackson Co. He and his family lived several different places, but never owned their own place.

He was married twice. First to Mary Hanshaw, born in 1832 in Jackson Co. They were married in Jackson Co. on April 14, 1842, by William Sheppard.

There were three children born to this union. MARGARET, born 1843; ANDREW JACKSON, born Nov. 7, 1845 in Raleigh Co., Va., died Nov. 2, 1918 Moundsville, W.Va. Married Catherine Lynch, born May 14, 1849 Kanawha Co. died May 14, 1922 Captina, W.Va. The daughter of James and Elizabeth (Cottrill). They were married in Jackson Co. August 8, 1867, by Simon Williams; and NANCY, born 1848.



Jonathan and Drusella (Parsons) Stanley

Jonathan married the second time to Drusilla Parsons, born 1832, the daughter of George and Elizabeth Parsons of Trace Fork, on November 11, 1849, by Adam Flesher in Jackson Co. Their children were: MINERVA JANE, (3,20,1853-1937) married on March 2, 1876 in Jackson Co., by W. Brisco, to Charles Thomas Skinner (1855 Washington Co., Ohio-1934); JONATHAN E. Jr. (4, 20, 1856-10, 14, 1940) married Liza Dove Rhodes (5, 6, 1863-2,16,1945); JOHN H. born 1858; ELIZABETH, born 1860; JAMES; and WILLIAM.

Jonathan's brothers and sisters were: NANCY A. (5, 1798, Sandy Creek-12, 3, 1886 Jackson Co.) married Joseph Lewis Anderson, (11,9,1792 Pa.-11,12,1856 Jackson Co.); JAMES, married Elizabeth Hughes, daughter of Jesse and Grace (Tanner) Hughes, (the famous Indian fighter), and made their home on Mud Run a tributary of Big Sand Creek, Jackson Co.; WILLIAM, married a Bibbee; HENRY; ELIAS, married a daughter of Elijah Runner; NOAH, married Matilda Hess on November 25, 1838; LEVI; and JOHN married Sarah Anderson, daughter of Andrew and Chloe (White) Anderson. *Submitted by Thomas P Corbitt*

ABRAHAM STARCHER

Abraham Starcher (b. May 21, 1800, d. October 16, 1871). son of Jacob and Ann Staats Starcher, lived on a farm at Ripley, which was a part of the land originally owned by his father. On this land he built a two-storied hand hewn log house made from poplar, with a large stone fire-

place, where he lived until his death. This house stood until the 1940s.

He was engaged in farming, and was a prosperous farmer of his day and a man of good taste as evidenced by records of some of his purchases and some of his home furnishings still existing in the home of a great granddaughter, Mabel Starcher Chapman.

On November 29, 1821, Abraham Starcher married Margaret Evans (b. March 27, 1798, d. August 20, 1852), sister of Sarah Evans, who later married Abraham's brother, William Starcher, in 1827. Abraham and Margaret were married in Meigs County, Ohio, which was the county in which the Evans family resided. The Abraham Starcher family Bible lists ten children: Sarah Starcher (b. January 25, 1823), Mark Starcher (b. February 19, 1824), Daniel Starcher (b. February 5, 1825), Noah Starcher (b. May 5, 1826), Barbara Starcher (b. June 9, 1828), Joseph Starcher (b. August 2, 1830), Jacob Starcher (b. January 16, 1832), Mary Starcher (b. June 16, 1834), Ruama Starcher (b. December 20, 1835), and Ephraim E. Starcher, (named for Margaret's brother, Ephraim S. Evans) (b. June 14, 1837).

This family experienced extreme sorrow over the divided opinions of personal loyalty to the Union or to the Confederate states. Joseph Starcher fought and died for the Confederacy. Mark, his brother, fought for the Union, was wounded, and never fully recovered. Jacob L., another brother, served in the 141st Militia.

Abraham and Margaret Evans Starcher are buried in the Early Settlers Cemetery at Ripley, as are three of their children, Mark and Daniel Starcher, and Sarah Starcher Park, wife of James Andrew Park. *Submitted by Mabel Starcher Chapman*

E.E. STARCHER

E.E. Starcher, second son in a family of 11, was born in Ripley on November 9, 1857 to Robert Evans and Emily Prudence Harker Starcher. He was the great grandson of Jacob and Ann Staats Starcher and a great-great grandson of Abraham Staats, early settlers of Jackson County. He was baptized into the Episcopal Church as Everett Evans, but later changed his name to Everett Edward and signed it E.E. Starcher. Most people called him "Epp," a nickname he detested.

Everett studied medicine for a time, but preferred to teach school in the Ripley area. He became part owner of the Starcher Hardware Company in Ripley. Besides hardware, the store carried lovely home accessories brought down the Ohio River to Ripley Landing.

He married Josephine (Josie) Unrue, daughter of John and Becky Price Unrue of Sidneyville in May 1883. They lived on a small farm on Bull Frog Run in the Sidneyville area. There, two sons were born, William Paul on April 2, 1884 and Starling Charles on April 22, 1886. By the time the boys were grown they had moved into town (West Ripley). Everett continued working in the store and Josie "took in" boarders.



seated: Josie Starcher; standing: Starling, Paul, E. E. Starcher, 1910

On September 24, 1914, Josie passed away. By that time they had sold the hardware store. Everett sold his home and spent the rest of his life in boarding homes and long visits on the farm Paul and his family owned near Cottageville. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and walking over the farm with them. He also spent much time on the courthouse lawn in Ripley with his friends, and he never lost interest in civic affairs, education and politics.

On July 1, 1941 he died of "hardening of the arteries" and is buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery beside Josie.

Children:

1. Paul, the elder son was also a school teacher. Prior to settling on the farm in Cottageville, he taught school in Jackson, Marshall, Mingo and Pocahontas Counties. He taught school in Mingo County near the end of the "Hatfield and McCoy" feud. He stayed at the home of "Hog" Floyd Hatfield and was acquainted with "Cap" and "Devil Anse" Hatfield. On March 23, 1912 he married Golda Hill of Boyer, who had been one of his students while he was teaching school in Pocahontas County. They lost two children in infancy, six grew to adulthood; Faye, Glenva, Pauline, Louis, Helen and Lorene. He died of heart failure on February 12, 1954 and is buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery near his parents.

2. Starling preferred a career in sales. For many years he was a "drummer" for the Belnap Hardware Company of Louisville, Ky. He married Ada Hall (1891-1974) of Ravenswood and they made their home in Huntington. After retirement they moved to Florida, where he died in 1965. He is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. He had no children.

Submitted by Faye Starcher Sayre, granddaughter of E.E. Starcher and daughter of William Paul Starcher

EDWIN M. STARCHER

Edwin M. Starcher (b. December 25, 1862, d. June 3, 1931), was a son of Jacob L. and Marian Webb Starcher. He had one brother, Floyd L. Starcher, who was born October 22, 1861. His mother died December 2, 1863, during the Civil war period, before he was quite a year old. He lived with relatives for a period of time before being reunited with his father and brother.



Edwin M. Starcher

In 1880 he was employed by Dr. J.W. Maguire and Bro., dealers in drugs, medicines, wall paper and stationery, in Ripley. On July 15, 1880, he wrote his father, who was then in Minnesota, and had been urging him to continue his education, "I am studying medicine now and intend to continue for one more year, and then I want to go to school. I am learning about as much in here as I would if I was going to school." Ripley at that time was known as Jackson Court House. He then did attend schools in Lebanon, Cincinnati, and Ada, Ohio, then studied law and was graduated from Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, in 1887.

In 1888 Edwin accompanied his father on one of his trips to Wheeler, South Dakota, where his father owned lands. Edwin decided to stay, and

opened a law office. He secured a pharmacist's license, and operated a drug store in Wheeler, in addition to his law practice.

He moved to Fairfax, South Dakota in 1898. He was the first County Judge of Gregory County, South Dakota, holding that office for 12 or 13 years. From 1913 to 1921, he was United States Land Office Registrar at Gregory, South Dakota. He was later appointed by Judge Elliott as Referee in Bankruptcy, which office he held from 1921 to 1926. He also built and owned the large Starcher Building on Starcher block, which held the Gregory County Court House. The first office of the Gregory County State Bank was in the northeast side of the building. Judge Davis of Burke, South Dakota, had his first law office there, and later the Fairfax Theater, as well as many other businesses.

Upon being notified that the Gregory County State Bank had consented to sell, J.L. Starcher, Edwin's father, became the principal stockholder. Directors were named and then officers were elected: Edwin M. Starcher, President, Mae (also known as M.B.) Starcher, Vice President, and Carl Porter, Cashier.

Edwin M. Starcher was married to Mae Helenbolt. They had no children. He returned to Jackson County as often as business would permit, and still owned an interest in lands here at the time of his death. He moved to Wood, South Dakota, about a year and a half prior to his death on June 3, 1931. He is buried in the Gregory IOOF Cemetery at Gregory, South Dakota. *Submitted by Jennifer Chapman*

FLOYD L. STARCHER

Floyd L. Starcher (b. October 22, 1861, d. May 19, 1935), son of Jacob L. and Marian E. Webb Starcher, was born while his father was serving as Deputy Sheriff in Calhoun County under Peregrine Hays. His only brother, Edwin M. Starcher, was born on December 25, 1862. His father returned to Ripley, where he was born, and joined the 141st West Virginia Militia on July 20, 1863, in G.S.M. King's company. Soon afterward, on December 2, 1863, his mother died and is buried in the King Cemetery near Jackson General Hospital at Ripley.

Floyd L. Starcher lived with an aunt, Mary Starcher Kerwood, until the Civil War had ended and his father had recovered from the devastating effects of the war. The children rejoined their father, who took them to Minnesota where he had purchased several lots or parcels of real estate, and was engaged in the mercantile business.

Floyd L. Starcher attended schools in Hastings and Brainerd, Minnesota. Later he attended Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, where he studied law and medicine.

In the 1890s, he taught school in Corsicana, Texas. Due to the urging of his father, he returned to Ripley to assist his father with the sale and supervision of his holdings, traveling by railroad and by horseback. While in Texas as well as New Orleans, Louisiana, and at the Evans Fairground in Jackson County, he actively pursued his love of horse racing. Among the horses he owned and raced was his favorite, "Dixie," who was a frequent winner. His knowledge of horses and their individual abilities on the race track made him very popular with his friends and acquaintances on race day, due to an uncanny ability to always pick the winner.

Although he was highly respected in the community, and was often consulted by other attorneys of his time, he did not have a traditional and extensive law practice. Instead he chose his clients sparingly. They had to meet two tests before he represented them. They had to have a cause in which he believed, and they had to be unable to pay for his services.

On October 2, 1917, Floyd Starcher married Ocie Mae Rhodes (b. October 10, 1893, d. March 13, 1973), daughter of Emmett M. and Rebecca



Floyd L. and Ocie Mae Starcher

Hawkins Rhodes. They had one living daughter, Mabel Louise Starcher (now Chapman) born May 6, 1920. One daughter was stillborn in 1918, of which there is no official record in the County Clerk's Office.

He operated farms at Gay, Ripley, Murfreesville, and Smith Creek, the latter being in Kanawha County, where he raised cattle and horses.

He and his wife are buried in the old section of Pine Hill Cemetery. Her marker bears the inscription, "Ocie Starcher Dudgeon 1893-1973." After the death of Floyd L. Starcher on May 19, 1935, his widow continued to operate the farm at Ripley until her death in 1973, having developed an outstanding herd of Hereford cattle. On January 16, 1941, she married Guy Dudgeon, Assessor of Jackson County. He died August 22, 1945, and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. *Submitted by Mabel Starcher Chapman*

GENEVIEVE STARCHER

Genevieve Starcher, born in Ripley July 21, 1902, is the daughter of Samuel Goldsmith Starcher (1874-1947) and Willia Keenan Starcher (1876-1954). She had one brother, Dr. Richard Camden Starcher (1907-1964).

Miss Starcher graduated from Ripley High



Genevieve Starcher

School, and from Florida Southern College, with a major in English. She continued a graduate program in English at Columbia University while teaching 11th and 12th grade English at Ripley High School for five years. In 1932 she became supervisor of Certification at the State Department of Education at Charleston, West Virginia, where she became a leader in raising professional standards statewide. In 1940 she received a scholarship to the University of Chicago in Teacher Education and was made State Director of Teacher Preparation and Professional Standards. Morris Harvey, now University of Charleston, awarded her an honorary Doctor's Degree in 1958. She organized the West Virginia Council on Teacher Education to coordinate the work of teacher training colleges and the public schools, secured grants from private foundations to finance curricular improvement and participated in a major multi-state student teaching project for the improvement of student teaching. She served on committees of the U.S. Office of Education, the National Science Foundation, and

the National Education Association. In 1962 she was elected president of the National Association of Teacher Education and Certification.

As a resident of Charleston for 35 years, she was active in community affairs. She was first president of the Charleston Altrusa Club. She retired in 1968 and returned to the home vacated by her parents, where she began community involvement. She became a board member of the First National Bank, now United National Bank, and later chairman of the board, a position she still holds. Her interest in her community can best be seen in cultural and historical projects. She provided an educational foundation for high school students, contributed financially to the English Department of Ripley High School, donated Heritage House to Cedar Lakes Camp, endowed the public library in Ripley, fenced the Early Settlers Cemetery, and contributed the landscaping of the entrance to Pine Hill Cemetery. She organized and became first president of the Jackson County Historical Society. She is active in the life of St. John's Episcopal Church. The undercroft of St. John's is named in her honor.

Miss Starcher has traveled widely throughout North America, South America, Europe, and the Middle East. Her success story is found in the biography, *West Virginia Women in History*, 1986, published by the Women's Commission.

Grandparents of Miss Starcher are Robert Evans Starcher (1829-1904) and Emily Prudence Harker Starcher (1836-1908); Andrew Keenan (1854-1898) and Sarah Margaret Skidmore Keenan (1858-1925). Great grandparents are William and Sarah Evans Starcher, William and Eliza Pierson Harker; Allen and Madeline Casto Skidmore, Peter and Margaret Doolittle Keenan.

Submitted by Genevieve Starcher

HAROLD E. STARCHER, JR.

Virginia R. Jolliffe (Ginny) was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, February 23, 1930, the only child of Roy W. Jolliffe and Rae Lowe Jolliffe. Roy W. Jolliffe was born at Silver Hill, Wetzel County, on March 15, 1895, the son of Elmus and Easter Belle Simmons Jolliffe. Roy served in the West Virginia House of Delegates and also as Sheriff and Circuit Clerk of Marshall County. Rae Lowe Jolliffe was born in Cameron, West Virginia, on November 23, 1894, and is the daughter of Alonzo and Virginia Burley Lowe. Ginny, the first woman to be elected to the legislature from Jackson County, is currently serving her second term in the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Harold E. Starcher, Jr. (Punk), was born on August 13, 1928, in Logan, West Virginia, the only child of Harold E. Starcher and Margaret McIntosh Starcher. Harold E. Starcher was born in Ripley on November 2, 1900, the son of Homer G. and Mayme Crow Starcher. Homer Starcher was the youngest son of Robert C. and Emily Harker Starcher. Mayme Crow Starcher was the daughter of William and Dorinda Horton Crow. Margaret McIntosh was born on July 20, 1903, in Ravenswood, West Virginia, the only child of Charles Leon and Nellie McGlothlin McIntosh. Punk, a civil engineer, has been involved in many overseas construction projects, and is currently the owner of Chartwell Corporation, an engineering and construction firm in Ripley, West Virginia.

Ginny and Punk, both graduates of West Virginia University, were married June 28, 1952, in Moundsville, West Virginia. They are the parents of two children, Mark Leon and Ann Rae Starcher, both born in Charleston, West Virginia. Mark was born June 8, 1956, and married Paige Weber of St. Albans, West Virginia, on April 28, 1984. They are the parents of two children, John Eric (Jack) and Margaret Rae (Meg) Starcher, born July 11, 1987, and November 2, 1989, respectively. Mark and Paige are also graduates of West Virginia University. They reside in Alexandria, Virginia, and

are both tax attorneys. Ann Starcher was born on October 13, 1958, is unmarried, and resides in Chicago, Illinois. Ann is a graduate of Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina, and is a Vice-President of Citi-Corp, specializing in corporate loans. *Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Starcher, Jr.*

JACOB STARCHER

The name Starcher appears to have been spelled many different ways in legal documents and other writings, probably including: Statzer, Startzer, Statser, Stacher, Stearcher, and others.

Due to shortcomings and shortages of early records, there comes a point where, generally, the researcher cannot establish ancestry by proof positive. However, it is believed the first Starcher in America arrived from Germany by way of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, aboard the ship Phoenix at Philadelphia on September 15, 1749. Some of the Starchers continued to live in Pennsylvania, while others eventually migrated into present day West Virginia.

Jacob Starcher acquired a tract of land in Cumberland County, now Bedford County, Pennsylvania, on December 17, 1767, where he lived for several years. After selling his land, he lived and paid taxes in the Wills Town Hundred, Washington County, Maryland. He later migrated through Hampshire County, Virginia, to Harrison County, now Lewis County, West Virginia, where he and his wife, Barbara, settled on 400 acres of land in the Hacker's Creek area. He had several children, including Jacob, John, Phillip, Daniel, Abraham, Jesse, and possibly others.

The younger Jacob (b. 1768, d. January 7, 1838) married Ann (sometimes written Anna) Staats (b. January 3, 1777, d. July 8, 1847), daughter of Abraham Staats, on December 3, 1795. After their marriage, Jacob and Ann Starcher resided in Harrison County on land purchased in 1796, until they came to the area of Ripley, probably around 1800. Records show him paying taxes in Kanawha County in 1803, and in Mason County in 1804. Additionally, the October 1805 Mason County records indicate Jacob Starcher collected bounty on wolf scalps. Since he later sold his land in Harrison County to his brother, John, in 1805, it is probable that this was the time he entered into the purchase agreement for the Ripley area lands, which he gained title to in 1816.

The original town of Ripley was established on land owned by Jacob Starcher. Local legends, perpetuated in many written accounts of the early history of the county, indicate that he acquired such lands from William Parsons. However, a search of the records back to the April 7, 1780 patent from Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia, to John Swan, issued in consideration of a land military warrant under authority of a 1763 Proclamation of the King of Great Britain, reveals no record that William Parsons at any time owned the lands. While Captain Parsons was an early settler in the area, his lands were likely located near the site of Ripley, on Sycamore, about one mile from the court house.

In 1768 William John and Lewis Rogers (Rodgers) of Monongalia County received a "corn right" grant of 400 acres of land encompassing the area where "Sycamore Creek joins Bill Mill Creek" in what is now Ripley. The grant was not surveyed until 1785, at which time the owners learned that in 1780, John Swan of Baltimore, Maryland, had been given a grant of 2,000 acres as a reward for services in the Revolutionary War. This grant overlapped the 400 acres earlier given to William John and Lewis Rogers. They defended their "corn right" title of 1768 and recovered their title in 1796 through what was called a junior grant. William John gained full title to the land.

Jacob Starcher purchased the 400 acres from William John at two dollars an acre. The sale was

by title bond and a certain sum of money. This means he did not receive a deed for and did not pay taxes on the land until he had perfected his title. In February 1816, he received a deed from the heirs of William John, in which they acknowledged that the conveyance was being made in "consideration of certain sums of money paid to the said William John in his life time as well as in consideration of a title bond given by the said William John in his life time to said Starcher."

Jacob Starcher and Francis King purchased from John Swan 560 acres of land for \$840, which they divided. Jacob Starcher's share of 275½ acres was added to his earlier acquired 400 acre tract. In 1819 he received a land grant of 40 acres from the Commonwealth of Virginia, which had been surveyed for him in January 1818. On January 16, 1833, he purchased from Robert Swan, executor of the John Swan estate, 613 acres, and an additional 56 acre tract was conveyed to correct a prior deed. This was a part of the original Swan grant of 2,000 acres, and overlapped the 400 acres previously purchased by William John. The deed from Robert Swan included the 400 acres, indicating the difficulty of establishing original boundaries, and settled the title to the 400 acres in Jacob Starcher. Out of this acreage, Jacob and Ann Starcher, on March 28, 1832, donated the eight acres of ground needed to establish the county seat and the Public Square. The original town of Ripley was established on 30 acres of land owned by Jacob Starcher on December 19, 1832, by Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, upon the December 5, 1832, petition of Jacob Starcher.

On December 7, 1823, Jacob Starcher was granted permission by Mason County to establish a dam across Mill Creek for the purpose of erecting a grist mill, which was probably the first industry in what is now Ripley. He also had one of the early sawmills of the Ripley area.

Jacob and Ann Starcher donated land on November 17, 1837, "whereon to erect a good and sufficient size school for the public." They also provided the land for the first public burial ground, now known as Early Settlers Cemetery, where they and other members of their family are buried.

Their children were: William, Abraham, John, Jacob, Phillip, Manly (also spelled Manley), Catherine, and Sarah, whose names figure prominently in the family lines of many residents of this area. *Submitted by Ronald L. Chapman, Delcie Ludwig*

JACOB L. STARCHER

Jacob L. Starcher (b. January 16, 1832, d. November 7, 1911), son of Abraham and Margaret Evans Starcher, was born on the family farm, now owned by his granddaughter, Mabel Chapman, in present day Ripley. On July 12, 1860, he married Marian E. Webb (b. November 28, 1839, d. December 2, 1863), daughter of John and Elizabeth Hays Webb, and granddaughter of Samuel L. Hays, prominent orator, member of the Virginia Assembly, and U.S. Congressman. At the time of their marriage, he was serving as Deputy Sheriff of Calhoun County under Peregrine Hays. They had two sons, Floyd L. Starcher (b. October 22, 1861, d. May 19, 1935) and Edwin M. Starcher (b. December 25, 1862, d. June 3, 1931).



Jacob L. and Marian E. (Webb) Starcher

After the outbreak of the Civil War, Peregrine Hays being sympathetic to the South, enlisted in a local militia organization formed by Captain George Downs, known at first as the Moccasin Rangers, and later as Company A, Nineteenth Virginia Cavalry. Jacob L. Starcher returned to Ripley and enlisted in the 141st West Virginia Militia on July 20, 1863, in G.S.M. King's company. Soon afterward, on December 2, 1863, his wife died and is buried in the King Cemetery near Jackson General Hospital at Ripley.

After the war had ended, the two young children were left with relatives, and he, probably upon the advice of Samuel L. Hays, went to Minnesota, as a land speculator for lands that were now available. Lands were purchased at Hastings, St. Paul, and Brainerd. Later he traveled to Washington Territory stopping in South Dakota and Nebraska, where other lands were purchased.

On July 26, 1868, Jacob L. Starcher married Mary Bell of Hastings, Minnesota, daughter of John M. Bell, prominent banker and businessman.

A mercantile business was operated by him in Hastings, and later in Brainerd, where he owned more than twenty buildings, including a blacksmith shop.

After his remarriage, the children were reunited and went to Hastings. In a letter written to his wife August 16, 1869, he described his journey from Ripley to Glenville with his son, Floyd, on horseback, after the lapland style, to get the other son, Edwin. He says, "Carriages since the war have played out and horses are scarce. This State is wonderfully behind what it was ten years ago."

Although Jacob L. Starcher, usually known as J.L. Starcher, had agents or attorneys in the various areas where he owned property who collected his rents and checked on crops raised, he spent a great deal of time traveling between Minnesota, West Virginia, and South Dakota to personally supervise his holdings. He operated a saddlery business in Ripley in the name of Starcher and Hayes, and general mercantile businesses in Gay, West Virginia, Hastings and Brainerd, Minnesota, and Tacoma, Washington.

On the letterhead of the Gregory County State Bank of Fairfax, South Dakota, which he purchased April 9, 1903, and which had as its president his youngest son, Edwin, J.L. Starcher was identified as a "Capitalist of Gay, West Virginia." When Jackson County's first bank, the Bank of Ripley, was chartered on June 15, 1891, he was one of the charter stockholders, served on the discount committee, and was one of three on the committee named to secure suitable quarters for the new institution. The other members were John M. Greer and D.K. Hood. The Valley Bank was chartered on April 8, 1893, through his efforts. He was a charter stockholder, and was elected the first president, which position he held from May 1, 1893, to June 20, 1902. The Valley Bank and the Citizens State Bank, the latter chartered September 11, 1909, consolidated as The First National Bank of Ripley on July 1, 1928, now United National Bank. J.L. Starcher was also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Harrisville, West Virginia, and Stark Brothers Nursery.

J.L. Starcher was an advocate of a good education, encouraging his sons to pursue such for a secure future. Since he was a force to be reckoned with, they both studied law and medicine. Floyd studied at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, under the tutelage of the patriarch of the school, Professor Lehr (whose statue stands guard over the campus today), a personal friend of J.L., and Edwin at Washington and Lee at Lexington, Virginia.

Older citizens of the area described J.L. Starcher as a business-like gentleman of bearing. That he was also a "no nonsense" man with an eye to the future is borne out by a letter to his son, Floyd, preserved in the family papers, in which he comments on his son's interest and involvement

with horses, essentially telling him that horses were a thing of the past, and that he should prepare himself for the future by pursuing his education and forgetting the soon to be obsolete horse. The letter was dated at a time when the horse was still one of the main methods of transportation.

Since J.L. Starcher was a businessman who acted mainly in furtherance of business interests, it is likely that his frequent trips to various parts of the county, ranging from Florida to Washington State, and many points between, were related to his many business holdings, some of which may never be fully known.

J.L. Starcher and Mary Bell Starcher (second wife) are buried on Lot No. 6 in the old section of Pine Hill Cemetery at Ripley. Floyd L. Starcher, son of J.L. Starcher, Ocie, his wife, infant daughter of Floyd L. and Ocie Starcher, Mary Starcher Kerwood, sister of J.L. Starcher, and her husband, Richard Kerwood are also buried on the same lot. Submitted by Mabel Starcher Chapman and Beverly Chambers

PAUL AND GOLDA STARCHER

William Paul Starcher was born April 2, 1884 at Ripley in Jackson County, the son of Everett Evans and Josephine Elizabeth Unrue Starcher. On his father's side, he was the great-great-grandson of Jacob and Ann Staats Starcher, the first permanent settlers in Ripley; and the great-great-grandson of Abraham and Anna King Staats who settled Evans. His mother was also a native of Jackson County — the daughter of John C. Unrue, a member of the Union forces in the Civil War. Paul had one brother, Starling Charles, who was two years younger than he.

Paul attended the Ripley Normal School soon after its inception and for a short time studied pre-law at Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia. He taught school in Mingo County, West Virginia from 1904-1906; at Frost in Pocahontas County, West Virginia from 1906-1909; and at Boyer in Pocahontas County from 1909-1912. At Boyer he met Golda Laurina Hill, the daughter of William Morgan and Elizabeth Rice Grogg Hill. They were married at Hosterman in Pocahontas County on March 23, 1912.



Paul, Glenva, Louis, Lorene, Faye, Pauline and Golda Starcher

They immediately moved to Ripley where they lived for five years. Paul taught in Marshall County and one year at Clay Lick in Jackson County during this time. While in Ripley they had two daughters; Elizabeth Faye born March 24, 1914 and Josephine Ruth born February 16, 1916. Josephine died September 25, 1916.

In the summer of 1917, Paul and Golda bought the A.A. Davis farm at Cottageville in Jackson County and moved there around October first. There they had six more children; Glenva May born April 4, 1918; Edith Pauline born November 9, 1920; Louis Everett born May 17, 1923; Helen Klydia born April 21, 1925; Joy Lorene born July 31, 1926; and Keith Hill born July 21, 1930. Keith died February 16, 1931. Helen Klydia (Kaye) Starcher Miller died in Pomona, California on November 20, 1986. She is buried in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Cobena Hills, Cobena in Los



Helen Kay (Starcher) Miller, 1942



Bruce and Helen (Starcher) Miller

Angeles County, California. Her husband was Bruce Miller. They had one son, Frank Edward, born December 4, 1959 at Whittier in Los Angeles County, California. Frank has a degree in Cinematography from the University of Southern California. At present, he is studying law at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts.



Frank Miller

Always interested in education, in the early '20s, Paul participated in a drive to establish a high school in Cottageville. This school opened in 1924. In the '30s, the state moved from district boards of education to county boards with a representative from each district. The first county boards were appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools. Paul was appointed to the Jackson County Board as a representative of Union District. He was later elected to this position.

While living in Cottageville, Golda was active in community affairs, particularly in the United Brethren Church and the Order of Eastern Stars.

In 1945, she moved to Vienna in Wood County, West Virginia. She attended classes at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg and became a licensed practical nurse. She practiced nursing at that hospital from 1952 until her retirement in 1967.

William Paul Starcher died in Wood County, West Virginia, on February 12, 1954. He is buried in the Pine Hill Cemetery in Ripley.

Golda still lives in Vienna. She has ten grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Submitted by Mrs. Benjamin (Glenva Starcher) Lewis

RICHARD CAMDEN STARCHER, M.D.

Richard Camden Starcher, M.D. was born January 26, 1907, the only son of Samuel Goldsmith Starcher (1874-1947) and Willia (Keenan) Starcher (1876- 1954). He graduated from Greenbrier Military Academy in 1925 and from West Virginia University in 1929. He taught Science at Ansted High School 1929-31. In 1935 he graduated from Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, Pa. and interned in 1935-36 at Western Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was head physician at Charleston (WV) General Hospital 1936-38. In 1938, he began private practice at Starcher Clinic, in Ripley and continued until stopped by ill health in 1953. He died November 22, 1964.



Richard Camden Starcher

Dr. Starcher was a Director of the First National Bank, now the United National Bank, a Director of the Jackson County Wholesale Grocery Company, and the O.J. Morrison Stores. He was interested in cattle farming. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the American Association of General Practice and the Kanawha County Medical Society. He was a communicant of the Saint John's Episcopal Church.

On December 15, 1938 Dr. Starcher married Helen M. Shockey (March 18, 1911- March 6, 1986). They had three daughters: Margaret Lynne (born October 6, 1939), Mary Camden (born July 15, 1945), and Emily Anne (born January 22, 1943). Margaret Lynne graduated from West Virginia University. Mary Camden received a Bachelor's Degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College, and a Masters Degree from West Virginia University.

She is a high school librarian in Louisville, Kentucky.

Emily Anne attended West Virginia University, Davis and Elkins College, and graduated from Davis Memorial School of Nursing, R.N. On December 17, 1965 Emily Anne married H. Fred Pace, a graduate of the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia. They live in Athens, Georgia with their two sons, Richard Camden Keenan Pace,

born January 17, 1969, and Robert Courtney Pace, born July 23, 1972. Submitted by Mary Camden Starcher

ROBERT EVANS STARCHER

Robert Evans Starcher (b. September 2, 1829, d. March 6, 1904), son of William and Sarah Evans Starcher, was commonly called "Squire" Starcher because of his 20 year association with the County Court of Jackson County, which he served as president. The court at that time was composed of justices. In the early 1850s, he served as deputy sheriff, and later (1856) as sheriff. Prior to the Civil War he was in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, W.H. Watson, who was killed fighting for the Confederacy. He always took great interest in educational activities, and was for many years a member and secretary of the Board of Education of Ripley Independent District. His obituary, published in *The Jackson Herald* in 1904, states: "Mr. Starcher was regarded as one of the best posted men in public office in the county. He filled positions of honor and trust with rare judgment and fidelity."

On March 29, 1855, he married Emily Prudence Harker (b. December 16, 1836, d. March



Samuel G. Starcher

expanded to railroad ties and lumber. At one time they had a contract with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for a million railroad ties which were shipped from "Starcher Bros." private railroad



Robert E. Starcher Family. Standing: Homer Charles with wife Edna; John with wife Wavie, William and wife Eva; Samuel and wife Willia, Clara and husband Franklin. Front row: Mayne, Homer's wife holding Harold; Mrs. Robert Starcher, mother; Robert Starcher, father; James and wife Elizabeth holding Donald; grandchildren: Bernice, Pearl, Ethel and Phyllis

10, 1908), a native of Poynton, Lincolnshire, England, who came to America with her mother, Eliza Harker and five sisters, her father, William Harker, having died while crossing the Atlantic Ocean. She was active in the formation of St. John's Episcopal Church in 1872. Both Robert Evans Starcher and Emily Prudence Starcher, as well as Eliza Harker, are buried in the Early Settlers Cemetery in Ripley. The Starchers had 11 children: William Filmore, Edward E., Sophia, Robert Harry, Mary, James Delaney, Charles Wesley, John Harker, Franklin Floyd, Samuel Goldsmith, and Homer George Starcher. Submitted by Genevieve Starcher

SAMUEL GOLDSMITH STARCHER

Samuel Goldsmith Starcher, the son of Robert Evans Starcher (1829-1904) and Emily Prudence Harker Starcher (1836-1908), was born in Ripley, May 23, 1874, where he spent his full life. Once he bought a lot in a beautiful section of Charleston, intending to build a home there, then decided there was no better place to live than in Ripley where he died, February 8, 1947.

In the late 1800s, with his brothers, Charles, Frank and Homer, he established "Starcher Bros.," a general store which carried merchandise from groceries to imported glass and china, requiring 13 people to take care of the business, much of which was done on a barter basis. The business

switch in Ripley.

In his later years, he had wide business interests, including banking, merchandising, oil and gas, real estate and cattle farming.

He was a Rotarian, and Democrat, interested in politics, without any desire to hold public office. He was devoted to St. John's Episcopal Church, where he served on the Vestry. During World War II he served on the Jackson County Draft Board.

On January 23, 1898, he married Willia (1876-1954) Keenan, daughter of Andrew Keenan (1854-1898) and Margaret Skidmore Keenan, (1858-1925), whose interest beyond her household was in history and architecture. She designed the family home Starcher Place. They had two children: Richard Camden Starcher, M.D. and Genevieve Starcher. Submitted by Emily Anne Pace

WILLIAM STARCHER

William Starcher was born May 24, 1802, and died January 19, 1872, the son of Jacob and Ann Staats Starcher. He was a merchant and farmer on land inherited from his father. He married Mary Henshaw, who died young. They had one son, Edward, born December 23, 1821. On October 11, 1827, he married Sarah Evans (born March 10, 1802, died January 13, 1883), sister of Ephraim Evans, a prominent justice of the first court of Jackson County. For several years, Mrs. Starcher taught a subscription school in her home, a

two-story brick structure on the west side of Mill Creek. The brick was handmade nearby from clay on the homesite.



William and Sarah (Evans) Starcher

Their children were: Priscilla (born August 1, 1828, died July 9, 1857), Robert Evans (born September 2, 1829, died March 6, 1904), Catherine (born January 23, 1831, died November 24, 1909), Rebecca L. (born July 15, 1833, died March 15, 1918), William H. (born April 23, 1837), Ann Marie (born July 14, 1839, died July 9, 1856), Margaret Jane (born April 19, 1841), and Emma Rosabelle (born April 27, 1849). Submitted by Mollie Weaver

WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR.

The Stephens, McPherson and Whitlatch families lived in Grant District, Jackson Co. and Tucker District, Wirt Co., which adjoin each other.

The Stephens history goes back to 1812 in Parkersburg, W.Va., when William Stephens, Sr. was on the Wood Co. tax lists. He served in the War of 1812 for which he received bounty land. He married first, Anna Lloyd and had children, Lemuel, William Jr., Roena, James, and Cincinnatus. He married second Chloe Ann Harris, and had children Susan, Amanda, Nancy, and Monroe. He died in Wood Co., 1856.

William Stephens Jr. (born 1828), married first Sarah Steed and had children William A. and Isabella Penelope. Sarah died between 1850 and 1857. William, Jr. came to Jackson Co. by 1858 and married second, Nancy Lockhart, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Lockhart and had children Amy Alice (married Edwin Creel), Sarah Ann (married Abraham Williams), Henry (married first Jane Dennis, second Ann Courtney). Henry died in Akron, Ohio. The other child of William and Nancy was Samuel Monroe who married Mary Roseanna Courtney. Their daughter Clara Stephens lives in Vienna, W.Va. in a house built by Perry Whitlatch. William Jr. married third, Mary Courtney. They had no children, lived on Courtney Ridge in Wirt Co.

Isabella (daughter of William Jr., and Sarah Steed) was born 1847 in Wood Co., and in Jackson Co. married Jesse Daniel McPherson, son of Stephen and Jane (Moore) McPherson March 5, 1867. She was the only one of the William Stephens family to live and raise her family in Jackson Co. Jesse and Isabella McPherson had four children:

Charles Andrew McPherson (born 1869) married first Lillie Bell Dowler, daughter of Charles and Mary Giffin Dowler. Their children were Lulu Lenora, (Andrick, Boice), and Harley. Charley married second Marybelle Archer, daughter of Peter and Sarah Sheets Archer. Their children were Grace (Thomas), Nell (Smith), Lester, Hazel Loine (Thompson), Edith "Dot" Isabel (Wines), Ethel "Murhl" (Corns), Nina Pearl (Whited), Oma "Jean" Belvin and Eula "Rae" (Corns).

John O. McPherson born 1870, married Emma "Minnie" Myer, daughter of Jerome and Rachel Woodside Myer. Their children were Edna Rosetta (Thomas) and Holly Rupert.

William T. McPherson (born 1873), married Tillie C. Weigle. Their children were Nelta (Fletcher) and Pearl.

Gula Rosetta McPherson (born 1879), married Jasper Quinter Whitlatch. Their children were Ethel, John, Harry, Glen, Elbert, Ruth, Margaret and Eugene.

Isabella Stephens McPherson died June 26, 1927. Her obituary stated: "While her body was racking with pain, she looked up and sang 'Home Sweet Home', bid all her friends goodbye and asked them to meet her in Heaven".

Jesse McPherson had served in the Civil War. He died Oct. 1, 1917. They are buried in the Limestone Cemetery, Wood Co., just across the border from Jackson Co. *Submitted by Ruth Whitlatch Cunning*

DON STEPHENS

The Don Stephens family began with George Washington Stephens. George Washington Stephens was Don's great-grandfather. George and his brother homesteaded in the OK Hill area of Putnam County and the Elmwood area of Mason County. George ended up with the 400 acres in the OK Hill area.

George's family divided the acreage between the family members. John Lensley Stephens (Don's grandfather) received 120 or so acres. John farmed and cut railroad ties until his death in 1961 at the age of 87. His first marriage was to Martha Atkinson. They had one son, Holly Earl, who was born on Sept. 26, 1903. Martha died in childbirth in 1904. His second marriage was to Georgia Riffle. They had six children: Lester Stephens, Lola Stephens Welling, Ethel Stephens Barnett, Celest Stephens Bowles, Charlie Stephens, and Arthur Stephens. John was a very conservative and business minded farmer. He always kept his farm very neat and orderly. It is said that he used fertilizer for the first time during a dry season. The crop failed. He felt that fertilizer was of little value and had caused the crop failure. He never used the new fangled stuff again.

His son, Charlie, died in France during WW II, and his other son, Arthur, died with a childhood disease when he was three years old. The other children are still living, and Georgia died in the spring of 1988 at the age of 103.



Holly and Odell Stephens

Holly Earl Stephens (Don's father) married Odell LaCretia Barnett on June 16, 1929. Holly and Odell lived on the Barnett home place near Rock Castle on the Jackson-Mason county line most of their lives. They had two children, Georgia Lee Stephens Carney Williams (March 3, 1937) and Donald Gay Stephens (November 11, 1946).

Holly worked many years in Putnam County as a grader operator for the WV Dept. of Highways and completed his career in the same capacity in

Jackson County after 30 some years of roadwork. Holly has often told the story about his first job. He left home at the age of 14 with a man named Saris Fisher. They walked to Arbuckle and caught a train to Huntington, WV. The train was late getting to Huntington, and they missed the connection to Sciotoville, OH. A very frightened 14-year-old boy asked an old man how to get to Sciotoville. The old man told them to cross over to Ohio and catch the street car to Sciotoville. They arrived in the railroad camp in the early hours of the morning. The excitement and the uncertainty left a very vivid impression on the young boy, and although he has told the story many times, Holly still remembers those emotions.

Georgia was married to Duane Carney. They had one daughter, Debbie Lee, September 29, 1957. Duane was killed in a truck accident in 1969. Georgia was remarried to James Carl Williams in 1969.



Seth, Shannon, and Don Stephens

Donald was married to Linda Ann Barber on June 13, 1969. Linda was the daughter of John and Kathleen Hunt Barber of Evans, WV. Linda was very active in several organizations in Jackson County, especially the Homemakers Clubs. Don and Linda moved to the Charlie Rector farm in Hemlock and had two sons, Shannon Donald (Sept. 25, 1971) and Seth Justin (November 27, 1974). Linda died on June 21, 1984 following gall bladder surgery.

Donald graduated from Ripley High School in June of 1965. He attended West Virginia University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science (1969) and a Masters of Science (1976) in Agriculture. He has taught Agriscience at Ravenswood High School since 1969. He has served on the Jackson County Commission from 1987 to the present. He also farms on a part-time basis. *Submitted by Don Stephens*

EVELYN (PARSONS) STEPHENS

Evelyn Catherine Parsons, the only daughter of James and Celia Parsons, was born in Akron, 1917, and attended the public schools in south Akron. She graduated from Garfield High School, and attended the University of Akron part-time. At Garfield, she met her future husband, Philip Henry "Bud" Stephens, whom she married in 1937. At the time, she was working at the Miller Rubber Company in the office, where her fellow employees included her eldest brother, George, and also George's future wife, Margaret Schlemmer. Bud Stephens was employed at the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, only several blocks distant.

Evelyn and Bud Stephens had three sons, all born in Akron. The first is Philip Henry Stephens III, born May 23, 1939. The second and third sons are twins, Melville Lynn, and Michael Allen, born September 16, 1945.

During World War II, as Evelyn's brothers, George, Garland, and Edgar (Bud) went into the Army, Evelyn and Bud Stephens moved from their apartment into the home of her mother, Celia



George, Edgar, Evelyn, and Garland Stephens

Parsons, on Iona Avenue in Kenmore, a section of Akron. The mother, Celia, had progressively lost her sight beginning about 1920, and was living with Garland and Bud Parsons, in the home jointly purchased with George Parsons, shortly after George's marriage to Margaret Schlemmer. Evelyn and her brothers, together with their mother, had the strongest of possible mutual support and affection ties. Their mother, Celia, had become legally blind by about 1923, and a common concern for each other's welfare was always uppermost in their minds.

Celia Parsons died in April, 1946, and Evelyn and her family continued to live in the home. Garland had married in 1943, and had his own home with Dorsalene Darnel Parsons, together with the first of their two children, "Gary" born April 19, 1945. Bud Parsons, Evelyn's younger brother returned from the Army in April, 1946, and had left Akron to attend graduate school at Cornell University in Ithaca.

Bud Stephens' Firestone work was transferred to Paterson, New Jersey, and subsequently to Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He commuted monthly, a demanding schedule in the days preceding air travel. When the Pottstown transfer became permanent, the Kenmore-Akron house was sold, and the Stephens family moved to Pottstown. About 1952, Bud Stephens became employed by the Armstrong Rubber Company, and Bud and his family moved to Hanford, California, where his father was also employed.

Evelyn's first child, Philip, was injured at birth, in 1939, resulting in cerebral palsy with severe movement limitations. The twins, Michael and Melville, are pursuing distinguished careers. Mike, following graduation from Duke University, served in the U.S. Marines (eventually attaining the rank of Lt. Col.), received his M.Sc. in Public Health from the University of North Carolina, and has a senior position on the staff of the Appropriations Committee, U.S. House of Representatives.

Mel was graduated from the University of Southern California, subsequently received his law degree from the University of California at Davis, and after practicing law in California, attended Queen's College in Oxford, England, where he now (1989) lives. His international law practice is based in London. He is unmarried. Prior to his enrollment in Queen's College in the early 1970s, he served as special Assistant to the President of the United States with primary responsibility for veteran's affairs. His qualifications for this appointment derive from an outstanding record in Vietnam, as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, in riverine warfare, for which he was highly decorated. Recognition for this service included appointment to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt.

Mike married Sharman Kasdan in 1973, and they have three children: David Kasdan Stephens, b. July 13, 1979; Julia Anne Stephens, b. July 3, 1981, and Sarah Stephens, b. September 18, 1984. They reside in Arlington, Virginia. Sharmon is also a graduate of Duke University, and the School of Public Health, UNC. Sharman's Duke degree is in

Nursing, and prior to marriage, she worked in the Duke Hospital Emergency Room. She is employed in the Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C., specializing in medical care analyses. *Submitted by Evelyn P. Stephens*

PETER STEPHENS

According to family tradition, Peter Stephens (1843-1923), the son of Peter and Martha (Ams) Stephens, was born in Germany and came to America with his family when he was a small child. Census records state that Peter was born in Ohio. The Stephens family was living in Salem Township of Monroe County, Ohio in 1850, 1860, and 1870. Peter Stephens married Susanna Tisher (1850-1931), daughter of Nicholas and Rosa (Inlaugh) Tisher. The Tishers were also from Monroe County. Peter and Susanna moved to Jackson County in the late 1880s and settled on Dutch Ridge near Pond Creek in Grant District. Peter and Susanna are buried in the Chapel Hill Cemetery on Dutch Ridge (no tombstones). Their children:

1. Rosa (1871-?) married Charles Miihlbach (1865-1908) the son of Philip and Hannah Miihlbach. They moved to Noble County, Ohio to help his father operate a tobacco packing business. Charles is buried in the Zion Cemetery at Harrietsville, OH. Their child: Charles Miihlbach.

2. Wesley (1874-1945) married Pearl Kieffer (1886-1957) the daughter of William and Catherine (Nohe) Kieffer. They are buried in the IOOF Cemetery at Parkersburg, WV. Their children: Artie Sands and Nina Snyder.

3. Clara (1876-1899) never married. She is buried in the Chapel Hill Cemetery on Dutch Ridge.



Ernest and Bessie (Alexander) Stephens

4. Ernest (1884-1955) married Bessie Alexander (1890-1959) the daughter of William and Cynthia (McKee) Alexander. They lived on Dutch Ridge and farmed for a living. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. His death certificate says he was born at Marshall County, WV which is across the river from Monroe County, Ohio. Their children: Olin Stephens (never married) and William Stephens. (See information below).

William "Willy" Stephens (1916-1982) married Frances Hoselton (1922) daughter of Shirley and Nellie (Boso) Hoselton. Willy was a farmer and a trucker. Frances continues to live at their home on Claylick Road not far from Sherman. Willy is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Paul, Charles and Alice.

1. Paul is married to Ila Staats Gorrell, daughter of William and Ona (Jackson) Staats. Paul is employed by Hartley Industries at Ravenswood and also raises beef cattle. They live on Roadfork near Sherman, WV. Their child: Paul "Joe" Stephens.

2. Charles married Jean Delong, daughter of Rollic and Hazel (Milhoan) Delong. Charles is employed by Kardex at Marietta, Ohio and also raises beef cattle. They live on Claylick Road near Sherman, WV. Their children: John Stephens and Alan Stephens.

3. Alice is married to Gary Hamilton and they

live at Westland, Michigan. Their children: Gary Hamilton Jr. and Sabra Hamilton. *Submitted by Paul Stephens*

STEWART-BOARD-LEE

A Stuart, born c1700 in Ireland, had three sons — William, Charles and Robert. William, 1727-1811, had eight children and is buried near Stewartstown, Monongalia County. Charles, 1719-1794, had seven children, of whom Jane Virginia married her cousin Charles, son of William. Robert, c1724-1806, married Catherine.

William Stuart/Stewart, 1790-1877, son of Charles and Jane, married Mary Polly Board, daughter of Patrick Board. They are buried at Reedy in Roane County. Their oldest son, John Washington Stewart, 1817-1895, married Anna Lee, daughter of Thomas Lee. They are buried in Kansas.

Thomas Tommy Lee, 1796-1864, married Catherine Betsy Baker and is buried on a farm near Lucille on Conrads Run. I do not know the names of his father or grandfather. His children were:

Thomas Jr., married Mary Elizabeth Cain; Anna, married John Washington Stewart, buried Kansas; James Madison; Capt. John Baker, married Rebecca Knotts, he is buried in Missouri; William W., married Margaret A. Board; Lucinda; and Mary Elizabeth, married Ezra C. Connor. *Submitted by Robert Koetting*

CHARLES STUART-STEWART

Charles Stuart-Stewart, brother of William and Robert, was born in Ireland c1727. He came to America after the Revolutionary War and settled near William. His wife's name is not known to me. I do not know his place of burial. They had seven children:

William, born 1755-60, probably in Ireland; married Elizabeth, born 1764. She died 23 June, 1831. William died 18 March, 1844. They also had seven children who lived in the vicinity of Stewartstown-Port Marion.

Robert; born c1792, never married. Served in the militia. Moved to Jackson county and applied for a federal pension. Lived near William and Mary (Board) Stewart. Resided in Roane County in 1871.

John; married Lucinda Knopp. Moved to Jackson County. One of his sons, William P., married Anna Ables. Died at Reedy, Roane County, in 1871.

Charles;

Rebecca;

*Jane or Jean; married her cousin, Charles, (son of, William and Elizabeth Stuart) c1789. Charles died in 1841 in the "Little Kanawha Region", aged 85.

Mary;

(*our ancestor)

ROBERT STUART-STEWART

Robert Stuart-Stewart, brother of William and Charles, is said to have served as a British Grenadier in Canada during the French War. He was married and his wife (? Catherine) followed him to Canada. After his discharge he came to the Cheat River and settled near his brothers and nephew. Bought land adjoining the Baptist meeting house and deeded on 10 September, 1806, one acre to the church trustees. Estate was settled December 1811 in Monongalia County. Had seven children who all went to Indiana on the Wabash: George; born c1760. John; Robert; Samuel; three daughters. *Submitted by Thomas Troupe Tyler III*

GEORGE AND LIZZIE STEWART

One of the most helpful records we had was the Family Bible belonging to our great-grandmother, Mary Coon Battrell. We don't know what her maiden name was but after the death of her

first husband, Mr. Coon, she married Columbus Battrell. She had three children by Mr. Coon: Sarah, 1817; Enoch, 1820; and Elizabeth (our grandmother), 1822. In her marriage to Columbus Battrell she had four children: Lucinda, 1828; John, 1830; Columbus, 1833; and Francis, 1837. It is believed that Mary died when a tree limb fell on her while riding horseback at a relative's, near Jersey, Ohio. She and her second husband, Columbus, are buried there.

Our grandfather, John B. Stewart, was born in 1815 in Virginia. He was the son of Charles, called Little Charley, because he was named for his father, Charles Stuart (1719-1794). Our great-grandfather's children were: Elisha, 1809; John B., 1815-1901 (our grandfather); George, 1817; Sarah, 1819-1894; and others.

Our grandfather, John B. Stewart, married our grandmother, Elizabeth Coon, in 1838 in Jackson County by a Rev. Hall. Their first child was Margaret Newell, 1839-1913. She married John Newell and had eight children: Gertrude Garrison, 1882-1941, buried at Otterbein; Minnie Bell Tucker, 1869-1940, buried at Otterbein; John Newell, 1880-1945, who married Rebekah Garrison, buried at Walker Chapel, Putnam County; Florence Hughes, 1865-1927; Elizabeth (Betty) Hill, 1867-1917, married David Hill, buried Smith Cemetery, Mason County; Bertha Hunt, 1874-1942; Luverna Newell, 1871-1946, never married, buried at Walker Chapel; Susan Walker, 1877-1919, buried at Walker Chapel.

John and Elizabeth's second child was Villetta, 1841-1843, buried in Stewart Cemetery.

Their third child was Enoch, 1845-19... He and wife, Emily Little, are both buried in Stewart Cemetery. They had two sons: N.F. (Mire), 1872-1959, who married Ella Hoschar, 1892-1980s, both buried at Otterbein; and J.W. (Wess), 1861-1944, married Iva Sayre, 1875-1968, both buried at Suncrest Cemetery, Pt. Pleasant, Mason County.

John and Elizabeth's fourth child was Martha Jane 1845-1885, not married, buried in Stewart Cemetery.

Their fifth child was Alonzo, 1848-1936. Children by his first wife, Keziah Sayre, 1856-1909, were Lucian, Clarence, Clyde, Kenny, Lonnie, Lizzie Baier, and Myrtle Ankrum. His second wife was Lillie King. He is buried between his two wives at Antioch.

Their sixth child was Mary Ellen who lived only a short time and was buried in Stewart Cemetery.

Their seventh child was Sarah Ann, 1854-1927. Late in life she married Major Andy Clark Hill. They had no children. She is buried at Foster Chapel and he with his first wife at Mt. Moriah.

Their eighth child was Lucinda, 1851-1910. She never married and is buried in Stewart Cemetery.



back: George and Lizzie Stewart; front: Evelyn (Stewart) Durst and Georgia (Stewart) Grady

Their last child was George B. McClellan Stewart (our father), 1863-1948, named for the Civil War general. He married our mother, Lizzie

Thornton, 1887-1969. They were married in Ripley, Oct. 12, 1907, by Rev. T.H. Rymer.

Their children are Georgia, born 1917, who married Dorn Grady in 1941. They have two sons: Gary, born 1946, who married Christine Basham in 1968; and Jerry, born 1950, who married Marlene Parsons in 1972 and Katherine Greenough in 1982. George and Lizzie's other child is Evelyn, born 1919, who married Clyde Durst in 1945. They have three daughters, Pamela, born 1953, who married Gary Philyau; Deborah, born 1956, who married Bill Stem; and Marilee, born 1963, who married Patrick Curran.

George and Lizzie lived all their lives in the Foster Chapel community. He was a farmer and a carpenter, having built many of the houses in that area. Earlier in life, he worked in Pittsburgh at his trade. Many times he was asked to make caskets for members of the Foster Chapel community.

We have often heard the story of how they met. When our grandfather could afford a better house, (they had lived in a log house nearby) our father built the new house. It is still a good, well-made two story house on Long Hollow. Both our grandfather and grandmother Thornton died there. *Submitted by Georgia Stewart Grady and Evelyn Stewart Durst*

J.W. AND IVA (SAYRE) STEWART

My grandparents did not raise their family in Jackson County, but while doing some other research, I found that several of our ancestors had their roots in Jackson County. Our family consists of both Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers, farmers, notaries, surveyors and ministers.

The first John Stewart, I found during my research, was born in 1815. He lived with his wife, Elizabeth Coon, in the Parchment Valley region. To this union was born: George 1863; Lucinda 1859-1911; Sarah 1857; Martha 1846; and Enoch 1842-1912.

Enoch received the West Virginia State Discharge Medal for his service as a private in the Union Army, during the Civil War. In 1871, Enoch married Emily Little (1845-1880), the daughter of Elijah and Mary Little of Rock Castle. Enoch was a farmer. Enoch and Emily's children were: Nehemiah 1872; Cora 1878; and John "Wess" Wesley 1875-1968. In 1912, John Wesley Stewart married Iva Sayre.



John Wesley and Iva (Sayre) Stewart

Iva Sayre as a direct descendant of Revolutionary War General Andrew Lewis, whose great-grandson, William Lewis, married Dianna Flowers of Jackson County in 1837. They spent most of their married life in Jackson County and are buried in the Otterbein Cemetery. Iva Sayre is also a direct descendant of Revolutionary War Private David Sayre.

Iva Sayre's great-grandfather, Daniel Sayre was born in 1783 in Pennsylvania. He came to Jackson County around 1800 and married Sarah Hall, the daughter of Joseph Hall of Mill Creek Flats.

Daniel and Sarah Sayre's son David (1810-1895), was married four times. He is buried beside

three of his wives in the Sayre Family Cemetery on Cow Run (Road) off Route 87. One son, David, and his wife, Mary, and two of their children, Grover and Minnie, are also buried in the family cemetery.

We descend from David and his second wife, Marthana Hill, the daughter of Laden and Rebecca Hill. Marthana died in 1872. Their children were: Lucian 1853-1880; Oscar 1856-1942; Minerva 1859-1943; Ira 1867-1882; and David 1864-1944.

This David was married in 1887 to Mary Barnett, the daughter of James Barnett and Eliza (Lewis) Barnett. David and Mary's eight children were all born in Jackson County. Their children were: (1) Grover Cleveland 1887-1913; married Beethse Cossin; had two children, which are now deceased. (2) Minnie 1891- 1914 (3) Adley 1892-1962; never married; WW I veteran. (4) Birdie 1894; married first Esco Johnson, second Jake Sharp; two children Esco and Jewell now live in Pocahontas County. (5) Hobert Garrett 1896; married Corda Pullin, the daughter of Allen and Rachel Smith Pullins; had four children: Harold and Wilda are now deceased; Gaylord lives in Ohio; and Bernadine Sayre Kayser of Point Pleasant, with whom he now makes his home. (6) Nellie 1877; married first ————Trader, second Leonard Tipton; no children. (7) David 1899-1978; married Jessie Sayre, the daughter of Zeke and Susan Sayre; two children: Mary Eileen of Columbus, Ohio, and Clodine, with whom they are buried in the Pleasant View Cemetery; David was an ordained minister. (8) Iva 1889-1964; married 1912 to John Wesley "Wess" Stewart, in Jackson County.

Wess and Iva raised their family in Leon. They later moved to Point Pleasant. Wess was a farmer and worked for the railroad. Iva was a very dedicated Christian woman. They were the parents of two children: Osborn 1913-1975, and Mildred born 1919, living in Mason County. I am one of Iva and Wess' four grandchildren, Sandra Taylor Watterson. *Submitted by Sandra Taylor Watterson*

JAMES MADISON STEWART

James Madison Stewart, (B. 8/22/1884-D. 3/11/1923). Born in Reedy, Jackson County, WV. The son of John Washington Stewart and Anna Lee Stewart. Married February 20, 1887 in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas, to Harriett E. (Bessie, Mary) Frazee, born May 16, 1870 at Blue Earth, Faribault County, Minnesota. Died September 8, 1952 in Arkansas City, Cowley County, Kansas. Buried beside her husband in Reverview Cemetery, Cowley County. She was the daughter of John Cline Frazee (1832-1893) and Amanda Elizabeth Taylor Frazee (1840-1901). Their children are:



Grace (Stewart) Tyler, James M. Stewart, Elizabeth Bessie (Stewart) Tressler and Harriett Elizabeth (Frazee) Stewart

1. *Elizabeth Bessie Daphne Stewart*, (B. 7/15/1888-D. 2/11/1964) married March 4, 1903 to Robert Tressler (1875-1965), son of J.L. and Nettie Tressler of Shelbyville, Arkansas, one of ten children.

2. *Grace Dexter Stewart*, born June 15, 1896 Arkansas City, Cowley County. Married November 12, 1913 to Thomas Troupe II, (1892-1968).

James Madison Stewart has a metal marker, "Veteran 61-65", Confederate. All of the above are buried at Arkansas City, Cowley County, Kansas. *Submitted by Thomas T. Tyler III*

JOHN WASHINGTON STEWART

John Washington Stewart, born 12 March 1818 at Reedy, Wood Co., (Now Roane) Virginia. Died 14 February 1895 in Arkansas City, Cowley Co., Kansas. Son of William Stuart-Stewart (1790-1877) and Mary Polly Board Stewart (1792-1866). Married in 1841 to *Anna Lee*, (born 4 August 1822, died 24 January 1899) daughter of Thomas Lee (1799-1864) and Catherine Baker Lee (1801-1858). Their children are as follows:



John Washington and Anna Lee Stewart

1. Nanette Nancy "Nannie Jane" Stewart, (B. 6-6-1842) at Reedy, Jackson Co., WVA. Married 31 Dec 1869. Had three husbands. Died 28 Sept. 1920.

2. James Madison Stewart, (B. 8-22-1844-D. 3-11-1923). Married 20 Feb. 1887 to Harriet Frazee (1870-1952).

3. Thomas W. Stewart, (B. 1846-died infancy).

4. Taylor Stewart, (B. 1847-died after 1850).

5. Mary Mollie C. Stewart (B. 1849-1912) married 30 April 1871 to Brainard M. Morehead (1851-1929).

6. Amelia Stewart (B. 30 Dec. 1853).

7. Rebecca Elizabeth "Betty" Stewart, (B. 12-27-1854-D. 7-16-1926), married Thomas Richardson (1833-1910).

8. Amango Stewart, (B. 1855).

9. Minerva Stewart, (B. 1856 in Roane Co.).

10. Sarah Victoria Stewart, (B. 5-6-1858-died after 1905) married Wilber T. Murphy (1853-1905).

11. Susan B. Stewart, (B. 8/3/1866-D. 1915), married Redmon (?Redman), an Indian.

12. Joshue Lee Stewart, (B. c1861).

This family moved from West Virginia to near Cedarvale, Kansas, in 1869. John and Anna had a photo taken in Cedarvale. Several daughters were redheaded. The births of the above children are recorded in the Jackson and Roane County Birth Registers. *Submitted by Robert Koetting*

WILLIAM STEWART

William Stewart of Mongahela County, Virginia b 1802/6, died 1889, was married 19 March 1829 in Jackson County, Virginia to Mary Parsons who was born 1810/16 and died in 1880. She was a daughter of Adam and Susanna Greathouse Parsons.

William and Mary are buried in Smith Church Cemetery, Mason County, West Virginia with many of their family.

The children of William and Mary were: twins George, Elisha b. Jackson County, Adam, Sarah J. Krebs, Ephriam b. Jackson County, Elizabeth Riffle, John P., Viclette Buck, Lewis (?) and

Charles.

Charles Stewart was born in 1837 and died in 1920. He was married 22 December 1858 in Mason County, Virginia to Pauline C. Smith, born in 1839 and died in 1920. She was a daughter of Rev. Isaac and Rachel McGuire Smith.

The children of Charles and Pauline were: Martha Hutton, Alexander, Samuel Burwell, Millard, John, Permelia Nickls, Marie E. Ferguson, Mary Stewart, Clara Stephens and Andrew Robert.

Andrew Robert, born 11 July 1869, was married in Mason County, 15 January 1898 to Elizabeth Ferguson, 1877-1918, a daughter of William V and Elizabeth Boles Ferguson. Andrew died 8 December 1957 in Mason County and buried beside his wife in Smith Church Cemetery, Mason County, West Virginia.

The children of Andrew and Elizabeth were: Alva M. Newell, Belva C. Stewart, Mary E. Stewart, William H., Robert H., Thelma Henry, Hazel Hoschar, Myrtle P. Little.

My parents, Mary E. Stewart, 1904-1973, and Everatt Raymond Stewart, 1904-1985, were married in 1923 in Mason County, West Virginia. Both were born in Mason County, West Virginia and are buried in Smith Church Cemetery, Mason County, West Virginia. Father, Everatt Raymond Stewart, was the son of Maude Stewart VanMeter, 1884-1985, of Mason County, West Virginia.

Submitted by Janette Stewart Harney

WILLIAM STUART — STEWART

A Stuart who was born c1700 in Ireland, although not Irish himself, had at least three sons — William, Charles and Robert. William, born in County Cork in 1727, was orphaned and came to America with an uncle. He went to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1745 and 1750 married Elizabeth "Betsy" Givens; she was born c1731. In 1771 he was owner of 100 acres of land, two horses, three cattle and one servant, and was taxed 17 pounds.

One day in Pennsylvania while crossing a river, one of his horses was drowned. William said that if God would forgive him for stopping in Pennsylvania, he would not stop again until he got over into God's country, meaning Virginia. So in 1770 the family migrated to now Monongalia County, Union district. He acquired large amounts of land, as witnessed by Sims Index to Land Grants.

William and Betsy had at least eight children, the first four born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and the others are said by Edson to have been born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania:

John; born 1751-2. Married Miss Robe of Monongalia County, and took up 1,115 acres along Stewarts Run in Grant district. Died of yellow fever in 1795. Had seven children.

Nancy (?Agnes); born c1753. Married Robert Parks and moved to Ross County, Ohio. Also had seven children. Nancy died aged 95.

*Charles; born c1755 and at age 14 came over the mountains with his parents, riding a yearling calf. Married his cousin Jean or Jane Stuart. Laid out lots for town of Middletown, now Stewartstown near Morgantown. Died aged 85.

Robert; born c1761 married Catherine Dunlavy of Mason County, Kentucky 28 June 1795. She died in October c1855. He was associated with Daniel Boone.

Daniel; born Christmas Day 1769. Married Ann Kelso in 1794. Died 9 March 1829 and is buried beside his father. Ann died 26 November 1832. They had three children.

Alexander; believed to be a twin of Daniel. Married Rachel Brown on 1 June 1794. She died in 1835. He then married Cynthia Ann Taylor. He had a total of 19 children. He died 1860 in Smithfield.

Elizabeth; born 1772. Married James Bennett and lived on Cheat River two miles from her father.

They later moved to Ohio. Had nine children. She died 8 November 1813.

Sarah; born 9 June 1774. Married Thomas McKinley in Morgantown. Had 11 children. She died in 1854.

William and Joseph; may have been children of William and Elizabeth, but are not named in a will.

(*our ancestor)

William died 10 February 1811 near Stewartstown and his widow, Elizabeth, died there 8 November 1813. They are buried in the Stewart Cemetery, hidden in the woods on the east side of U.S. Highway 119. His grave is designated by at least three patriotic organizations, bears three bronze markers and an American flag. William's will is on record at Morgantown. *Submitted by Robert Koetting*

ELMER STONE

Elmer Lilly Stone was the son of John and Lucretia Stone of Mason County. He was born near Rockcastle, Mason County, January 28, 1866 and died suddenly in Charleston, WV, January 7, 1928. He was a former member of the Rockcastle E.U.B. Church and was a former member of the Ripley E.U.B. Church and a member of the Weekly Memorial E.U.B. Church at Charleston when he died. As a young man and during his early law practice he was also a lay minister preaching in churches all over Jackson, Mason and Putnam Counties. He studied law under prominent lawyers in the town of Ripley and attended the West Virginia Law School at Morgantown, and was licensed and admitted to practice law in the West Virginia Courts, October 21, 1887. He practiced law in Ripley from 1887 until March 1913, when he moved to Charleston and he practiced law for more than 40 years.

In 1887 he married Dora Miller and they had three children, Ella L. Stone Jones, Elmer Arvil Stone, and Verta D. Stone Blair. On April 4, 1905 he married Jessie Kerwood of Ripley and they had three children, Robert M. Stone, Charles W. Stone, and Lillian Stone Simpson.

Resolutions in memory of Attorney Elmer Stone was prepared by a special committee of the Kanawha County Bar Association and were published in the Charleston and Ripley newspapers. "Resolved that in the death of our brother, Elmer L. Stone, the Kanawha Bar Association has lost one of its brightest and most conscientious members, one of its best trial lawyers and one of the most gallant fighters. This committee takes the opportunity of bearing and offering this tribute of respect to Elmer L. Stone, the able lawyer, the splendid citizen and the Christian Churchman."

Submitted by Betty Sayre

GEORGE STONE

George Stone and his wife, Lucinda Miller Stone and their daughters, Minerva, Sally and Elizabeth left Green County, PA in October 1823 and floated down the Ohio River with all their belongings, two cows, two horses, and household goods, on a raft.

George and Lucinda were married June 23, 1818. George was the son of James and Barbara Garrison Stone. George was born April 17, 1791 and Lucinda was born March 14, 1794. George died March 24, 1855, and Lucinda died July 13, 1862.

George and Lucinda settled two miles below Ripley on Mill Creek, later divided into Mason and Jackson Co. VA. Sons Frederick, John, and Elias were born there. The farm later became the property of Elias, the youngest son.

Daughter Elizabeth was born April 16, 1822. She must have been one and a half yrs. old when they started the trip down the river. According to the dates I found, our great grandfather, Frederick, was born the next year 1823. Brother John was

born 1829 - 1907. He lived near Stevens, Mason Co. He was Howard Stone, of Belpre's; great grandfather. Elias was born 1832. Their descendants became successful businessmen and lawyers.

Our great grandfather, Frederick, was commonly known as "Uncle Fred". He was a county commissioner of Jackson Co. and a charter member of Mt. Moriah Church. He was of a cheerful disposition, always ready for a joke. He looked on the bright side of life, believing good comes from a smile and a kind word for all.

Frederick was married on March 7, 1850 to Elizabeth Harpold. Of this union were born seven children; four sons and three daughters. Uncle Fred and Aunt Lizzie are buried at Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Children are P.M., S.W., C.W. (our grandfather), G.L. Stone, the sons, and daughters Mrs. Melinda Hogsett, Mrs. Lucy Bachtel and Mrs. Jonah Slughter.

Our grandfather C.W., Charles Stone, was united in marriage to Bertha Mae Stewart, daughter of Mary Harpold and Nathan Stewart, on Sept. 18, 1888. Of this union were born two sons, Lloyd N. and our father, Fred D. Stone. They lived on the old homestead down on the run. Grandfather C.W. owned a sawmill and sawed the lumber for the new house on Stone Ridge Road. Sons Lloyd and Fred and a neighbor, B.F. Frey, helped him.

Lloyd Stone married Georgia Lewis, daughter of Stoney Lewis. No children survived.

Lloyd and Fred grew up on the Stone Ridge farm near Ripley, as did their father before them. Fred, our father, was a farmer all his life. He was married to Erma Elizabeth Pringle, Nov. 20, 1924, daughter of James "Bub" Pringle and Cordelia Parsons of Fairplains.



Fred D. and Erma (Pringle) Stone and Breck Conley

Five children were born: James Marion Stone 11-28-1925, Isabelle Elizabeth Sargent 7-18-1928, Bonnie M. Cremeans 3-22-1938, Charles F. Stone 11-20-1939, and Ruth Ann Conley Nutter 3-25-1941.

Fred and Erma left Stone Ridge farm and moved to Ohio in June 1948. Fred died Oct. 27, 1984 and Erma died Oct. 17, 1985. They are both buried at the Torch Baptist Cemetery at Toreh, Ohio.

Isabelle married James Leo Sargent 5-20-1950 at Rock Castle, Jackson Co. They have resided in Ripley for 33 years. Of this union one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Sargent, was born 7-27-1956. Ann married Gary Lee Riggs born 6-26-1956, son of Delmer Clairmont and Dorothy Elizabeth Angus Riggs, 5-20-1975, from Sandyville, Jackson Co. Of this union a son, Gary James 10-21-1975, and a daughter, Carrie Elizabeth 7-3-1977, were born.

Submitted by Ruth Ann Stone

GEORGE AND FRED STONE

George Stone (1792-1855), son of James and Barbara Garrison Stone, was born in Greene County, PA. In 1818, he married Lucinda Miller of Middlesex County, N.J.

In October 1823, George and Lucinda traveled by boat down the Ohio River to the mouth of

Millcreek, Millwood, then Virginia, bringing with them their three daughters, Minerva, Sallie and Elizabeth, two horses, two cows and some household possessions. They settled on a farm two miles west of Ripley, now WV.

George Stone obtained a land grant from Governor David Campbell of Virginia in 1838 for the 90-acre tract of land on the banks of Millcreek, Mason County, now Jackson. George was Justice of the Peace and Sheriff. In those days, the term of office for sheriff was one year.

Their house was log; in subsequent years additions were built. The structure stood until 1970s when torn down because of age and wind damages.

George and Lucinda's first born in that log house and in WV was my great grandfather, Fred (1824-1912). Other children born there were James (1826-1912), John (1829-1861), Elias (1832-1907), Samantha (1835-1921). George had two brothers, Steve and Elias, one sister, Sallie who married John McKown. Many area families are descended from George and Lucinda Stone. Lucinda's only known relative in WV was Betsy Bearmore. Lucinda was reputed to have red hair as do many of her descendants. George and Lucinda are buried in the King Cemetery, Ripley.

George and Lucinda's son, Fred, married Elizabeth Harpold (1833-1906), daughter of Solomon Harpold (1796-1888) and Malinda Shinn Harpold (1801-1869). They had seven children, viz: Malinda (1851-1928) married John Wilson Hogsett; Melissa (1853-1902) married Rey. Jonah Slaughter; Perry Miller (1855-1934) married Ida Dutton; Solomon Wallace (1857-1940) married Hannah Elizabeth Sayre; Lucinda (1860-1944) married first Dr. John M. Dachtel, second John M. Spicer; George (1862-1946) married Prudence Virginia Rhodes; Charles Warner (1866-1926) married Bertha Mae Stewart. Fred and Elizabeth lived on Stone Ridge, Grass Run, 63 years. Stone Ridge Road, southwest of Ripley was so-named because many members of their family had homes there.



House of Fred D. and Erma Stone

Fred Stone was a charter and faithful member of the Mt. Moriah church. Their home was always a home for ministers from all churches. He served in many county offices. He was well known in the county, both religiously and financially. It was said he had a cheerful disposition, always looked on the bright side of life believing in the good that comes from a smile and a kind word to all with whom he came in contact.

Elizabeth died at their Stone Ridge home and six years later, Fred died at his daughter, Lucinda's Fairplain home. Both funerals were conducted in the Mt. Moriah church. They are buried in the church cemetery. *Submitted by Bonnie Stone Cremeans*

HOWARD AND OLIVE STONE

When Howard Stone, son of Cora Robinson and John Cashus Stone of Belpre and Olive Smith married in 1941, it united families whose ancestors had been together since the early 1700s, when their paternal ancestors, Frederick Garrison and

William Miner had adjoining grants in Pennsylvania.

Frederick Garrison's daughter, Barbara, had married James Stone, whose children, Sarah McKown and George Stone settled below Ripley with their families in 1821-23, and are ancestors of many area families. Their son, John, the great-grandfather of Howard, had eighteen children. The last one, Belle Stone Morrison Sayre died in 1886 age 103.

William Miner's granddaughter, Caroline, married Jacob Zearley in 1845 and came to Jackson Co. after living in Iowa. Their children married into the families of Cadles, Hussells, Woodalls and James Smith, the father of Isaac. When his father died, his mother Jane Zearley Smith, married Albert Hussell of Mt. Alto, who had been her dead sister Alice's husband. The cousins became step-brothers and sisters.

Pricy was the daughter of Alely Smith, a descendant of Jenny Wiley of Kentucky history and had been a neighbor of Anse Hatfield before settling in Jackson Co., where she met "Ike." They lived on Long Hollow where Alely, Olive's grandfather and Jim Stone, Howards' grandfather were deacons in the Long Hollow Baptist Church.



Howard and Olive Stone

Howards maternal grandmother, Alice, daughter of James and Rachael Clark Williams was born in Vincennes, Indiana, a descendant of the George Rogers Clark family. The Miner family had built the boats on the Monongahela River for the Clark expedition. "Allie's" father and husband were Civil War veterans. They are buried at Forest Chapel as is her sisters Bertha and Blanche Williams. Blanche had been "Ike's" teacher.

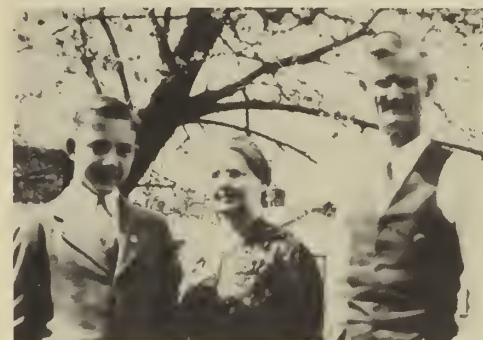
"Allie" Robinson's husband, Allen, had been severely wounded during the war and soon left her with a family to raise. She was the community nurse, herbs; ingenuity and hard work being her aids. Her younger neighbor, Pricy, followed in her footsteps, going at all times anyone was in need. After Allie moved to Belpre with Cash and Cora Stone, they came back to visit. Howard and Olive met on one of these visits when they were twelve and ten years old. Later, when there was no bus and Olive lived with relatives in Parkersburg to attend school, she went to cheer Belpre's star basketball player.

They married in 1941, worked in Philadelphia a while and came back to the "wild and wonderful" to have their first child, Lynn Carson, of Cottageville. Lynn lives near the place her great grandmother Hussell lived. Howard served in the Navy in the South Pacific. After the war, their son Ronald, a barber in Missoula, Montana and Sharon, a teacher at Huntington High, were born. Later a son, Dana, was born. After Howard retired from Union Carbide after thirty years, he and Dana farm quite extensively. Lynn taught school before she married a riverboat Captain, Ralph Carson.

Olive has written for various magazines and newspapers and until her retirement in 1980 was the Recorder of Washington County, Ohio. One of her interests now is family history. *Submitted by Olive Stone*

J.W. STONE

Joseph William Stone, eldest son of George and Elizabeth Ferguson Stone, was born May 2, 1881 near Rockcastle, WVa. From childhood he was affectionally called "Willie" by his family and all who knew him as he grew up. To many he was referred to only by the name all down through his life. In later years by others he was known as "Will". On December 12, 1902, he was married to Minnie M. Hamilton, eldest daughter of Addison and Elizabeth Morrison Hamilton of Flatwoods. She was born March 1, 1884.



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stone and Spencer Rowan, 1943

Most of the first 10 years of their married life was spent in Pennsylvania. In McKeesport he was employed by American Express driving a transfer delivery vehicle pulled by horses. He was also employed by Beaver Valley Traction Company as conductor on street cars, operating in the vicinity of Beaver and Beaver Falls, New Brighton, Rochester and Monaco. One run in particular was crossing the Ohio River on a bridge between Rochester and Monaco, a distance of approximately one mile each way. In the spring of 1911 he bought a farm in the Flatwoods Community from Frank and Belle Hayes. In addition to working on his own farm he also helped neighboring farmers and when Ravenswood and Millwood Docks were built he worked on them also.

While in Columbus during the war years he was security guard at Jaeger Machine Company and later he worked at the Southern Hotel in the maintenance department. Over the years he had worked at carpentry in various cities such as Akron, Marietta, Charleston.



Irene and Bill Stone

The children of Joseph William and Minnie Hamilton Stone are: Effie and Charles C. Rowan, Marie and Virgil Deckerson, Ruby and Ray W. Click, William Arlan and the former Irene Thornton Sayre. Arland graduated from Union High School at Cottageville, class of 1931. Spent 34 months in U.S. Army during World War II. Served in European Theatre of operations as photographer and later supply officer. Discharged in 1945 as Staff Sergeant. After the war he joined the Carpenters Union in Columbus and later became Construction Superintendent for Holland Corporation of Ripley for 17 years.

J. Will Stone died February 23, 1972 of pneumonia and heart attack. His wife, Minnie, died April 30, 1977 of heart attack after a two year stroke. Both died in Jackson General Hospital of Ripley and are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery. The picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Stone and a grandson, Spencer Rowan, in 1943. *Submitted by Effie L. Rowan*

JOHN ARMOR STONE

JOHN ARMOR STONE, the seventh of nine children was born March 4, 1889 in the Community of Mud Run, RFD Ripley, W.Va., in Jackson County. He was the son of George William Stone and Elizabeth Mayfield Ferguson Stone. George William Stone was the son of John Wesley Stone and Elizabeth See Stone, of Jackson County.

John Armor Stone was a farmer, carpenter and barber; his principal occupation was carpenter. He married Ethel Custer, May 18, 1913; Ethel was born Sept. 13, 1893 and died July 9, 1917. Children were Carroll Custer Stone, born Jan. 2, 1914 and died August 1939. Also infant boy died at birth. Ruth Elaine Stone, born June 1, 1917, married Ira Grandel, April 10, 1945, now living in Reeds Spring, Mo.



John and Armor Stone, 1956

John Armor Stone married second time to Myrtle Belle Haynes of Sandyville, W.Va., Ravenswood area, on April 16, 1919. They lived for a short time after marriage in Akron, Ohio. Children from this union were nine boys, as follows:

1. and 2. Twin boys, born prematurely — died approx. two weeks.

3. SHIRLEY ARMOR, born 6 April 1921 at Harrisonville, Ohio (Meigs Co.), married Marguerite Christine Morgenstern, 19 Nov. 1948 — now living in Whitehall (Columbus) Ohio.

4. GEORGE VERNON, born 19 Oct. 1922, near Ravenswood, W.Va., married Doris Walters, 1 Jan. 1947 — now living near Johnstown, Ohio.

5. CHARLES WARREN, born 19 Oct. 1922, near Ravenswood, W.Va., married Mary Elizabeth Steele 25 June 1945 — now living near Pataskala, Ohio.

6. JOHN RUSSEL, born 23 July 1925, near Ravenswood, W.Va., married Naomi Marie Coe Arnold, 4 Nov. 1948 — lived near Eno, Ohio — Bidwell RD #1, in Gallia County. John Russell died July 1, 1988.

7. ROBERT ERNEST, born 31 Oct. 1927, near Ravenswood, W.Va., married Margaret Ann Galbreath, 6 Aug. 1948. Now living in Columbus, Ohio.

8. ROY CLIFFORD, born 23 Feb. 1930, near Langsville, Ohio (Meigs Co.), married JoAnn Grover — now living in Columbus, Ohio.

9. REX MANFORD, born 19 April 1931, near Langsville, Ohio (Meigs Co.), married Betty Varney Mahan, 6 April 1959 — now living at New Albany, Ohio.

JOHN ARMOR STONE had six sisters and two brothers, as follows:

1. Arilla Belle, born 16 Sept. 1875, married Rev. John Blagg, lived in Cottageville, W.Va.

2. Irene Grace, born 5 Aug. 1877, married

Cunningham or Little?

3. Mary Ethel, born 18 June 1879, married Hugh Hamilton, died 23 June 1965.

4. Joseph William, born 2 May 1881, married Minnie Hamilton, died 23 Feb. 1973. Minnie was sister of Hugh Hamilton.

5. Minnie Vaudon, born 2 Sept. 1884.

6. Lenora Elizabeth, born 1 July 1886, married Floyd M. Coe, died 1962.

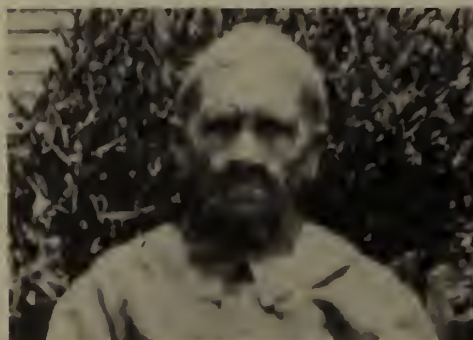
7. Ida Vernon, born 7 May 1892, married David M. Faren, died 18 March 1937.

8. Oren Blaine, born 4 July 1894, married Lula Kieffer, married second Lana Warfield.

John Armor and Myrtle Belle Stone moved to Meigs County, Ohio, near Langsville, about the summer of 1928. They lived in Meigs and Gallia Counties the rest of their lives. From 1942 until 1972 they lived near Eno, in Gallia County, Route #1, Bidwell, Ohio. He farmed and did carpenter work. Myrtle Belle Stone died Jan. 24, 1966 and John Armor Stone died August 3, 1972. Myrtle Belle, daughter of George W. Haynes and Elizabeth Kibble Haynes, was born Aug. 14, 1887 in Jackson Co., near Ravenswood, W.Va. *Submitted by Shirley A. Stone*

HARRIET HUGHES STOVER

Harriet Ann (Hughes) Stover was born December 22, 1839 — died August 6, 1930, the first daughter of Job Hughes, Junior and Ann King, she married Silvanus Harper Stover, known as Saul, born December 24, 1838 — died June 16, 1922, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, son of John J. and Catherine (Hartman) Stover, Harriet's marriage was at the home of her brother, Jeremiah Hughes. Harriet and Saul were the parents of William Floyd, Mary Ellen, Anna Agnes, Elisha Dunham, Arilla A., Jerry Bert, Lavina Bell, Audrey, Doshia and Minnie.



Harriet (Hughes) Stover

Elisha Dunham Stover, born February 22, 1868 — died December 28, 1941. Elisha first married Rosa A. Parsons March 13, 1890, the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Bennett) Parsons. To the marriage of Elisha and Rosa, a son Orville Thomas Stover, was born August 29, 1890 — died June 6, 1967. Rosa died in 1891.

Elisha then married Lillie Mac Casto, October 5, 1892, daughter of Mason and Emmeretta (Bennett) Casto. Elisha and Lillie had the following children: Early Lee, died when he was two; Rosa Mae, died an infant; Bertha Otis, born November 11, 1895; Mason Selva, born February 16, 1898; Cecil Silvanus, born June 25, 1900; Frances Belle, born March 20, 1902; George Velta, born September 24, 1904; Leonard Otmar, born January 17, 1907; Hazel Edith, born August 1, 1909; Velva Florence, born November 11, 1911; William Wallace, born February 16, 1914, and Focia Leona, born March 2, 1917.

Bertha Otis Stover, married Earl Roush Robinson, born January 4, 1885 — died July 25, 1966; they were married at the Cottageville Methodist Parsonage by Rev. Charles A. Powers, May 6, 1917. Earl ran a ferry at Apple Grove, Ohio; he

sold the ferry and farmed extensively until his retirement in the early '60s. Six children were born to Bertha and Earl.

Mabel, married Herbert "Pete" Shields and had a daughter, Marlene. Clara Mae the second daughter married Clarence "Jack" Sargent and has two children, Jacqueline Ann and Richard Earl.

The third child, Raymond, married Carolyn Rouse and had three children: Gloria, Gary and Raymond, Junior.

The next son, Edward, married Marjorie Boyd and has one son George.

The fifth child, Howard Cecil, born November 19, 1930, was married to Eleanora Powell, and had three sons, Carl, Raymond and Bryan. Carl, his wife, Carolyn Manuel and daughter, Mikki, live in Racine, Ohio. Raymond was killed instantly in an auto accident August 28, 1988. Bryan, his wife Annie Capone, and their sons Bryan, Junior and Mark Christopher live in New York. Howard is married to Gwendolyn Hughes, and resides outside Ripley.

The sixth child, William, of Pomeroy, Ohio, married Gaylene Wright and had seven children.

Earl is buried in Letart Falls Cemetery, Ohio and Bertha is in Veterans Memorial Hospital, extended care, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Harriet, Saul, Elisha, Rosa and Lillie Stover, are buried in the Cossin-Stover Cemetery, located off Route 87, beyond the Creston Church, on a farm where Allen Cossin settled in 1848. *Submitted by Howard C. Robinson*

WALLACE AND LORENE STOVER

Wallace Leroy Stover, son of Elliot (Bud) and Clarissa Beane Stover of Putnam County, married Lorene Lona Barnette, daughter of Camden and Birty Pickens Barnette, on December 17, 1938. They were dairy and beef farmers in the southern end of Jackson County at Kenna for many years.



Lorene and Wallace Stover

Wallace and Lorene had eight children. Robert E. born September, 1940, married Joyce Philbrick and had two children, Kim and Adam. Patty Sue born January, 1942, married Richard Stone and had three girls, Tammy, Tonja, and Tara. Sandra Jane born April, 1943, married Bernard Bailey and had two girls, Carla and Mitzi. Stephen Wallace born April, 1944, married Linda Munday and had two girls, Courtney and Ashley. Charles Stanley born March, 1946, married Helen Rowley and had one daughter, Jennifer. James Lee born May, 1947, married Debbie Gandee and had one girl and one boy, Leann and Jamie. Darlena (Dottie) born May, 1949, married Gary Landis and had three sons, Brandon, Clifton and Jason. Cathy Diane born March, 1951, married Mike Rodes and had one boy and one girl, Eric and Erin.

Mrs. Stover was in the retail fabric business in Jackson County for almost 20 years as well as operating a Christmas tree farm at Kenna on Pleasant Valley Road. Both businesses were supported by her children, working in the fabric shop and planting, trimming and aiding in the harvest



Lorene (Barnett) Stover

of the Christmas trees. The Stover farm is part of the A.B. and Jessie Board Corbin farm. Mr. and Mrs. Corbin were Wallace Stover's foster parents.

Wallace Stover died July 23, 1988. Submitted by Lorene Stover

STROBBE

A.M. "Buck" Strobbe (June 9, 1922 -) and his wife Ethel Clare Witts (September 25, 1928 -) moved from Billings, Montana to Cow Run Road near Cottageville in March of 1957. He initially worked on the construction crew that was building the new Kaiser Plant and later transferred to the work force at Kaiser as an electrician. Buck, who received his nickname as a brahma bull rider in college at Montana State, moved his family to the Ravenswood area after about two years on Cow Run Road and lived along route two near the Wood County line prior to buying the old Sky Jack Evans Farm on Skull Run Road. Buck retired from Kaiser on April 30, 1983 with 25 and a half years of service: they sold their farm and purchased a residence in Evergreen Hills. Ethel was an active homemaker who served as Vice President of the Jackson County Easter Seal Society in the 1960s, owned and operated Strobbe Kennels on Skull Run in the 1960s and '70s and also does volunteer work for the Jackson County Hospital Auxiliary. Their children are: 1. Robert J. Strobbe, 2. Thomas G. Strobbe, 3. Diana S. Strobbe, and 4. Connie L. Strobbe.

1. Robert James Strobbe (November 29, 1948 -) married Marilyn June James (November 20, 1951 -) on June 12, 1971 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ravenswood. Robert graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1967, the U.S. Naval Academy on June 9, 1971 and also received a Masters Degree from George Washington University in 1979. After seven years active service, he returned to West Virginia where he joined the West Virginia State Police. He is currently a sergeant in that organization and a Commander in the Naval Reserve where he has been commanding officer of several reserve units in the Parkersburg/South Charleston areas. Marilyn graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1969 and is an active homemaker. Their children are: Katherine Marie Strobbe (June 10, 1975 -) and Michael David Strobbe (May 12, 1978 -).

2. Thomas George Strobbe (September 12, 1952 -) married Judy Carol Evans (June 9, 1955 -) on February 14, 1975 at the Ravenswood Church of Christ. Tom graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1971 and joined the Air Force. During his Air Force career, he and his family have been stationed at Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio, Grissom AFB, Indiana, Andrews AFB, Guam, and Pease AFB, New Hampshire. Judy graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1973 and has been employed at various base stores. She is also active in the Church of Christ. Their children are Danny Lee Strobbe (August 27, 1975 -) and Melissa Lynn Strobbe (October 9, 1977 -).

3. Diana Sue Strobbe (December 9, 1956 -) married Stanley Carrol Davis (February 28,

1959 -) on September 29, 1979 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ravenswood. Diana graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1975 and received an Associate Degree in Forestry from Glenville State College in 1978. She enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1978 as a Veterinarian Assistant where she was stationed at Fort Eustis, Va. Stanley attended William Byrd High School in Vinton Va. He joined the U.S. Army in 1977 and was stationed at Fort Eustis, Va. In 1980 he left the service and was employed by Pepsi Cola as a route salesman in Newport News, VA. In 1982 Diana left the service and the family moved to Lynchburg, Va. where Stan was employed by Frito Lay as a route salesman. Their children are: Jason Scott Davis (June 8, 1983 -) and Shawn Stanley Davis (July 5, 1985 -).

4. Connie Lynn Strobbe (March 31, 1959 -) married Carter James de Werd (November 28, 1958 -) on March 10, 1984 at the Wright Patterson AFB Chapel. Connie graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1977 and received a BS Degree in Environmental Science from Davis and Elkins College in 1981. In 1982 she was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force and received a Masters Degree in Logistics from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1983. In 1986 she left the service and was employed by the Environmental Department at Wright Patterson AFB as an Environmental Specialist. Carter graduated from Cathedral High School in New Ulm, Minnesota in 1977 and received a BS degree in Math/Computer Science from Saint John University, Collegeville, MN in 1981. In 1982 he was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force where he received a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Submitted by A.M. Strobbe and Robert J. Strobbe

EVERETT AND IDA (KELBAUGH) SULLIVAN

Alvy Sullivan (1864 -1926), father of Everett, was born in Noble County, Ohio, son of Hezekiah and Mary Ann (Neptune) Sullivan. The Sullivans moved to Jackson County and settled near Pleasant Ridge. The family came down with a disease that wiped out the entire family except for Alvy. He escaped this ordeal because he was away working. Family tradition says that the house and bodies were burned. Alvy married, first, Laverne Freshour, Dec. 27, 1879, in Jackson County. They had two sons: Everett and Ernest. Alvy married, second, Emma Matheny, Oct. 17, 1884, in Jackson County. Alvy and Emma are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. They had 12 children: Mary, Elsie, Florence, Clarence, Mae, Walter, William, Perry, Bessie, Harry, Ray and Henry. All are deceased except Henry, Perry and Ray.



Everett and Ida Sullivan

Everett Sullivan (1880-1974) married Ida Kelbaugh (1882-1950), daughter of John and Mary (VanFosson) Kelbaugh. Everett and Ida lived on a farm on Lockhart's Fork that originally belonged to Ida's parents. They had six children: Vicky (deceased), Willis (deceased), Zona (deceased), Lora, Dana and Earl.

Vicky Sullivan married Clarence Sullivan (deceased) and lived on Lockhart's Fork. Their children: Ada, Hazel, Orville, Glen and Inez. Ada married Frank Peck and had three children, Lewis, Gary and Wayne. Hazel (deceased) never married. Orville married Helen Bower. They have one son, Warren, who has two sons, Eric and Shawn. Glen married Francis Bell and has two children, Dolly and Clair. Dolly married Robert Cooper and they have two children, Miranda and Robert Jr. Inez married a Haney. Their children: Katie (deceased), Becky, Susie, Elizabeth, Donnie and Matthew.

Willis Sullivan married Orpha Cayton and lived at Sandyville. Orpha continues to reside there. Their children: Lawrence (deceased), Leona and Harold. Leona married Donald Wood and has two children, Beverly and Karen. Beverly married John McCoy. Karen married Jack Alford and has two children, Anson and Ashley. Harold married Lucy Andrick and has three children, Nancy, Sandra and Ginny. Nancy married Dewayne Hite and has a daughter, Summer. Sandra married Jeff Soward and has three children, Gina, Jacob and Ian. Ginny married Steve Spoor.

Zona Sullivan married Charlie Burton and lived along Route 21 near the Jackson-Wirt County line. Their children: Roland, Lee, Gladys, Wayne, Evelyn, Faye and Jean. Roland married Janet Kooztz and has four children, Rodney, Jamie, Lucinda and Jeff. Rodney married Sue Amos and has two children, Andrea and Michael. Jamie married Dee Martin and has two children, Amanda and Billy. Lucinda married Doug Fought and has two children, Heather and Holly. Jeff married Paula Spencer. Lee married Elizabeth Lockhart and has three children, Joe, Danny and Frank. Joe is married to Lois Full and has three children, Shawna, Courtney and Aaron. Danny married Linda Jones and has two children, Jodie and Adam. Frank married Brenda Spencer and has a daughter, Rachel. Gladys married Clyde VanDyke and has four children, Charles, Kaye, Kathy and Karen. Charles married Debbie Murray and has two children, Jason and Natalie. Kaye was married to David White and has two children, Julie and Sarah. Kathy married Patrick Varney and has two children, Angela and Breanna. Karen married John Willis and has two children, James and Chris. Wayne married Diana Broughton and has four children, Michael, Teresa, Carolyn and Marilyn. Michael married Helen Moss and has a son, Michael. Teresa married Jeff Mullenix and has two children, Ben Stacy and Matthew. Carolyn married Max Campbell. Marilyn married Randy Reeves and has one son, Joshua. Evelyn married Jerry Eaton and has two children, Anita and Michelle. Anita married Kevin Dawson. Faye married Butch Whitecotton. Their son, Butch, is married and has two children. Faye married, second, Terry Markley and they have a daughter, Lisa. Jean married Holly Patterson and has a son, Charles. Charles married Lora Fitzpatrick and has one child, Lindsay.

Dana Sullivan married Ina Culver and lives on Lockhart's Fork. They have one son, Lewis. Lewis married Barbara Sheppard and has three children, David, Vera and Carla. David is married to Sherri Temple. Vera married Chris Nowery and has two children, Rachel and Amanda.

Lora Sullivan married Donald Enoch and lived on Lockhart's Fork. Their children: Floyd, Frank and Elizabeth. Floyd married Sandra Miller and has three children, Keith, Gary and Brian. Keith married Elcanor Fonzi and has a daughter, Stephanie. Gary married Barbara Myers. Frank (deceased) married Alica Knapp and had two children, Eddie and Melody. After Frank's death, Alice married Al Kyer. Eddie married Pamela Baker and has two children, Elaine and Zachary. Melody married Jeff Matheny. Elizabeth married Carroll Bonnett and has two children, Robbic and Tina.

After Donald Enoch died, Lora married George Wiseman (deceased). They lived at Rockport, WV and later moved to Parkersburg, WV where Lora continues to reside.

Earl married Eileen Tolley and lives at Big Bend in Calhoan County, WV. Their children, Tom, Pat and Jim. Tom married Sandra Dawson and has two daughters, Lisa and Anne. Pat married Glen Mowery and has two sons, Matthew and Jeremy. Jim married Coleen Liltzinger and has two children, Michael and Susan. *Submitted by Lewis Sullivan and Carla Sullivan*

HANSFORD "HANK" SUMMERS

I was named Hansford Iven Summers shortly after birth, but this soon became Hank and has remained so all my life. I was born 1 June 1932 at Witcher Creek, Kanawha County, West Virginia, a son of Leftridge Romeo "Leff. or L.R." Summers and Ida Virginia Jordan, a grandson of Robert St. Clair Summers and Aletha "Letha" Haynes, a great-grandson of Andrew Jackson Summers and Marietta L. Tilford, and John Wesley Haynes and Sarah Jones on my paternal side, a grandson of William Wilson Jordan and Cynthia Jane Parsons, a great-grandson of William Jordan and Julianne Gilliam and James Ervin "Erv" Parsons and Sarah M. Harper on my maternal side. One of my third great-grandfathers, Martin Hammack, owned one of the first lots located in the town of Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia.

My father, Leftridge Romeo Summers, was born 11 March, 1889 at Cicerone, Roane County, West Virginia and died 25 October, 1936; married Ida Virginia Jordan 29 August, 1909 at Advent, Jackson County, West Virginia. Ida Virginia Jordan was born 24 October, 1893 at Advent, Jackson County, West Virginia and died 12 October, 1938. Both died at Witcher Creek, Kanawha County, West Virginia and are buried in the Jordan Cemetery at Advent, Jackson County, West Virginia, along with one of their daughters, Audra Summers, who died young, and one of their sons, Eugene Odare Summers, who died while home from the U.S. Air Force on furlough in an auto accident at Kenna, West Virginia, in May 1951. Also buried in the Jordan Cemetery at Advent is William Wilson, "Uncle Billy" Jordan and Cynthia Jane "Aunt Cynt" (Parsons) Jordan, William and Julianne (Gilliam) Jordan, James Ervin "Erv" and Sarah M. (Harper) Parsons as well as numerous relatives and close acquaintances.

I was the youngest of the nine children of Leff. and Ida Virginia (Jordan) Summers of which only three boys and one girl are still living at this time (1989): 1 — Faris Ray Summers lives on Staten Island, New York, N.Y. 2 — Camden Stafford Summers lives at Claycomo, Missouri, 3 — and myself, Hank Summers, who lives at Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington. The only living daughter is Junie Geraldine (Summers) Elliott, who lives in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington.

While I was born in Kanawha County, West Virginia, after the death of my parents, I was raised by my grandparents who lived first at Advent, then at Sidneyville, and later, on Klondyke Road, Ripley, Jackson County, West Virginia. I attended White Oak School, Roosevelt School on First Creek, Sidneyville School at Sidneyville, Ripley Grade School and Ripley High School all in Jackson County, Chelyan Junior High School in Kanawha County, West Virginia, and McKee Vocational and Technical School in St. George, Staten Island, New York, N.Y. At the end of my sophomore year at Ripley High School, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and during the Korean "Police Action," I transhipped to Japan along with the 92nd Bomb Group of which I was a member. At the end of the Korean conflict I was transferred to Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kansas, where I served out my enlist-



Hank and Joyce (Davis) Summers

ment and extension, and where I was honorably discharged the 18 December, 1952. After my discharge from the U.S. Air Force, I married Joyce Marie Davis in the West Side Christian Church, Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. We became the proud parents of four children, three boys and one girl. Our first child, Kevin Dale Summers, was born 21 Nov. 1953 in Kansas City, Missouri. Our second child, Lance Leon Summers, was born 23 December 1954 in Topeka, Kansas. Our third son, Randy Lee Summers, was born 10 August 1956, in Wichita, Kansas. Our fourth child, a daughter, Tobin Gail Summers, was born 23 January, 1961, at San Jose, Santa Clara County, California. We are also the proud grandparents of a grandson, Scott Anthony Summers, and a granddaughter Mishell Evon Summers, children of Lance Leon and Kathy Darlene (Sparks) Summers. *Submitted by Hank Summers*

JOHN SWAIN

John Swain, son of Samuel and Mary (Newman) Swain, was born in June 1855 in Jackson Co., W. Va. He had two brothers, Newman "Jack," born 1843 and Samuel Jr., born 1852. There were two sisters, Julia Ann, born 1845, and Emmaline, born 1847. John also had three half-brothers, William, Thomas and James. These three and Newman, "Jack," served in the Union Army during the Civil War.



John Swain

John, a farmer and cooper by trade, was married to Talitha Cumi Milhoan in Meigs Co., Ohio at the home of Thomas Swain in May 1876, by Squire Holly. She was the daughter of George and Rebecca Ann (Paseo) Milhoan. They had a home on Jesse's Run and there they raised eight children. They were members of the Christian Church on Milhoan Ridge and John was often asked to preach the sermon for the day.

Their first child, Mary Belle, was born May 1877. She married Charles Turner Pilchard, son of Lewis Henry and Margaret (Petty) Pilchard. The Pilchard's had four sons — Chalmers Clayton, Alban Darrel, Lloyd Gideon and Gilford. Mary Belle died in 1928 in their home near her parents.

Anna Rebecca was born to John and Talitha in Dec. 1879. She married Robert Roliff Morehouse,

son of William Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Roliff) Morehouse in 1902 and died Nov. 1959. The Morehouses had four children — Olen Dale, Oklan Jarrell, Darius Verl and Ina Lenora.

Ethel Amanda was born Mar. 1884. She married Macom Mills, son of James and Margaret (Phillips) Mills in 1903 and died Nov. 1966 in their home on Dutch Ridge. They had moved there after the 1913 flood and were active members of the Mt. Zion Church. They had two sons — Ira and Clarence.

Icia Lena, born July 1890, married John Henry Jordan, son of Sanford and Mary (Smith) Jordan in Parkersburg in July 1912. Their daughter, Opal Clarastine, was born in the home of Icia's parents. Their son, Ray Denzil, was born in Akron, Ohio. From Akron, Icia moved back to Parkersburg, W. Va. after the death of her husband, but died in Marietta, Ohio in 1977. Both are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Barberton, Ohio.

Harley Ernest, born July 1892, married Esta Ellen Dailey, daughter of Zachariah Sumpter and Sarah Jane (Sloan) Dailey in Dec. 1917. They made their home in Parkersburg. Three children were born to them — Glenna Irene, Euna Gladine and Robert Ernest. After Esta's death, Ernest married Rebecca (Miller) Bowser. He died in Aug. 1977 in his home in Belpre, Ohio.

Bernard Oscar was born Aug. 1894 and married Margaret McCauley in Oct. 1939. No children were born to them. He died in Marietta, Ohio in Sept. 1972.

Richard Orville, born Aug. 1896, married Jessie Wigal in Sept. 1919. Their home was near Belleville (Wood), W. Va., but they moved to Parkersburg soon after the birth of their daughter Nina. His second wife was Freda Marie Great-house.

Oma Elfie, born May 1900, married Fred Dixon Smith, son of Barney Beckwith and Lilly (King) Smith. They were married in Feb. 1920 after he returned to Topins Grove, having served in the Army Signal Corp, during WW I. They lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma while he received training in the use of the new x-ray machines. After a few years they moved back to a home they had built, near Lubeck, W. Va. Afterwards, he was employed in the x-ray department of the Camden-Clark Hospital in Parkersburg until his retirement. Several years after her husband, Fred, died, Oma married Pratt Smith and moved back to Parkersburg.

John and Talitha are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Mary Belle, Anna Rebecca, Ethel Amanda and Bernard are also buried there. Harley Ernest is buried with his wife in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Parkersburg and Richard is buried in Lubeck Cemetery (Wood), W. Va. *Submitted by Opal (Jordan) Meyers*

ROGER SWAIN

Samuel Swain I was born in 1773 in Leicestershire County, England. He and Jane Hardy (b. 1777) were married April 9, 1798. They had five children, James (b. 1800), Sarah (b. 1802), Jane (b. 1804), Samuel II (b. 1807), Michael (b. 1811).

Samuel II is believed to have married Sarah Ann Riggs. There were three children from this marriage, William (b. October 3, 1829) married Deborah Smith January 15, 1853 and lived on Lee Creek, Wood County, Virginia. Thomas (b. September 17, 1832) married Charlotte Smith in Mason County, Virginia. They later moved to Paris, Illinois. James (b. 1883) at sea (Jackson County records) married Martha Eliz Mills on March 2, 1857. They lived on Jesse's Run, Jackson County. Samuel II came to the United States as a young man, presumably in 1833 since James was born at sea in that year. Sarah died before 1838, but no record has been found of her death.

The year of 1838 was very eventful for Samuel:



Samuel and Mary Newman Swain

on April 17, 1838 he married Mary Newman and on May 5, 1838 he became a citizen of the United States in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Family tradition that has been passed down through generations say that Samuel II and his brothers were sailors and they owned and operated ships on the Atlantic Ocean. Between 1838-1843 Samuel and Mary moved to Jackson County, Virginia and settled on Milhoan Ridge and Jesse's Run. They had six children, Newman S. (b. 1843) married Indinia Dernberger February 22, 1864. Indinia died December 10, 1864. Newman married LeAnna Petty (b. March 6, 1847) on July 5, 1866; after LeAnna's death in 1893, he married Amanda Pickering July 4, 1894. They all lived at Lone Cedar, Jackson County. Julia Ann (b. 1845) married George Dernberger May 8, 1865. Emmaline (b. 1847) married Alonzo Smith January 3, 1868. Samuel II (b. 1852) married Agnes Parks March 30, 1873. Later he married Deborah Mills on February 10, 1895. They lived at Lone Cedar, Jackson County. John (b. 1855) married Talitha Cumi Milhoan on August 5, 1876. John and Talitha lived on Jesse's Run on his father's farm. Charles W. was born July 15, 1858. Samuel II died May 11, 1886 and is buried in the Milhoan Ridge Cemetery. We think Mary is buried there also. Charles W. is also buried in this cemetery next to his dad.

Newman S. Swain is my great-great-grandfather. He was born in 1843. By family legend he was quite a character. He fought in the Civil War along with his three older brothers, William, Thomas, and James for the 13th West Virginia Regiment. He was married three times — to Indinia Dernberger, LeAnna Petty and Amanda Pickering. He had one son, Newman M. Swain (b. April 30, 1862) whose mother is unknown. Newman S. married LeAnna Petty in Pomeroy, Ohio. They had six children, Marvin (b. June 15, 1867) married Mary Jane Mills September 15, 1889. Charles (b. 1870), he died October 26, 1888. He was killed by a train at Lone Cedar, West Virginia. Mary Drusilla (b. May 15, 1872) married Cassibianca Kimes. Francis N. (b. 1875) married Charles Boso. Sarah Eliz (b. April 27, 1877) married Alfred Logston. Josie May (b. May 13, 1881) married Ed Anthony. LeAnna Swain died October 27, 1893 and is buried in the Milhoan Ridge Cemetery. Newman married Amanda Pickering July 4, 1894. They had one son, William (b. May 30, 1895), who married Tressa Coleman. Newman and Amanda moved to Long Bottom, Ohio and lived the rest of their lives there. Newman died in 1926 and Amanda died in 1938. They are both buried in the Sand Hill Cemetery, Reedsville, Ohio.

Marvin Presley Swain and Mary Jane Mills Swain had five children: Jennie Belle (b. March 28, 1891) married Caleb Alonzo Smith April 3, 1910. Grace Thistle (b. May 24, 1893) married William Hall. Later she married Charles Burdine. They lived in Denver, Colorado. James Monroe (b. February 7, 1897) married Ruby Stankey. He worked on the locks on the Ohio River at Belleville, WV. Charles Everett (b. December 26, 1898), died in a drowning accident June 27, 1906.

Walter Eldon (b. December 21, 1906) married Mary Leota Moore August 16, 1932. Marvin died November 1, 1916 and is buried in the Swain family cemetery, Milhoan Ridge, Jackson County. Mary Jane later married Frank Watkins. She died August 31, 1954 and is buried in the Swain Cemetery.

Walter Eldon Swain was born prematurely. His older brother was killed in a drowning accident earlier in that year and the stress was very hard for his mother. When he was born they put jars of warm water around him to keep him warm enough. Walter married Mary Leota Moore (b. October 23, 1912) and they had five children: Regina Ernstine (b. November 24, 1932) married Donald Ahart April 24, 1951 and lives in Belpre, Ohio. Lulah Belle (b. February 26, 1935) married Hod Milhoan Jr. August 14, 1952. They were later divorced. Belle lives in Ravenswood. Roy Glen (b. April 24, 1938) married Joyce Fields. Later they divorced. Roy lives in Murraysville, WV. Barbara Lee (b. December 21, 1943) married Clarence Easter April 28, 1962. Barbara and her family live near Belpre, Ohio. Roger Dean (b. May 28, 1950) married Arma Mae Morrison. Walter worked most of his life for the West Virginia Department of Highways. He died August 22, 1984 and is buried in the Howell Cemetery on Milhoan Ridge, Jackson County.

Roger Dean Swain and Arma Mae Morrison (b. September 6, 1952) were married in the old Milhoan Ridge Church on May 11, 1973. We lived on New England Ridge in Wood County for eleven and one-half years. We moved to Jackson County on Milhoan Ridge in September 1984. Roger and Arma have three children: Wesley S. (b. December 10, 1973), Darcy R. (b. May 21, 1976), Holly D. (b. July 22 1981). Our family lives on a small farm Roger purchased in 1969. This farm is not far from the original Swain farm. Roger works for Kardex Systems in Marietta, Ohio and Arma is a full-time wife and mother. We are members of the Church of Christ and attend services at the Hopewell Church of Christ at New England, WV. Our family has many interests. Some of these are, baseball, horses, running, 4-H, homemakers club, reading and refurbishing furniture. Submitted by Roger Dean Swain and Lulah Belle Milhoan

TACKETT (TACQUETT)

In the 1500s many thousands of French Huguenots fled from France to England.

The name of "Tacquett" is listed among the members of the Church of England in 1589. The exact date the Tacquets arrived in the United States is unknown. The first record of a Tacquett was Lewis Tacquett in Virginia in 1711. Shortly thereafter in the records, the name is spelled Tackett. The name of John Tackett appears often with Lewis and was probably a brother. Many traces of their presence are still in existence. For example, "Tacquett's Ford" and "Tackett's Mill" in Stafford County, Virginia.

Lewis Tackett (born 1730) with brother Christopher, came to the area of present day St. Albans in the 1780s. Lewis and Christopher are believed to be grandsons of Lewis or John Tacquett. Since both Lewis (1730) and Christopher (appears as Christian in some records) named their first-born sons John, it is believed their father's name was John.

Lewis and Christopher Tackett built a fort at the mouth of Coal River that they named "Tackett's Fort." The fort was a double log cabin enclosed by a strong stockade. In March 1790, Mrs. Lewis Tackett (Mary) and grown son Lewis Jr. (1765-1865) were captured by Indians while some distance from the fort. Their release was obtained in August. On the 26th day of August, Lewis Tackett Sr. and Charles Young left the fort and traveled down the Kanawha to bring Mary Tackett and son, Lewis Jr., home.

Several families had built cabins at a distance from the fort since it had been some time since Indians had been sighted. However, on August 27, 1790, in Lewis Tackett Sr.'s absence, Fort Tackett was attacked by Indians and burned. Christopher Tackett and several children were tomahawked before they could reach the inside of the fort. Others inside of the fort surrendered. John McElhany, his mother and wife, Hannah Tackett (wife of Christopher), Betsy Tackett, Samuel Tackett, Samuel McElhany and Mary Townsend were all taken as captives. At a distance from the fort in their cabins on the Coal River, were Robert McElhany and son, Robert, Thomas Allsbury, John Young and wife, Keziah Tackett Young (daughter of Lewis Tackett Sr.), and one-day old baby, Jacob Young. Fearing the Indians would return before dark, John Young carried his wife and day-old son to a canoe and set off upstream for Clendenin's Station (Fort Lee — later Charleston), a distance of some twelve miles. Soon after dark a thunderstorm came up and it was a long wet night for the Youngs in a canoe on the swollen river.

Jacob Young, the first white child born in the Kanawha Valley, lived into his nineties and left many descendants. Lewis Sr. and Mary Tackett both lived to be over 100 years old, living out their days with daughter, Keziah Tackett Young and family in Kanawha County. Lewis and Mary Tackett were buried in the Young graveyard overlooking Young's Bottom on the west side of the Elk River. Their children were: John; Lewis Jr.; Keziah; Elizabeth; Samuel; Mary (Polly); and Fannie. Lewis Jr. lived to 99 years 10 months.

John Tackett, eldest son of Lewis Sr. married Joanna Coalton (Castale) (August 1796). Their children were: John Jr., Francis and Sarah. John Jr. (also listed as James) married Martha Holly. Children were: Perry, Charles Lewis (born 1854), Sarah Ann, Joseph Francis. His second marriage was to Cynthia Alford. Children were: Toliver and a daughter (name unknown).



Charles Lewis and Susan (Paul) Tackett

Charles Lewis, son of John Jr. (James) married Susan Paul on June 18, 1876. Their children were Sarah A. (?), William A., Virgie G., Everett L., R. Ward, and Opie Clarence (born December 1897).

Opie Clarence married Ada Mitchell in May 1919. Their children are: Harold Guy and Rondle Lewis Tackett.

Rondle Lewis married Wandell Sadie Tiller (1925-1982). Their children are: Ronnie Lea (1947 -), Opie Lewis (1948 -), Stanley Richard (1950 -), and John Kennedy (1963 -). Second marriage: Rondle Lewis to Betty Redifer. No children.

Ronnie Lea married Richard Newman. Children: Terri Lea (1969 -). Second marriage: Ronnie (Tackett) Newman to Floyd Rollins. Step-children: Dell, Alan. Children: Bradley (1982 -).

Opie Lewis married Deborah Hartley. Their children: Ryan Lewis (1974 -) and Tanya Nicole (1977 -). Second marriage: Opie Lewis to Connie Webb. Children: Ashley Louise (1982 -).

Stanley Richard married Bernice —. Children: Christopher Lewis (1972 -).

John Kennedy married Angie Carr. Step-child:

Joshua (1977 -). Children: Nicole (1984 -).

In every generation of Tacketts there has always been a son to carry the name of Lewis as either a first or middle name. We are the great-great-great-great-great-grandchildren of Lewis Tackett Sr.

Submitted by Ryan Lewis Tackett and Tanya Nicole Tackett

ALLEN TAYLOR

Frank Balser married Sarah Dragoo. Their children are: Clarence, Virgil, Henry, Marshall, Blanch, Margaret, Jessie, Mary and Iona.

Iona married Albert Casto. They had two daughters. Albert is buried at Ludwick Cemetery, Jackson County, WV. Iona later married George Rhodes. They are both buried in Jackson County, WV.

1. Cecil Mae married Jess Balser, no children. She is buried in Sedalia, Missouri. He is buried in Jackson County.
 2. Velma Lee married *Allen Taylor*. He is deceased and buried in Meigs Memory Gardens, Pomeroy, OH.
 - a. Georgia Pauline married Warren Rose and resides at Racine, OH.
 - 1) Chester Ray married Maxine Weaver. Three children: Brent, Jeff, and Tara. Resides at Racine, OH.
 - 2) Ralph Edward married Ann Boggess. Children: Lisa Ann and Leslie Edward. They divorced. Ralph married Christy Dailey. Children: Susan Dawn and Ralph Edward, Jr. They divorced. Ralph resides at Racine, OH.
 - 3) Edith Annette married Robert Ours. One son, Scott Allen. They divorced. She then married Benwood Bickers. One son, Marvin Edward Paul. They divorced and she is now married to Larry Hubbard and lives at Racine, OH.
 - 4) Paul Kenneth married Cynthia Brink. Children: Jeannette Marie and Theresa Dawn. Resides at Mitchelville, MD.
 - b. Francis Leo married Linnie Smith, resides at Racine, OH.
 - 1) Rosalie Mac, married. Has two children. Resides Reedsville, OH.
 - 2) Gloria Jean, married and divorced. In U.S. Navy.
 - 3) Robert married. Two children. Resides Racine, OH.
 - 4) Jan Eric is at home.
 - c. Blondea Mae married Frank Hudson. He is deceased. They had three children. She is married to Harold Rainer. Resides at Stockport, OH.
 - 1) Gene married Drema Stump. Resides Middleport, OH. Three children: Joy, Lynzi and Allen.
 - 2) Shirley Ann married Don Stephenson. Resides Racine, OH. One son, Donny.
 - 3) Toni Marie lives at Racine, OH.
 - d. Doris Oleta married George Sprouse. One son. They divorced.
 - 1) George Albert, Jr. married. Lives in Columbus, OH.
- Doris married Harry Capehart, they divorced after having one son.
- 1) Harry Mr. married and had a daughter. Harry Jr. is deceased.
- Doris married John Wilson. They divorced after having two daughters. Doris resides Brookville, FL.
- 1) Patricia lives in FL.
 - 2) Teresa lives in FL.
- e. Ruby Ruth married Shelby Pickens. They divorced. Ruby resides Racine, OH, with her mother.
 - 1) Freddie Keith, Racine, OH.
 - 2) Ronnie married, Chester, OH.
 - 3) Kathy married, has one daughter, Racine, OH.
 - 4) Bonnie Ruth, deceased.

5) Shelby Jay resides Racine, OH.

6) Joyce Elaine resides Racine, OH with her father. *Submitted by Maxine Rose*

BERNARD AND JUDY (DYE) TAYLOR

Bernard Roy Taylor, b. 1939, is the son of Hubert and Tressie (Moore) Taylor who came from Roane County and settled in Kanawha County. Hubert (1916-1965), and Tressie (1921-1986), were both descendants of the Moore, Taylor, Hively, Patrick, Hunt, Harper, and Shaffer families that settled in the wilderness of Roane.

Upon graduating from West Virginia State College in 1962, Bernard became employed by Kaiser Aluminum Corporation at Ravenswood. Later he married Judy Lynn Dye, b. 1947, on August 27, 1965 in Jackson County. To their union was given: Matthew Christopher, b. 1971; and Tiffany Suzan, b. 1976. The family moved from Sissonville to Fisher Ridge at Kenna in 1973.

Judy is the daughter of Cluster Otmer Dye and Charlotte Florence (Hennen) Dye of Kanawha County. Other children of the Dye family are: Deanna Sue, b. 1950, m. Bruce Fisher, b. 1949; and Ricky Dean, b. 1959, m. Patti Ranson, b. 1958.



Bernard and Judy Taylor

Cluster, b. 1921, and Charlotte, b. 1924, were both originally from Wirt County. They settled in Kanawha County due to relatives and work. Later they owned and operated a hardware store in Sissonville for 35 years. Charlotte is the daughter of Charles Hennen (1879-1961) and Phoebe Jane (Corbitt) Hennen (1880-1956).

Cluster Dye is the descendant of several early Jackson County pioneer families. His father is Charles Otmer Dye (1894-1971), son of Henry Washington Dye (1864-1944), and Mary Ida (Lee) Dye (1869-1935). Several maternal ancestors of his family lived on the county border of Jackson and Wirt counties. Their names include: Board, Boggs, Cain, Lee, Petty, McKinley, Seaman, Ott, and Baker.

Cluster's mother, Clara Grace (Wood) Dye, (1897-1969), was the daughter of Pearl Andrew Wood (1871-1959) and Clara Ann (Hughes) Wood (1879-1905). Pearl Wood was a boatman on the Ohio River as was his father, William H. Wood (1839-1909). Pearl's grandfather, Moses Wood (1789-1873), operated one of the earliest ferry boats on the Ohio River at the present Ravenswood Aluminum Works site.

Pearl's mother was Virginia Adelaid Flesher (1845-1884), daughter of Andrew J. Flesher (1806-1872) and Anna (Hughes) Flesher (1808-1878), who owned the lovely Pleasant View Estate just south of Ravenswood. Andrew Flesher was one of the Senators that signed West Virginia into statehood. Andrew was the grandson of Henry Flesher (1744-1802) who was a friend and neighbor to the famed Indian fighter, Jesse Hughes

(1750-1829). Anna (Hughes) Flesher was Jesse Hughes' granddaughter. Both Pearl Wood and his wife Clara (Hughes) Wood were descendants of this same Jesse Hughes and his ancestors. The maternal line of these large families ties us with more well-known Jackson County names: Stanley, Staats, King, Sayre, Tanner, Butcher, Richards, and Williams.

It is an honor to be a part of this ancestral "tree" of industrious pioneers who were loyal to their country, faithful to their God, and provided future generations a land of opportunity and liberty for all. *Submitted by Judy Taylor*

HOWARD P. TAYLOR (PART I)

George W. Taylor, born 6 March 1802, died 11 May 1879. On 29 April 1827, he married Nancy Ann Miller, born 2 August 1805, died 24 October 1859. They had four children: Sarah Jane; William Oscar, who died at Appomatax Court House; James Ballard; and Henry Harrison.

James Ballard Taylor, born 2 March 1839, died 19 August 1912. On 8 September 1868, he married Rebecca Ellen Cash, born 13 March 1839, died 27 February 1912. They had four children: William Oscar, George Lee, David Henry and Mary Margaret.



George Lee and Minnie (Porter) Taylor

George Lee Taylor, born 8 March 1875, died 19 June 1928. In 1905, he married Minnie Dallas Porter, born 18 August 1884, died 16 September 1939. They had 10 children: *Josephine Rebecca*, born 24 August 1907, died 12 June 1940, not married; *George William*, born 8 November 1909, married 13 March 1934 to Ethel Cross, born 23 August 1914. They had two children, Dorothy and Rosalie; *Myrtle Lee*, born 28 August 1911, died 1955, married Bill Miller (no date), no children; *Robert Earl*, born 25 October 1913, died 26 October 1977, married (1) Ruth Thompson (no date), six children: Fred, Howard, Earl Wayne, Michael, Cathy and Lynn; (2) Nellie Eads (no date) one child, Robin; *Margaret Ellen*, born 23 October 1915, married 26 August 1933 to John V. Blizzard, born 1 December 1912. They had two children, Patricia and John; *Mildred Kelly*, born 20 August 1917, married 28 June 1941 to Jesse Frank Hayes, born 20 February 1903, died 23 Sept. 1967. They had two children, Franklin Eugene and Howard Lee; *Grace Evelyn*, born 7 August 1919, died 19 June 1988, married (no date) (1) Robert J. Cottingham. They had three children: Roberta, Rebecca and David, (2) on 4 July 1954, married Edward Paul Steele. They had three children, Joanne, and twins Betty Kay and Paul Edward. *Howard Porter*, born 6 February 1922, on 23 August 1946 married Artist Turley, born 17 March 1923. They had one child, Barbara Sue. Barbara Sue Taylor, born 28 December 1956. On 21 November 1981, she married Philip Paul LaCava, Jr., born 15 October 1955. They have four children: Danielle Christina, born 28 November 1982, Megan Elizabeth, born 16 December 1983, Adam Taylor, born 14 March 1986, and Chad Taylor, born

7 April 1887. *Fred Houston* (not married), born 27 October 1923, died by drowning while serving in the U.S. Navy. He had 13 years' service, and he had received a distinguished service medal. *Mary Belle*, born 11 August 1924, died 19 July 1952. Married Charles Lahey (no date). One step-daughter, *Freda Mae Hedrick*, born 1903, died 29 January 1946, married James Ball (no date). They had four children: *Winifred*, *Agnes*, *James, Jr.*, and *Dora*.
Submitted by *Mildred Taylor Hayes*

HOWARD P. TAYLOR (PART II)

In 1763, Gibson Jarrell settled in Colcord, Raleigh County, where later the railroad station stood. He brought with him from Virginia, a lad named Chapman Thompson. Chapman later married one of Gibson's daughters, *Aletha* (Leathy) Jarrell. Leathy's and Chapman's twelve children were noted for their long lives. Their lives averaged out at 87 years. That was according to an article published in the *Gazette* in 1942 and at that time six children were still living. They were *Minerva*, age 77; *Alfred*, age 85; *Lorenzo*, age 89; *Ella*, age 87 and *Martha*, age 93. The average would go higher if we had all of their death dates. This will be a future project. Those that had died in 1942 were: *Calous*, age 78, 1860-1938; *Gibson*, age 88; *Harry*, age 88, 1835-1923; *Squire*, age 89, 1828-1916; *Sarah*, age 77, 1938-1916; *Nancy*, age 100, and *Sis*, age 96.

From Chapman's daughter, *Minerva*, the Thompson family united with the Porter family when she married *Markus Porter*, who was the son of *Noah Porter* and *Julie Walker*. *Julie* had come from Georgia.



front: *Mildred, Myrtle and Earl Taylor*;
back: *Margaret, Freda Hedrick, Minnie, Howard, Minerva Porter, Grace Taylor and George*

Markus Farney Porter, born 22 November 1860, died 3 September 1932. He married *Minerva Susan Thompson*, born 14 February 1865, died 24 May 1945. They had nine children: *Minnie Dallas*, born 18 August 1884, died 16 September 1939. She married 1902 (a) *Hedrick* and had one child, *Freda Hedrick*, born 1903; (b) Later, 1905 she married *George Lee Taylor*, born 8 March 1875, died 19 June 1928. They had 10 children: (See Taylor Genealogy). *Annie*, born 14 April 1886, died 15 September 1945. She married *Grover Coleman* and had two sons, *Clay* and *William*; *Myrtle*, born 27 July 1888, died 16 January 1964. She married *Crawford*. They had one child: *Chester P. Crawford*, born 29 January 1905, died 7 October 1910*; *William*, born 8 August 1890, died 4 June 1933. He married *Laura Martin*. They had five children: *William Farley*, *Virginia*, *Geraldine*, *Freda Mae*, b. 8 October 1924, and *Margarete*; *Grace Susan*, born 19 April 1892, died 1938. She married *Jesse Sneed* and they had one daughter, *Susan*; *Rosa Lee* (Rosie), born 6 May 1895 died 17 January 1987. She had three sons: (a) *Arley Harold Moore*, born 12 March 1917, died 9 September 1988. He had two sons: *Harold David* and *Stanley*. (b) *Clifton Coleman* married *Josephine Spainhour* and they had one daughter, *Rosa-*

lie. (c) *Everett Lee*, born 8 October 1923, died 10 November 1981. He married *Barbara Lusher*, no children. *Lilie*, born 14 October 1897, died 8 October 1910*; *Artie*, born 3 May 1899, died 7 October 1910*; *Herman*, born 19 March 1905, died 22 March 1926. For further reference, see Genealogy: *Howard P. Taylor Family*.

**Chester Crawford*, *Lilie Porter* and *Artie Porter* died in a house fire in 1910. Submitted by *Harold David Moore*

HOWARD P. TAYLOR (PART III)

Howard Porter Taylor and *Artist Evilee Turkey*, with our two-year-old daughter, *Barbara Sue*, arrived in Ravenswood, Jackson County, in September 1958. We moved from Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida where we had lived since leaving *St. Albans*, Kanawha County in July 1956. *Howard* had been employed as an electrician by *Kaiser Aluminum*. In 1960, *Howard* built our permanent home in *Evergreen Hills*, *Cottageville*. In 1959, *Howard Lee* and *Franklin Hayes* came to Ravenswood and made their home with us.



Howard and Artist Taylor

Howard came to the Kanawha Valley at the age of six years. They left a beautiful farm in Lexington, Rockbridge County, Virginia after the death of his father, *George Lee Taylor*, age 53 years.

Howard's mother, *Minnie Porter Taylor*, felt the need to be near her family for help to care for her large family of 10 children: *George*, *Earl*, *Howard*, *Fred*, *Josephine*, *Myrtle*, *Margaret*, *Mildred*, *Grace* and *Mary*. They experienced many hardships while growing up.

1, *Artist*, was born in *Aracoma*, *Logan County*. My sister, *Edna Julene*, was born in *Tango*, *Lincoln County*. Due to the depression years, we moved through several counties: *Cabell*, *Putnam*, *Wayne*, *Kanawha* and *Boyd County*, *Kentucky*. My father, *John Frazier Turley*, was never without work and my mother, *Edith Chaney Turley*, was a good manager, so we were never in need.

My teenage years were in *South Charleston* where I attended high school. It was there *Howard* and I met.

Howard enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve on 7 September 1942 during WW II. *Howard* earned the rate *Electricians Mate 2/C* and after returning home, he reenlisted and entered the *Construction Battalion "Seabee" Reserve*. He earned the rate *Chief Electrician*. He was discharged 29 January 1946.

On 22 April 1943, I was sworn into the U.S. Navy WAVES. My rate earned was *Aviation Machinist Mate 2/C*. I was discharged in *Bainbridge, Maryland*, on December 5, 1945.

We were married in the *Second Avenue Methodist Church* on August 23, 1946. For further reference, see Genealogies: *Taylor*, *Porter*, *Chaney*, *Dalton*, *Turley*, *LaCava* and *Hayes*. Submitted by *Howard Taylor*

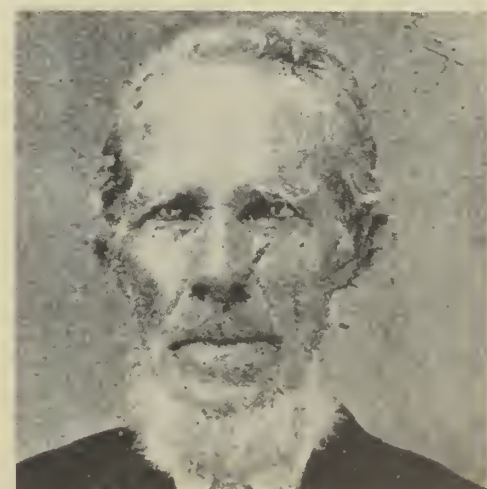
REV. ARCHIBALD DAVID THOMAS

Rev. A.D. Thomas, born March 9, 1811 in Botetourt Co., Va., came to Jackson Co., Va. when he was a young man. *Sarah Elizabeth* (Sukey) *Rhodes*, born in 1811 to *Christopher* and *Catherine* (Peters) *Rhodes*, became Rev. Thomas' wife. They settled on the *Elk Fork of Mill Creek*, *Jackson Co.*, Va.

After Rev. Thomas' conversion he was largely instrumental in the organization of the *Elk Fork Methodist Protestant Church*. It is also said, that the *Methodist Protestant Church* was started throughout *Roane Co.*, Va., for the most part, by three men, one of these being Rev. A.D. Thomas, along with Rev. *Mark Hersman* and *Jeremiah Lewellen*. Rev. Thomas was known as an "old time revivalist." So, wherever these men held a meeting there was sure to be a revival, and wherever they had a revival there was sure to be a *Methodist Protestant society* organized. At the organization of the *W.V. Methodist Conference*, Rev. Thomas became one of the charter members and was assigned to the *Jackson Co.*, Va. (WV) circuit.

During the Civil War, he preached throughout *Jackson* and *Roane counties*, and was known as "Father Thomas" by almost everybody in these two counties.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas had six children: *Henry C. Thomas*, b. 1833, married *Emily A. Litton* 3-24-1854, d. 1882, buried at *Halbert Cem.*, *Gay, WV*. *Wm. H. Thomas* (our ancestor), b. 9-11-1836, married *Dorthy Rhodes* 5-27-1857, d. 8-29-1891, buried at *Halbert Cem.*, *Gay, WV*. *Celenia A. Thomas*, b. 1838, single, d. 4-7-1859 (typhoid), buried at *Halbert Cem.*, *Gay, WV*. *Robert C. Thomas*, b. 1845, married first *Nancy D. Hamilton* 1-23-1866, second, *Louisa A. Payne* 1-4-1876, d. 1920, buried at *Halbert Cem.*, *Gay, WV*. *Sarah E. Thomas*, b. unknown, married first *Alexander Welch* 2-19-1857, second, *Jackson Westfall* 9-5-1869, d. unknown, buried at unknown.



Rev. Archibald David Thomas

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas spent the last years of their life in the *Elk Fork community*. Rev. Thomas died Oct. 17, 1891, *Gay, WV*, Mrs. Thomas died Aug. 30, 1886, *Gay, WV*. Both are buried at the *Halbert Cem.*, *Elk Fork Rd.*, *Gay, WV*.

Wm. H. Thomas (our ancestor) worked with his father in the organization of the *Elk Fork Church*, and was an ordained minister, and farmer. Rev. *Wm. Thomas'* license giving him authorization to preach, dated March 6, 1869, is preserved in the *Oshel Ray Thomas family*. *Wm. H. Thomas* married *Dorthy Rhodes*, born Feb. 16, 1840, in *Jackson Co.*, Va., to *Alexander* and *Mahala* (Edens) *Rhodes*. They were married by the groom's father, Rev. A.D. Thomas.

Wm. and *Dorthy Thomas* had seven children: *Margaret L. Thomas*, b. 5-24-1854, married *Henry*

Litton, 11-19-1874, d. unknown, buried unknown. Dennis Darsa Thomas (our ancestor), b. 10-16-1860, married Susan Virginia Tolley 11-22-1888, d. 12-27-1913, buried at Halbert Cem., Gay, WV. Benjamin F. Thomas, b. 6-16-1863, married first, Emma Z. Rhodes 5-25-1888, second, Mary E. Evans 2-24-1895, d. 1939, buried at Halbert Cem., Gay, WV. Agnes J. Thomas, b. 2-24-1865, married Wm. H. Tolley 5-13-1886, d. 12-25-1937, buried at Halbert Cem., Gay, WV. Emma F. Thomas, b. 2-2-1866, married Nelson Lucas 7-7-1883, d. unknown, buried unknown. Viola D. Thomas, b. 9-11-1867, married Thomas J. Board 6-5-1887, d. 5-25-1947, buried at Halbert Cem., Gay, WV. (Henry and David Litton, brothers who married sisters, Margaret and Luverna Thomas, were sons of Abraham and Margaret (Westfall) Litton. Susan and Wm. Tolley, sister and brother, who married brother and sister, Dennis and Agnes Thomas, were the children of Granville and Elizabeth C. (Southall) Tolley.

Wm. H. and Dorothy Thomas Deed (Will) is recorded at the Jackson Co. Courthouse, Ripley, WV. Wm. H. Thomas died of consumption, and knowing he'd die before his father, Rev. A.D. Thomas, he provided for the Rev. Thomas' care, in this deed. Mrs. Dorothy Thomas died March 24, 1920. She is buried beside her husband, Wm. H. Thomas, at the Halbert Cem., Gay, WV.

Dennis Darsa Thomas, (our ancestor), was married by his grandfather, Rev. A.D. Thomas, to Susan Virginia Tolley in New Geneva, WV. Susan (Tolley) Thomas was born 10-4-1869. Dennis and Susan Thomas had three children: Kenna Lee Thomas (our ancestor), b. 12-12-1890, married first, Jessie Cox on 8-6-1911, second, Nellie (West) Conley on 5-21-1950, d. 12-25-1967, buried at Halbert Cem., Gay, WV. Carrie Gay Thomas, b. 5-21-1895, married Daniel W. Evans on 1-1-1916, d. 3-14-1978, buried at the Odd Fellows Cem., Parkersburg, WV. Emma Myrtle Thomas, b. 6-3-1897, married Hugh Kelly 12-3-1916, d. 1-5-1988, buried at Parsons Cem., Gay, WV.

For more information on the Kenna Lee Thomas Family see Family Histories under Kenna and Jessie (Cox) Thomas.



Dennis and Susan (Tolley) Thomas family

The following photo is of the Dennis and Susan (Tolley) Thomas family. Front row from the left is: boy standing, unknown; Dennis Thomas, his wife Susan Thomas; Susan's brother-in-law Virgil Rhodes, with son Blondie on his lap; Virgil's wife Florence (Tolley) Rhodes, Susan's sister, with son Basil, twin of Blondie. Second row: boy standing, unknown; Carrie Gay Thomas; Emma Myrtle Thomas, daughters of Dennis and Susan Thomas; Kenna Lee Thomas, son of Dennis and Susan Thomas; Kenna's wife Jessie (Cox) Thomas holding their daughter, Edith Virginia Thomas. Submitted by Edith (Thomas) Rogers Smith and Oshel Ray Thomas

CLYDE AND ORVA (PHILLIPS) THOMAS

In June 1941 Chester Clyde Thomas (known as Clyde) and Orva Tress Phillips met. After dating

for two months, they decided to marry. In order for them to get married, they borrowed a chicken truck from M.S. (Sing) Rhodes Hatchery. Jim Rhodes, a friend and neighbor, went with them to be a witness. Clyde and Orva (Phillips) Thomas were married at Gallipolis, Ohio, at the Justice of the Peace, on August 29, 1941.



Clyde and Orva (Phillips) Thomas

Clyde Thomas was born on June 28, 1908 at Statts Mill, WV, to John and Alice (Tolley) Thomas. Clyde had two brothers: Jason Thomas and Orville Thomas. Clyde drove a taxi in Ripley, WV, and worked on a boat in Pt. Pleasant, WV, made molasses and farmed.

Orva (Phillips) Thomas was born April 14, 1924 at Big Run, WV, to Jefferson Taylor and Minnie Ruamey (Harmon) Phillips. Jeff and Minnie (Harmon) Phillips were married at Hereford, WV, on September 7, 1899, in the presence of Minnie Rhodes and Henry Phillips, by Rev. Boggs on horseback. Orva was the youngest of ten children. Orva's brothers and sisters are: Harley Garret Phillips, born Aug. 10, 1900. Harley died at birth; Homer Luther Phillips, born Aug. 20, 1901, died March 9, 1982; Gracey Jane (Phillips) Bise, born June 29, 1903; Delbert Clair Phillips, born June 28, 1905; Myrtle Frances (Phillips) McPherson, born April 21, 1908, died Nov. 14, 1971; Wm. Milford Phillips, born July 22, 1910, died Jan. 7, 1982; Austin Glenwood Phillips, born Dec. 14, 1912; Russell Limoin Phillips, born July 29, 1916, died Jan. 17, 1982; Flora Elizabeth (Phillips) Bergdorf, born March 19, 1919.

Clyde and Orva Thomas had six children: Rodney Thomas, born Oct. 18, 1942 at Starcher's Hospital, Ripley, WV. Rodney died at birth from a broken neck. Carl Edward Thomas, born Aug. 9, 1944, at the M.S. Rhodes residence. John Clair Thomas, born Aug. 6, 1946 at home. Minnie Alice (Thomas) Grady, born July 11, 1949 at home. Judy Ann (Thomas) Bowling, born Aug. 16, 1952, at home. Linda Kay (Thomas) Crigger Hill, born Feb. 18, 1955 at home.

Clyde and Orva Thomas raised their family on Klondyke Rd., Ripley, WV., where Clyde Thomas and friend, Jim Rhodes, built the house in 1941. Clyde and Orva Thomas lived there and farmed until Clyde passed away August 1962. Orva Thomas finished raising their children by herself on the farm.

After the youngest child, Linda Kay Thomas, married, Orva (Phillips) Thomas remarried to Della Edward Sayre, and moved to his farm in Evans, WV. Della Sayre died Feb. 18, 1987. Orva (Phillips) Thomas Sayre still lives on the farm at Evans, WV. Submitted by Linda (Thomas) Hill

DAVID THOMAS

David Thomas was born May 9, 1818, the son of Joel Thomas. Family tradition says the family moved from Pennsylvania to Belmont Co., Ohio, in the 1820s. David married Mary Wiley Shipley, Feb. 29, 1844, in Belmont Co., Ohio. She was born in Ohio, Jan. 24, 1825. They lived in Monroce and Noble Co., Ohio, before moving to Jackson Co., West Virginia, in 1873. They purchased land



David and Mary Wiley (Shipley) Thomas

in Grant District, between Lockhart and Wiseburg. David died Oct. 16, 1883 and Mary died May 31, 1896. They are buried in the Maddox Cemetery near Odaville. They had nine children.

John (1845-1921) married Mary Moore and lived between Lockhart and Pleasant Ridge. Rebecca (1847-1925) married Samuel Price and moved to Barnesville, Ohio, in 1890. Mary (1849-1880) never married. William (1852-1926) married, first, Eliza Winebrenner, and, second, Alcinda Finch. He resided near Lockhart with his first wife and moved to Copper Fork, near Sandyville, after his second marriage. Malisa (1854-1864). Cyrus Wesley (1856-1914) married Mahala Archer and lived near Pleasant Ridge, in Grant District. Richard (1859-1934) married, first, Susan Lowe, and, second, Mary Elizabeth Chesshire. Richard and Susan lived in northern Jackson County. After his marriage to Mary, they moved to Weirton, WV. Joseph (1861-1864). Nathaniel (1863-1929) married Elizabeth Balis and lived between Lockhart and Wiseburg.

Cyrus Thomas was born Nov. 26, 1856, in Noble County, Ohio. He married Mahala Archer Jan. 17, 1885, in Jackson Co., WV. She was born June 14, 1861, in Noble County, Ohio, daughter of Martin and Celia (Archer) Archer. Cyrus and Mahala attended the Lockhart Church where Cyrus was the song leader. Cyrus was a farmer and also delivered supplies to the Joe Smith store at Wiseburg and the Billy Smith store at Lockhart. He would deliver fresh produce from the stores to the railway depot at Sandyville, then pick up the store supplies to be brought back. After the death of her husband, Mahala would work for other people hoeing corn or any other work she could find. She would not accept charity to help support her family. Mahala and her sister, Cynthia, had also worked at the local tobacco packing house. Cyrus died May 9, 1914, and Mahala died Oct. 14, 1940. They are buried in the Maddox Cemetery located between Lockhart and Odaville. They had nine children.

James "Wiley" (1885-1960) married May Gilpin and lived at Radner, Ohio. Odell (1887-1898). Albert "Maywood" (1889-1921) married Martha Harbin and lived at Radner, Ohio. Arthur Luther (1891-1892). Cicero (1893-1970) married Nellie Shafer and lived at Marion, Ohio. Asbury Reed (1894-1896). Leonard (1897-1975) married Minnie Hupp, lived at Parkersburg, WV. Yancy Glen (1900-1953) married Grace McPherson and lived near Lockhart, on McGraw Run. Raymond Nelson (1902-1988) married Alma Bower and lived near Parkersburg, WV.

(For more information, see *Thomas Family Record — Descendants of David and Mary Thomas* by Carolyn Thomas Miihlbach). Submitted by Lionel Thomas

ESTHER (APLIN) WAYBRIGHT THOMAS

Esther was the youngest daughter of Wm. Henry (Billy) and Mary Frances (Lett) Aplin. Esther was born in Athens Co., Ohio on Aug. 2,

1864. Esther's father, Billy Aplin, had moved his family north because of the Civil War. (See Family Histories — Wm. Henry (Billy) Aplin.)

Esther Aplin married first, Thomas Waybright on March 7, 1884 in Ripley, WV. Thomas and Esther Waybright had two children: William Henry (Willie) Waybright, born on Jan. 6, 1885, Gay, WV. Willie was named for his grandfather, Wm. Henry Aplin. Willie Waybright married Millie Margaret Stanley, daughter of Jonathan E. and Elsie Dove (Rhodes) Stanley, born on April 6, 1892. Willie and Millie Waybright were married on Nov. 24, 1907 at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. J.H. Keffer. Willie died on Jan. 4, 1949. He is buried beside his wife, Millie Waybright, who died Dec. 22, 1972. They are buried at the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Gay Rd., Ripley, WV. Nita Eudora Waybright is the second child of Thomas and Esther Waybright, born on March 6, 1888, Gay, WV. Nita Waybright married Wm. L. (Will) Evans of Calhoun Co., WV, on April 22, 1906, at the home of Harvey Winters, by Rev. J.H. Keffer. (See Family Histories — Martin Waybright Family.)



Esther (Aplin) Waybright Thomas

Thomas and Esther Waybright were divorced on Aug. 7, 1892, in Ripley, WV. Esther (Aplin) Waybright married second, George Thomas, on Oct. 11, 1895. George and Esther Thomas had one daughter: Georgia Opal Thomas, born on June 20, 1893. Georgia died on Feb. 26, 1906 in Richmond, WV. She is buried in the Baber Cemetery, Richwood, WV. George and Esther Thomas were divorced on March 17, 1909, Ripley, WV.

Esther (Aplin) Thomas donated the land and timber for the Aplin Church, located on Aplin Ridge, Gay, WV. The church and Aplin Ridge are named for Esther's father, Wm. Henry (Billy) Aplin. (See Church Histories — Aplin Church.)

Esther Thomas was living with her daughter, Nita Evans, when she died on July 9, 1947, Ripley, WV. Esther is buried at the Evans Cemetery, Gay, WV. Submitted by Thelma E. Oldham

JOHN THOMAS

John Thomas, son of David and Mary Wiley (Shipley) Thomas, was born Jan. 1, 1845. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War in Co. G, 176th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He married Mary Moore Feb. 25, 1868, in Noble County, OH. They moved to Jackson County with his parents



seated: John and Mary (Moore) Thomas; standing: Jane Morrison, Dora Balderson, Albert Maywood Thomas

in 1872, and later bought property north of Lockhart, in Grant District, part of which had belonged to David. This same farm was eventually owned by John's son, Maywood Thomas, and years later by grandson, Forest Thomas. John was one of the first trustees of the Lockhart Church when it was organized. John and Mary are buried in the Maddox Cemetery, located between Lockhart and Odaville. Their children: Joseph Thomas (1870-1881), James W. Thomas (1871-1872), Malisa Jane Thomas (1873-1950), (married Elisha Morrison and lived on Nesselroad Run, near Lockhart), Sarah E. Thomas (1876-1877), Albert "Maywood" Thomas (1878-1949) (married Tennessee "Tennie" Ott and lived on the family farm), and Ise Dora Thomas (1880-1922).

Ise Dora Thomas married Salvester "Dib" Balderson, in 1907, and lived at the head of McGraw Run. She is buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Their children: Alice Elva Balderson (1908-1983) (married Harold Cecil Bower and lived at Mt. Vernon, OH), Nolan Henry Balderson (1910-1972) (married Eva Pickens and lived at Zanesville, OH), Hairl Bennett Balderson (1913) (married Freda Lorena Shephard and lives at Parkersburg, WV), Albert Balderson (1917-1987) (married Helen Gillespie and lived at Zanesville, OH), and Nelda Jane Balderson (1921).

Nelda Jane Balderson married Hollis Dewayne VanFosson in 1943, and lives at Route 3, Sandyville, WV (Turkey Fork Road). Nelda has retired from her job as a cook at the Gilmore School. Hollis operated a sawmill and a dairy farm. They had two children. Sharon Ann VanFosson (1948) married Donald Wayne Wilkinson in 1966, and lives at Mineral Wells, WV. Their children: Melinda Dawn Wilkinson (married Theodore Brown) and Mary Ann Wilkinson. Roger Duane VanFosson (1951) married Sharyn Kay Wells (divorced). Their children: Christopher Duane VanFosson and Todd Matthew VanFosson. Submitted by Nelda VanFosson

KENNA AND JESSIE (COX) THOMAS

Kenna Lee Thomas was the oldest child of Dennis Darsa and Susan Virginia (Tolley) Thomas, born on Dec. 12, 1890, in Gay, WV. Kenna Thomas married first, Jessie Cox on Aug. 8, 1911, by Rev. F.M. Casto in Ripley, WV. Jessie (Cox) Thomas was born on Nov. 17, 1896, in Gay, WV, to John David and Della Florence (Bradley) Cox.



Edith, Kenna Lee and Oshel Thomas

Kenna and Jessie Thomas had three children: Edith Virginia Thomas, born May 5, 1912, Gay, WV, married first, Wm. Dorsa Rogers on Sept. 8, 1929, second, Rev. Ralph Edward Smith on May 9, 1988. Oshel Ray Thomas is the second child of Kenna and Jessie Thomas, born May 14, 1917, Gay, WV, married Letha Vada Blevins on Nov. 26, 1942. Kenneth Thomas, born Sept. 23, 1927, died Sept. 23, 1927, buried at Halbert Cemetery, Gay, WV, was Kenna and Jessie Thomas' third child. Jessie (Cox) Thomas died in Boston, Mass., fol-

lowing an operation July 28, 1942. She's buried at the Halbert Cemetery, Gay, WV.

Kenna Lee Thomas married second, Nelle (West) Conley on May 21, 1950, Ripley, WV. Nelle (West) Thomas was born March 14, 1893, in Roane Co., WV, to Joseph and Amelia West. Nelle died April 20, 1960, in Parkersburg, WV. She's buried at the Hanger Cemetery, Roane Co., WV. Kenna Lee Thomas died at his son, Oshel Thomas' home in Lexington, Ohio on Dec. 25, 1967. He's buried beside his first wife, Jessie (Cox) Thomas, at the Halbert Cemetery, Elk Fork Rd., Gay, WV. For more information on the Thomas family, see Family Histories under Rev. Archibald David Thomas.

Wm. Dorsa and Edith (Thomas) Rogers were married by Rev. T.L. Miles at the Brethren Church Parsonage, Ripley, WV. Wm. Dorsa and Edith Rogers had six children, five living to adulthood. Wm. Dorsa Rogers died Feb. 27, 1983, Ripley, WV. He's buried at the Parsons Cemetery, Gay, WV. For more information on the Rogers Family, see Family Histories under Alice (Aplin) Rogers Westfall.



Edith (Thomas) Rogers Smith and brother, Oshel Thomas

After the death of Wm. Dorsa Rogers, Edith (Thomas) Rogers inherited several hundred acres of land that has been passed down from Wm. Henry Aplin to his great-grandson, Wm. Dorsa Rogers. Edith Rogers is a very kind and generous lady, especially where her children are concerned. Edith gave her five children, for the love and affection she feels for them, this land she inherited through marriage, something she didn't have to do at this time. Edith (Thomas) Rogers is a very special lady in many ways. (Thank you Mom).

Edith Rogers married second, Rev. Ralph Edward Smith at the home of Rev. Wayne Hinzman of Gay, WV. Rev. Hinzman married the Rev. and Edith (Thomas) Rogers Smith. Rev. Smith was born on June 12, 1911 to Wm. Bennet and Clara (Bonnel) Smith, in Shirley, Tyler Co., WV.

Oshel Ray Thomas married Letha Vada Blevins in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Vada Blevins was born on Feb. 22, 1923, in Taylor Co., Kentucky to Wm. Thomas and Anna Mary (Hunt) Blevins. Oshel Thomas spent 33 years in the military, in WW II from July 5, 1941 to Oct. 2, 1945, then with the Ohio Air National Guard, Mansfield, Ohio, 29 years, as Quality Control Supervisor from June 20, 1948 to May 12, 1977. Oshel Thomas retired in 1977. Oshel and Vada Thomas have two children: Marsha Lynn Thomas, born June 1, 1946, in Charleston, WV, married Lee Fredrick Wyandt on Aug. 13, 1966, in Mansfield, Ohio. Lee Wyandt was born June 12, 1941 in Canton, Ohio, to Harold Walter and Betty Jane (Hildorf) Wyandt. Marsha and Lee Wyandt have four children: Lori Lee Wyandt, born Feb. 21, 1972; John Thomas Wyandt, born June 23, 1974; Mark Allen Wyandt, born June 13, 1977; David Lee Wyandt, born April 10, 1979. Oshel and Vada Thomas' second child is Thomas Lee Thomas, born Nov. 22, 1951, in Mansfield, Ohio. Tom married Billie Jean Roberts on Sept. 4, 1976, in Winfield, WV. B.J. (Roberts) Thomas was born March 16, 1950, in Charleston, WV, to Wm. Edison and Maxine Lenora (Ander-

son) Roberts. Tom and B.J. Thomas have two children: Maureen Elizabeth Thomas, born June 12, 1981; Natalie Jean Thomas, born Aug. 28, 1985. Submitted by Wm. Paul Rogers and Bernard W. Morris, Jr.

SAMUEL R. THOMAS

August 26, 1900, was the date of the marriage of *Samuel Robert Thomas* and *Cordelia Jane Duffield*, descendants of some of Jackson County's largest and earliest pioneer families. Among their ancestors were Carnceys, Staats, Castos, and Parsons. They had a rich history with family members as French Huguenots, Indian scouts, Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers.

Cordelia (or Corda, as she preferred), was the daughter of schoolteacher/storekeeper B. Newton Duffield and Rosetta (Staats) Duffield. Rosetta was the daughter of Anderson Staats and Mary Casto. Newton's parents, Robert M. Duffield and Nancy Ann Moore, had moved to Jackson County in the 1850s. Robert had served in the Civil War for the Union. Corda was born March 30, 1879 and died September 7, 1964 at Evans, Jackson County.

Samuel Robert Thomas was born January 9, 1874, the fifth of seven children. They were: a stillborn; John E., a Magistrate of Spencer, Roane County; Perry, a farmer; George C., a teacher; Ula Ann, a homemaker; and Ellsworth D. (Dink), a teacher and farmer. His father was Justice of the Peace and Civil War veteran Elias Alexander Thomas. His mother was Harriet Ellen Shiverdecker, daughter of a prosperous timberman/landowner. Samuel made his livelihood by farming and sawmilling.

Together Samuel and Cordelia had eight children: Goldie Ellen, born May 5, 1901; Hazel Stella, born April 7, 1903; Blonda George, born November 22, 1910; Ersel Geneve, born Nov. 27, 1913; William Ervil, born July 18, 1917; and Olive Virginia, born May 17, 1919.

Sam's untimely death at the age of forty-nine left Corda with six children still at home to raise. In a time when women were little regarded (they had just received the right to vote in 1920), in an area where earning a living made for rigorous and at times a harsh existence, Corda singlehandedly raised these children to be honest, industrious, and productive members of society. Lacking a teaching certificate by only one credit, she contributed to the family income by keeping a store and being a seamstress.

Her daughter, Goldie, married Willie Rhodes. Hazel married Lanty Russel Southall. Blonda George married Virginia Anderson. Bessie married Ova Roscoe Good. Ruby married Marion Monroe Parsons. Ersel married Woodrow W. Hammonds. William Ervil married Crystal Price. Olive married Harold Robinson. All their spouses were from Jackson County except for Olive's husband who was an Ohioan.

Three of the eight children have been lost to death — Ersel on April 5, 1976, Blonda on June 7, 1983, and Goldie on August 23, 1988.

Samuel and Corda are buried at the Thomas Cemetery on the hill overlooking his boyhood home near Laurel Run, not far from Aplin Ridge, Washington District, Jackson County.

In tribute to the strong family relationship influenced by Corda, the family continues a 40-year tradition of reunions. Submitted by Marlena Hammonds-Ehlers

YANCY AND GRACE THOMAS

Yancy Glen Thomas was born Mar. 6, 1900, at Jackson County, WV, son of Cyrus and Mahala (Archer) Thomas. As a child he lived north of Lockhart, in Grant District, near Pleasant Ridge. He attended Fairview School until it was closed in 1908, and then went to Lockhart. He married

Grace McPherson, Mar. 5, 1921. She was born Jan. 28, 1901, at Jackson Co., daughter of Charles and Marybelle (Archer) McPherson. Her parents lived on Brushy Fork and she attended the Providence School. Yancy and Grace lived a few years on Brushy Fork where Yancy worked with Charley McPherson raising beef cattle and corn. Charley also owned a sawmill and Yancy would assist in its operation. In the late 1920s, Yancy and his horses were hired to help with the construction of Route 21. In 1929, Yancy and Grace purchased a farm on McGraw Run where they raised beef cattle and, for a few years, a tobacco crop. He continued to help his father-in-law with the sawmill. They attended the Lockhart Methodist Church. Grace was a member of the Lockhart Ladies Aid for many years. After the death of her husband, Dec. 3, 1953, Grace and her son, Lionel, continued to raise cattle. She would keep a milk cow and sell the cream to make some extra money. She was especially talented at making quilts and sold many of them. A large garden was raised each year and shared with her family. Several varieties of flowers could be found in her yard and on the porch each summer. Grace died Dec. 20, 1982. She and Yancy are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, WV. They had two sons, Lionel and Dale. Lionel Glen (1922) married Garnet Boyce and resides at Providence, in northern Jackson County. Lester "Dale" (1923-1944) was killed at Anzio Beach, Italy, during World War II. He is buried in the Independence Cemetery.



Yancy and Grace (McPherson) Thomas

Lionel Glen Thomas was born Apr. 17, 1922, at Brushy Fork. He attended the one-room schools at Providence, Lockhart and McGraw. During the Depression, Lionel and Dale would work for area farmers cutting brush, hoeing corn and putting up hay for 10 cents an hour. This was done in addition to all the chores on their own farm. In 1942, Lionel left for the Army and received basic training at Camp Grant in Illinois. He spent 13 months in northern Africa and 15 months in Italy with the 105th Station Hospital Unit, during World War II. He was discharged from the Army Oct. 1945. He married Garnet Boyce, Mar. 31, 1948. She was born May 7, 1925, at Jackson County, daughter of Charley and Etta (Thompson) Boyce. They lived at Parkersburg a while after they married. Lionel worked at the American Viscose until they bought a farm near Beech Grove in 1949. In 1963, Lionel was employed as a school bus driver in Jackson County and also continued to farm. As a child, Garnet lived on Maul Camp, near Medina, and attended the Era Bell School. After graduating from Gilmore High School in 1944, she attended Glenville State College. She taught in the one-room schools of Beech Grove, Sunshine and McGraw before teaching at Gilmore. In 1964, she received a degree from Morris Harvey College at Charleston. In 1973, they moved to a farm on Route 21, at Providence, which they had purchased from Charley and Edna Thomas. Lionel and Garnet retired from the school system in 1987, but continue to raise Hereford beef cattle. Garnet has been pursuing her interest in art since retirement.

They are members of the Beech Grove U.M. Church. They had two children, Carolyn and Neil.

Carolyn Sue, born Sept. 13, 1950, married Rex Miihlbach Jr., Aug. 14, 1971. He was born, Feb. 14, 1950, at Wood County, WV, son of Rex and Juanita (Weser) Miihlbach. They live on Little Sandy Road in northern Jackson County. Carolyn attended McGraw School for two years before going to Sandyville Grade School. She was transferred to Ravenswood High School after Gilmore High School was closed in 1965. After graduating from Glenville State College in 1971, she taught five years at North Elementary School in Ravenswood. She is the organizational leader of the Little Sandy 4-H Club, a member of the Jackson County Historical Society, the West Augusta Historical and Genealogical Society and the Ohio Genealogical Society. Genealogy and local history have been active pursuits for the past ten years, resulting in several publications. Rex was transferred to North Elementary at Ravenswood after the Cuba one-room school was closed. After graduating from Ravenswood High School in 1968, he was hired to assist with the construction of concrete spillways for Interstate 77. After joining the U.S. Naval Reserves, he was trained as a steelworker and spent several months at McMurdo Station, in the Antarctic, as a member of SeaBee Unit 201. He worked for Lambert Trucking at Ellenboro a while and later spent five years working for O. Ames at Parkersburg, WV. Rex has been employed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation since 1976. He also farms with his father raising Angus beef cattle. Rex and Carolyn are members of the Beech Grove United Methodist Church. Their children: Rex Alexander Miihlbach III was born Apr. 17, 1976; Kevin Wayne Miihlbach was born Sept. 15, 1977; and Malinda Grace Miihlbach was born Apr. 18, 1985.

Neil Glen, born May 14, 1953, married Susan Parsons, Aug. 31, 1974. She was born Nov. 26, 1953, at Kanawha County, WV, daughter of Gordon and Mona (Angus) Parsons. They live at Wiseburg in northern Jackson County. Neil attended school at Sandyville and graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1971. He received an associate degree in mechanical technology from Parkersburg Community College. He has been employed by the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation since 1973. He also operates a farm raising Hereford cattle. Susan graduated from Ravenswood High School. She is a volunteer aide for the Jackson County School system. Their children: Mitchell Glen Thomas was born June 11, 1977; Steven Michael Thomas was born Nov. 6, 1979; and Anita Dawn Thomas was born Nov. 28, 1982.



Lionel and Garnet (Boyce) Thomas family

The group photograph was taken on Sept. 13, 1986. First row Steven Thomas, Malinda Miihlbach, Anita Thomas, and Mitch Thomas. Second row Lionel Thomas, Garnet Thomas, and Susan Thomas. Third row Rex Miihlbach III, Kevin Miihlbach, and Neil Thomas. Fourth row Carolyn Miihlbach and Rex Miihlbach, Jr. Submitted by Carolyn (Thomas) Miihlbach and Neil Thomas

ISAAC "TAYLOR" THOMPSON

Isaac "Taylor" Thompson was born Feb. 19, 1883 in Jackson County, WV, son of Lindsey and Cemilda (Sill) Thompson. He married Louisa Ball on Apr. 11, 1903 in Jackson County. She was born Mar. 1885, the daughter of John and Rhoda (Archer) Ball. They lived near Gates Ridge in Grant District of Jackson County and later lived



Lindsey and Cemilda (Sill) Thompson and children

on Gates Ridge in Wood County, WV. They were members of the Gates Ridge E.U.B. Church. Taylor died June 12, 1965 and Louisa died in 1947. They are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Wood County, WV. Their children:

1. Lennie (1904-1959) married Georgia Moore and lived in Grant District for several years and later in various other locations.
2. Otmer (1906-1978) married Gail Burdette and lived on McGraw Run in Grant District.
3. Lesley (1908) married, first, Addie Buchannon (1906-1970). They lived at Rockport, WV. He married, second, Corda (McClung) Lynch. They live at Parkersburg, WV.
4. Russell (1912-1975) married, first, Virginia Angus (1916-1961) and, second, Thelma Eddy. They lived at Parkersburg, WV.
5. Ernest (1914-1982) (See information below)
6. Zelma (1916-1977) married Okey Gault and lived at Parkersburg, WV.
7. Carroll (1918) married Lena Smith and lives at Rockport, WV.
8. Otmer (1920) married Avana Moore and lives at Parkersburg, WV.
9. Herschel (1924) married May Low and lives at Coolville, Ohio.
10. Holly (1926) married Opal Burton and lives at Summersville, WV.

Ernest Thompson was born Mar. 9, 1914 in Jackson County. He married Audra Burdette Feb. 8, 1936. She was born June 18, 1917, in Jackson County, the daughter of William and Bertha (Bower) Burdette. They lived north of Medina in Grant District where Audra continues to reside. Ernest was a farmer and was very active in church work. They were members of the Simpson Methodist Church and were later members of the Beech Grove E.U.B. (U.M.) Church. Audra still attends church there. Ernest died Oct. 24, 1982, and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Wood County, WV.

Their children:

1. Bernice (1937) married William Carvell and lives at Baltimore, Maryland. Their children: Maxine Carvell (married Allen Hagy), Deborah Carvell and Kevin Carvell.
2. Evelyn (1939-1939).
3. Adrian (1940-1940).
4. Nina (1941) married Frank McVey and lives near Medina at Beech Grove. Their children: Nancy McVey (married Michael Shamblin) and Howard McVey (married Debbie Davis).
5. Betty (1944) married Jess McFarlen (divorced) and lives in Friendwood, Texas. Their children: Ann McFarlen and Cindy McFarlen.

6. Neil (1948) married Beverly Carmichael and lives near Medina in Grant District. Their children: Neil Thompson Jr. (married Nichole Hawkins), Lisa Thompson, Leigh Thompson and Lori Thompson.

7. Paul (1949) married Ronna Bare and lives near Medina. Their children: Nichole Thompson and Jennifer Thompson.

8. Sharon (1950) married Franklin Runion and lives at Sandyville, WV. Their children: Teresa Runion and Jeffrey Runion.

9. Roger "Keith" (1952) married Mabel Longoria Martinez and they live in Orange Park, Florida. Their child: Roger Keith Thompson Jr.

Submitted by Audra Thompson

ISAAC D. THOMPSON

Isaac Dickerson Thompson was born May 15, 1862, in Monroe or Noble County, Ohio, the son of Albert P. and Rachel "Malinda" (Craig) Thompson. He married, first, Marilla E. Love and moved to Jackson County in the early 1880's. She died in 1885 and is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. They had one son, Taylor (1883-1899).



Isaac and Cynthia Thompson with children: Clarence, Luther, Pearl, Okey and Earl

Isaac's second wife, Cynthia Alcena Murrey, was born July 24, 1860, in Noble County, Ohio, the daughter of Bazzel and Kerenhappuch "Happy Belle" (Burkhead) Murrey. They lived near Medina, in Grant District. Isaac died Apr. 10, 1950 and Cynthia died Mar. 1, 1941. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children:

1. Henry Luther Thompson (1889-?) married Mae Barlow and lived at Macksburg, OH. Their children: Albert Thompson, Ruth (Thompson) McClung, Henry Luther Thompson Jr.
2. Clarence M. Thompson (1891-1970) never married and lived at Mineral Wells, WV.
3. Ivy "Pearle" Thompson (1892-1987) married William H. Alexander and lived near Medina, in Grant District, before moving to Vienna, WV. Their child: Ira Alexander.
4. Albert Earle Thompson (1894-?) married Grace Estella Cross and lived at Northfield, OH until the 1950s, when he moved to Denver, CO. Their child: Adrian Earle Thompson.
5. George Okey Thompson (1897-1918) died in France during World War I.
6. Vicy Malinda Thompson (1899-1907).
7. Isaac Lester Thompson (1901-1903).
8. Elza B. Thompson, born Nov. 6, 1903, married Addie Johnson on Nov. 6, 1945, in Jackson County, WV. Addie was born Nov. 6, 1910, in Jackson County, the daughter of William Isaac and Mary Elizabeth (Bogge) Johnson. They lived at Ravenswood, WV. Elza died June 22, 1965 and Addie died July 14, 1983. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their child: Elza "Bryan" Thompson, born Apr. 6, 1949.

Bryan married Glenda "Gayle" Hardie Jan. 1, 1984. She was born July 10, 1950, at Martinsville, VA, the daughter of Jesse and Edna (Joyce) Hardie. Bryan graduated from Glenville State College with a degree in music. He received a masters degree in educational administration from West Virginia

University. He has been employed by the Jackson County school system since 1971. Currently, he is serving as the county attendance director. Gayle received a masters degree from Marshall University and is a counselor at Ripley High School. They live at Ripley and have two children: Bethanie Breann Thompson, born Aug. 16, 1986, and Isaac Dickerson Thompson, born May 5, 1988. *Submitted by Bryan Thompson*

LINDSEY THOMPSON

Thomas "Lindsey" Thompson was born May 15, 1851, at Noble Co., Ohio, the first child of Albert P. and Rachel "Malinda" (Craig) Thompson. The Thompson family had lived in the Green and Washington County, PA area before moving to the Noble and Monroe County, OH area. Lindsey married Cemilda Sill Sept. 10, 1874, at Noble Co., OH. She was born in Noble Co., the daughter of George and Martha (Fogle) Sill. They moved to Jackson Co. awhile after they were married. Lindsey and his brother, Albert "Fordice" Thompson, purchased land on McGraw Run of Grant District. Fordice died in 1883 and Lindsey bought his brother's share of the land from Fordice's widow, Martha (Snider) Thompson. Along with Fordice, Lindsey also had two other brothers and one sister who made Jackson County their home. Thurman "Leroy" Thompson (1860-1943) married, first, Miranda Harbin Barnhart and, second, Pearl Miller. Leroy lived in the Lockhart area with his first wife and on Little Sandy with his second wife. Isaac Thompson (1862-1950) married, first, Marilla Love and, second, Cynthia Murrey. Isaac lived near Medina. Rachel Malinda Thompson (1863-1946) married William A. Robbins and lived on Parsons Run, near Lockhart.



Lindsey and Cemilda (Sill) Thompson

Lindsey and Cemilda made their living from the farm. When they first arrived from Noble Co., they built a log cabin which was located on the hill across from the McGraw School. Later, a house was built near the site of the present one. Finally, a large two-story house was built in 1901, where they lived the rest of their lives. Lindsey and Cemilda were members of the Lockhart Methodist Church. Lindsey died Mar. 31, 1937, and Cemilda died July 1, 1933. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, WV. Their children:

1. Martha Malinda (1875-1904) married Jim Corns, son of Ellis and Margaret (Nesselroad) Corns, and lived in the Lockhart vicinity. Their children: Anna Corns and four children who died in infancy.
2. George Parker (1878-1895) never married.
3. Laura Chelby (1880-1930) married Garfield Ball, son of John and Rhoda (Archer) Ball, and lived in northern Jackson Co. Their children: Howard Ball, Amos Lindsey Ball, Harley Dempsey Ball, Tony Ted Ball, Clarice Irene McGill, Inez Herrington and Oma Herrington.
4. Isaac "Taylor" (1883-1965) married Louisa Ball, daughter of John and Rhoda (Archer) Ball, and lived on Gates Ridge in Wood County. Their children: Lennie Thompson, Russell Thompson,

Leslie Thompson, Holly Thompson, Herschel Thompson, Ernest Thompson, Otmer Thompson, Freda Wyatt, Zelma Gault, Carroll Thompson.

5. Eva (1885-1886).

6. Oscar Luther (1887-1970) married Maude Spears, daughter of Charles and Flora (Stanley) Spear, and lived on Parsons Run, near Lockhart. Their children: Olin Oscar Thompson, Eva Marie Hickman, Nina Bever, Charles L. Thompson (died in infancy).

7. Ada Belle (1889-1979) married Homer Beymer, son of William and Amanda (Hamilton) Beymer, and lived at Ripley, WV. Their children: Clair Burhl Beymer, Helen Cemilda Wendell, Bernice Virginia Harlow, Ray Dewayne Beymer, Betty Marie Ferguson Chapman, Joe Beymer, Robert Homer Beymer.



Etta (Thompson) Boyce

8. Mary "Etta" (1891-1978) married Charley Boyce, son of James Henry and Lillian (Shutts) Boyce, and lived on Maul Camp, near Medina. Their children: Clyde "Earl" Boyce, Opal Roberta Mihlbaach, Lawrence O. Boyce, Truman Boyce, Cecil Carl Boyce, Garnet Thomas, Gladys (died in infancy), Lillie Cemilda Gates, Nora "Faye" Ball, Charles Wayne Boyce.

9. Emma Matilda (1894-1970) married Pearl Franklin, son of Samuel and Eva (Dailey) Franklin, and lived near Beech Grove, north of Medina. Their children: Bernice Jeanet Shafer, Paul Edsel Franklin, Ned Edward Franklin, Ralph Eugene Franklin.

10. Herbert Lindsey (1896-1913).

11. Bert (1899-1983) married, first, Pherona Stewart, daughter of Bob and Serepta Stewart. After the death of Pherona, Bert married Hazel McPherson, daughter of Charles and Marybelle (Archer) McPherson. He lived in the family home on McGraw Run. Bert and Pherona had twin daughters who died in infancy. Bert and Hazel's children: Oma Bell Roberts, Charles "Otis" Thompson, Lois Marie Hill, Doris Virginia McCormick, Norma "Jean" Parrish, Carl Ray Thompson, Evelyn "Joan" Gentry, Helen Lee Emerick Cottrill, Clair Dwight Thompson. Submitted by Lillie (Boyce) Gates and Barbara (Gates) Gant

T.L. THOMPSON

Thomas Lindsey Thompson and Cemilda Sill were married on September 10, 1874 in Noble County, Ohio. A daughter, Martha, was born while they were still in Ohio. When Martha was small they came to Jackson County across the frozen Ohio River on a sled pulled by horses.

They settled on a farm on McGraw Run in Jackson County where they made a living by farming.

After coming to Jackson County ten more children were born to them:

George Parker (1878-1895).

Laura Chelby (1880-1930) married Garfield Ball.

Isaac Taylor (1883-1965) married 1. Louisa Ball, 2. Lottie Gates.

Eva (1885-1886).

Oscar (1887-1970) married Maude Spears.

Ada (1889-1979) married Homer Beyner.

Mary Ettie (1891-1975) married Charley Boyce.

Emma (1894-1970) married Pearl Franklin.

Herbert (1896-1913).

Bert (1899-1983) married 1. Pherona Stewart (died during childbirth of twin girls), 2. Hazel McPherson (babies died shortly afterwards).

Martha, born in Ohio (1875-1904) married Jim Corns.

Thomas Lindsey Thompson was born in 1851 and died in 1937. Cemilda Sill Thompson was born in 1855 and died in 1933. They are buried in Independence Cemetery.

Bert Thompson, their youngest son, married Hazel McPherson on September 10, 1927. They lived with and cared for Bert's parents until their death.

After his parents' death, Bert Thompson purchased the farm on McGraw Run from the heirs which contained 160 acres. Bert Thompson lived his entire life on McGraw Run, farming the land for a living.

Bert and Hazel Thompson had nine children.

Oma Belle (1928 -) married James A. Roberts.

Charles Otis (1930-1980) married Shirley Weekley (whom he later divorced).

Lois Marie (1931 -) married Clair Hill.

Doris Virginia (1932 -) married Robert McCormick.

Norma Jean (1934 -) married Henry Parrish.

Carl Ray (1935 -) married Donna Conley.

Evelyn Joan (1936 -) married Raymond Gentry.

Helen Lee (1939 -) married 1. Edward Emerick (whom she later divorced), 2. Glenn Cottrill.

Clair Dwight (1940 -) married Betty Rhea (whom he later divorced).

Bert Thompson died in 1983. Hazel Thompson died in 1985. They are buried in Independence Cemetery. Their son, Charles Otis Thompson, who died in 1980, is also buried there.



Bert Thompson family

Otis Thompson bought five acres of land from his father, Bert Thompson, and put a trailer on the property. Before his death Otis willed his property to his sister, Jean Thompson, where Jean and her husband Henry Parrish now live.

The house Lindsey Thompson built in 1901 still stands and the farm now belongs to Michael David Roberts, son of Oma Thompson Roberts, and grandson of Bert and Hazel Thompson. Michael has a brother, Jerry Roberts, who lives on a small farm in Cross Lanes, West Virginia. Submitted by Oma Belle (Thompson) Roberts

THORN

The Thorn family ancestry is one of royal lineage through the wife of Thomas Thorn. Thomas Thorn of Yardley, Northamptonshire, England, married Mary Purefoy, whose ancestry consisted of royalty such as Hugh Capet, his son, Robert I, King of France in 996 A.D., William the Duke of Normandy, who later became King of

England in 1046 A.D., Prince Henry, the son of David I of Scotland, Lady Godiva and others.

Thomas and Mary Thorn's son, William, married Sarah Dudley in the mid 1600s. Their son, John, married Mary Parsall and had a son, Joseph, who was born in 1701. He married Sarah Foulke and their son, John, who was born in 1730, married Diadomia luins. They had a son named Thomas, born 1774, who married Rebecca Stuart, and their son, Thomas, married Mary Jones.

Mary Jones was the daughter of John Jones who was captured by the Wyandote Indians at the age of 11 and lived with them for five years. He escaped to Detroit where he lived for six years before returning home. He was also a scout during the Indian Wars of 1790 to 1795. John's father, Jacob Jones, served in the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Thomas and Mary Jones Thorn were the parents of my great-great-grandfather, Jehu Hank Thorn. He was born in Wirt County in 1825 and married Elizabeth Sprague.

Jehu and Elizabeth left Wirt County after the Civil War, but later returned and settled in Jackson County. Here my great-great-grandmother, Caroline, married John Waggoner. They had Samuel who married Bessie Franklin, daughter of James Monroe Franklin. Her grandfather, John Franklin, served with the 18th Ohio Volunteers for four years during the Civil War.

Sam and Bessie are the parents of my grandmother, Minnie, who married Ernest Angus. Their son is my father, Billy Angus. Submitted by Terry Angus

ELIJAH THORNTON

Elijah Thornton (1803-1882), a native of Culpeper County, Virginia, the son of Reuben Thornton and his wife, Lydia, moved with his parents and brothers in 1833 to Ohio. In Ohio Elijah met and married Mary Jane Cavanaugh. In 1880 Elijah moved from Ohio to Jackson County, West Virginia. He bought 160 acres of land, called Red Brush Farm, where he died and is buried.

Reuben Timothy Thornton (1842-1924) was the eldest son of Elijah and Mary Jane. At the age of 19, Reuben enlisted in Company "G" 77th Volunteer Ohio Infantry, serving until his discharge in 1866. He was injured at the Battle of Shiloh and was shot in both shoulders at Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas. As a result, he was crippled and received a government pension. After the Civil War he returned to farming in Ohio. Reuben married Hannah Jane King (1841-1913) in Noble County, Ohio. Hannah was the daughter of John King and Rebecca Perkins. They had the following children: John Ransom (1867-1934) married Arminda White (1870-1947); William Sherman (1868) married Miss Shipley; Ida Estella (1873-circa 1960) married Will McGurk; Francis Marion (1875-circa 1960) married Florence Shipley; Richmond Taylor (1878) married three times; Charles Eugene (1881-circa 1955) married Ada Campbell. Around 1900 Reuben and Hannah moved to Iowa where they farmed.

John Ransom (eldest son of Reuben and Hannah) and his wife, Arminda, moved to Iowa in 1902, farming as they had in Ohio. Arminda was the daughter of John Jefferson White and his wife, Eliza Jane Dickason, of Summerfield, Ohio. They were the parents of the following children: Elmer Foraker (1889-1931) married Anna Saathoff; John Emmett (1890-1975) married 1. Elsie Kirchner, 2. Nora Lyons; Timothy Earl (1892-circa 1977) married Lois Joans; Iona Winifred (1896-1973) married Arthur Onnen; Elzora Rose (1903-1983) married Arnold Burton zumBrunnen (1898); Raymond Ernest (1905-1973) married Oma Allison; Everett Clyde (1910) married Gertrude Crowder.

Elzora and Burton zumBrunnen had the following children: Robert Burton (1921) married Elaine

McGee; Edward Ransom (1931) married 1. Beverly Conroy, 2. Virginia Martin; Linda Lou (1938) married Robert John Lyons.

Robert and Elaine zumBrunnen's children are: 1. Nancy Elaine (1949) married Raymond Schultz. They have two children, Angela (1968) and Clayton (1972). 2. Craig Hoyt (1952) married Carolea Gray. They have two children, Darin (1986) and Laura (1987). Robert is retired and living in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Edward zumBrunnen is a retired postal employee living in Mesa, Arizona.

Linda and her husband, Robert Lyons, live in Ankeny, Iowa, and have four children: Deborah (1957) with one son, Christopher (1977); Robert David (1962) married Vickie Hutt with two children, Dawn (1983) and Rebecca (1984); Kevin Daniel (1964) married Stephanie Gilmore with two children, Joshua (1985) and Brandon (1988); and Derek Andrew (1980).

Even though this branch of the Thornton family severed their connection with West Virginia many years ago, they still have distant relatives living in the state. *Submitted by Linda Lyons*

THORNTON — ARCHER

Elijah Thornton, with older brothers and wives, John H. and Nancy Shannon Thornton, 1812 War veteran from Culpeper County, Va., William and Elizabeth Bridewell Thornton, Richard and Sarah Rucker Thornton, bought land in 1836 in Center Township, Monroe County, Ohio.

Timothy Cavanaugh, 1812 War veteran, son of Daniel Cavanaugh, Revolutionary War soldier, killed second enlistment, born Brooklyn, New York, bought land in 1836 in Franklin Township, Monroe County.

Timothy and Mariah's daughter, Mary Jane, married circa 1840, Elijah Thornton. They had eleven children, two served in the Civil War.

Reuben Timothy, Sgt., Co. G 77 Ohio Volunteer Infantry, married Hannah Jane King.

John William, Pvt., Co. F 116 Ohio Volunteer Infantry, married Maria Smith.

Maria Elizabeth married Edward T. Watkins.

Daniel Garrison died age three.

Lucetta married T.J. Jearles.

Amanda E. married Charles F. Hardesty.

Richard Kane married Mary Leisure.

Malachi Cavanaugh married Viola Belle Archer December 26, 1880, Ripley.

Albert A.K. married Margaret Slavins.

Thomas Wellington married Etta Lamon.

Hiram Nelson married Sarah Riley Snyder.

March 19, 1881, Deed Book 24, page 6, Ripley. Elijah Thornton, who was born October 10, 1803, Virginia, bought 160 acres in Red Brush, died November 22, 1882, and is buried on this land. His widow died March 14, 1889, Seattle, Washington, buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

John Megary (McGarry) Archer, (Michael, Joseph, James I), born January 17, 1829, Monroe County, married his second cousin, Matilda Archer (Jacob, James I) June 11, 1847, Woodfield, Ohio. Civil War veteran, Co. G 176 Ohio Volunteers. Matilda died April 19, 1900. John died April 22, 1920. Both are buried in Providence Methodist Church yard with some of their 12 children born in Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia. Two died infants.

David (Doc) Megary married Sarah Aplin. Taylor drowned.

Alfred L. married Miranda Archer.

Rebecca Jane married George Dowler.

Catherine Susan married John Gault and Ellsworth Archer.

Sherman married Ollie Angus.

Michael married Hattie Moore.

Columbus married Mary McClain.

Cornelia Ann married Thomas Hughes. The mother and four children drowned in the flood of July 15, 1889; buried in Providence Methodist



Malachi Cavanaugh and Viola (Archer) Thornton, 1905

Church yard.

Viola Belle married Malachi Cavanaugh Thornton.

John Ransom Megary Robert Thornton (1893-1975) was in the West Virginia National Guard and Second Engineers, World War I, married Edna McElroy in Wynne, Arkansas and had two daughters, Ethel Crittenden (1921) of Helena, and Hazel Thornton (1923-1984).

John R. Thornton married second, Alice Mae Naylor (1898-1968) from Roane County, West Va., in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 19, 1925.

Christine Thornton (1925) married William Arvil Welch (1921-1975) November 5, 1943 in Longview, Texas. A South Pacific veteran, Co. A, 147 Infantry, Ohio 37 Division. No children.

Patricia Ann Welch (1945) married October 13, 1962, Bernard Robert Wolfe in Cincinnati and has Brian Robert (1963), William Patrick (1970), William Thomas Welch (1947), married Barbara Huber July 23, 1968, Ashville, North Carolina, and two sons born in Cincinnati, William, Thomas Jr. (1969) and Joseph Anthony Welch (1970).

John, Alice and Robert Thornton, William Arvil Welch, are buried in Venice Cemetery, Ross, Butler County, Ohio.

Fred F. Mangold (1918), U.S. Navy, South Pacific veteran, married Christine Thornton Welch March 4, 1978, Newport, Kentucky.

Robert E. Thornton (1928-1972).

Richard E. Thornton (1932-1935).

Bernice Thornton (1930) married Ralph Liddil and has son Robert, married second, Kenneth Rogers and has Kris Rogers Burritt, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Richard Elmer Thornton (1935) married 1960 Margaret June Blackman from Kansas City, Missouri and has two sons, Richard Matthew and John David Thornton. *Submitted by Christine Mangold*

HENRY AND IDA THORNTON

The name Thornton is English. The surname means a resident of Thorn Town. The Thornton family originally settled in the Mt. Alto area of Jackson County. It is believed they migrated from Pennsylvania.

Henry Calvin Thornton, March 27, 1864-November 28, 1945, was the son of Charles H. Thornton, 1841-1915, and Elizabeth Jane Boyer, 1838-1891. Charles H. was the son of John Thornton and his brothers were Phillip, John, Jesse, Samuel, and Harim.

Charles and Elizabeth Boyer Thornton had seven children. John, 1861-1893, married Mary Durst. Phillip, 1862-1938, married Nellie Donohew (no children). Henry Calvin, 1864-1945, married Ida Bell Woodward. They had eleven children. James M., 1867-1944, married Maggie Donohew. Lucindia "Lucy," 1867-1941, never married. She is buried at Hopewell Cemetery in Mt. Alto. Melvin "Mel," 1871-1958, is buried at Mt. Alto. Rose, 1881-1946, married her cousin Callie Thornton (Phillip's son), 1877-1910. Iva Bell Thornton Ganes, 1900-1956, and Latha, 1902-1938, were born of this marriage. Her second marriage was to Hut Boggess. Their children

were Hazel Boggess Stewart, Troy and Emi Boggess. Rose, Callie and Latha are buried at Foster Chapel Cemetery.

Henry Calvin's wife, Ida Bell Woodard, September 4, 1864-November 15, 1944, was born at Graham Station in Mason County. She was the daughter of Lafayette and Angeline Rickard Woodard. She had six brothers and sisters. Lizzie, 1872-1953, married "Bub" Webster. Elias, 1875-1969, married Lida Stewart. Samuel "Sam," 1862-?, married Clara Donohew. Oscar, 1864-1958, married Bertha Casto. Artie, 1881-?, married Odd Brooks. Henry "Hen," 1861-1942, married Oddie Loyd, 1863-1927.

Henry Calvin Thornton and Ida Bell Woodard were married February 28, 1886. They lived in Mason County for a few years. After moving to Jackson County they finally settled on a farm on Long Hollow where they spent the rest of their lives together. Henry Calvin farmed with the help of his family, but most of his income was derived from hunting and trapping. They were both members of the Long Hollow Baptist Church. Ida Bell, having moved her membership from the Hopewell Baptist Church in 1903. Both are buried at Foster Chapel Cemetery.



Henry Calvin and Ida Bell Thornton

Henry Calvin and Ida Bell had eleven children. Jesse Otmer, December 6, 1886-May 1, 1964, was their first child and only son. Jesse married Mary Gillispie, January 12, 1889-November 12, 1968. Both are buried at Foster Chapel. They had ten children. Henry Otmer, January 30, 1909-December 4, 1954, never married. Birdie Marie, July 26, 1911-March 6, 1987, married Leonard Livingston and had three children. Walter Woodrow was born March 31, 1913, died June 8, 1921. Leo Ray, born June 13, 1915, married Rosa Jane Moore and had two children. Hubert Ranson, August 9, 1917-January 2, 1975, married Ora Boswell and had two children. Eva Irene, born July 2, 1919, married Orvil Luther Sayre, 1920-1952, and later married William Arlan Stone. Lottie Belle, May 5, 1921-February 17, 1946, married Clarence Campbell and had two sons. Alfred Blaine, born September 26, 1923, married Hazel Sayre and had four children. Florence May, born March 2, 1926, married Oliver Casto and had two sons. The youngest, Ruth Emogene, born April 20, 1928, married Thomas Edison Hill and had five children.

Their second child, Nora Elizabeth, December 31, 1887-August 11, 1967, was born at School House Run, Mason County. She married George Stewart, 1863-1948, a carpenter from Danstown, Jackson County. They met while he was building on her father's house. They had two daughters. Georgia, born 1917, married Dorn Grady from Mason County. They had two sons. Evelyn, born 1919, married Clyde Durst and had three daughters.

Oda Ardelia, September 11, 1889-March 19, 1954, their third child, married Charley Jones, 1889-1951. Both are buried at Jackson Chapel. They had twelve children. Walter Horton, 1910-1988, was married to Flossie Shirley and Hester Shultz. He had four children. George Elmer, born 1911, married Screna Keefer and had four children.

Ida Inez, 1915-1983, married Paul Westbrook and had three daughters. Ethel Loberta, 1918-1985, married Frederick Raymond Fauver, 1913-1988. They had six children. Marion Calvin "Sam," born 1919, had one son. Iolene Mae Jones Miller, 1921-1984, had nine children. Her twin, Imogene Fay, died in infancy. Harley Gerald, 1923, died in infancy. Ruth Genevieve, born 1924, was married to Oscar Reynolds and Zack Elliot. She had one son. Mildred Madolyn, born 1926, married Joe Gallione and had two children. Edna Avolee, born 1929, married Lester Putney and had six children. Their last child, Charles Alfred, Jr., 1930-1987, had five children.

Henry Calvin and Ida Bell's fourth child was Nancy Angeline "Lina," June 14, 1891-January 25, 1923. She married Rude Barnett, 1891-?, and had six children. Three died in infancy. Lester, 1913-1984, married Goldie Morrison, 1913-1981. Both are buried at Foster Chapel. Lambert "Jack," born 1915, married Kathleen Ocheltree, born 1926, remarried to Delores Hatcher Asbury. Lena, 1917-1960, never married. "Lina," Rude, and Lena are buried in Barnette Cemetery at Rockcastle.

Their fifth child, Pina Ann, February 5, 1893-September 25, 1971, married Joseph Winters, 1871-1953. He was a Sergeant in the Spanish/American War. They are buried at Cottageville. They had four children. Eleanor, born 1919, married Paul Smith. Willajean, born 1921, married Elmer Ohlinger. Joseph, 1923-1986, married Virginia Stewart, 1924. Charles, 1925-1988, married Betty Miller, 1929.

Sina Leona, February 11, 1895-September 11, 1920, their sixth child was never married. She is buried at Foster Chapel.

The seventh child was Ida Bryon, November 17, 1896-April 6, 1988, married Manford Bradley, 1893-1942, and had seven children. Virginia, born 1918 and Eileen, born 1920, never married. Carl, born 1922, married Clara Faye Dudgeon, 1924. Eva, born 1924, married Hubert Jones, 1915. The twins, Clyde, born 1928, married Gertrude Hardesty, 1928, and Reva married Harry Kibble, Jr., 1927. The youngest, Joseph, born 1935, married Janice Miller, 1933.

The eighth child, Flara Ethel, August 8, 1898-May 10, 1971, married Daniel Livingston, 1895-1959. Their children were Darrell, 1918, Belva Livingston Adkins, 1919, Pearl, 1921, Herbert, 1923, Daniel Loyd, 1925, Anna Livingston Davis, 1931, and Nona Livingston Orndorff, 1933.

Henry Calvin and Ida Bell's ninth child was Bertha Edna, August 13, 1900-July 23, 1987. "Bert" married Lee Fox and had five children. Arnold Lee and Leroy died in infancy. Louise, born 1925, married Maxwell Brown, 1923-1988. Billie, born 1929, married Bonnie Ball, 1935. Bobbie, born 1931, married Georgia Holliwel, 1937.

Beda Alice, the tenth child, July 21, 1902-November 25, 1980, married Henry Sayre, 1900-1989. Both are buried at Otterbein Cemetery. They had seven children. Ida Love Livingston, born 1922. Macil, born 1924, married Roy Hoschar, 1918. Thornton, born 1926. Betty Jean, born 1928, married Aubry Newell, 1921-1976. Waldo, born 1930, married Nora Hartley. Raymond, 1938-1985, married Janet Shinn and Chloc, born 1945, married Larry Sharp.

The last child born to Henry Calvin and Ida Bell was Lucy Haden, June 16, 1904-August 2, 1987. She married Oris Lathey, 1905-1989. Both are buried at Foster Chapel Cemetery. They had three children. Oris, Jr., born 1926, married Rose Stover, 1930. Eugene Rowley, born 1929, married Macil Morrison, 1926. Genevieve, born 1933, married Basil Carney, 1926. Submitted by Leo Ray Thornton, Sr.

JESSE O. AND MARY R. THORNTON

In the spring of 1907 Jesse Otmer Thornton

left his father's farm on Long Hollow to work in a saw mill in Boone County. It was there he saw a young girl doing her family's washing on a board. To get her attention, he threw a stick at her. They courted nine months and on February 23, 1908, Jesse and Mary Ruth Gillispie were married.

Jesse, December 6, 1886-May 1, 1964, was the oldest child and only son of Henry Calvin Thornton, March 27, 1864-November 28, 1945, and Ida Bell Woodard, September 4, 1864-November 15, 1944. He had ten younger sisters. Jesse was born in the Mt. Alto area. His family later moved to a home near Woodard Hill and then to a farm on Long Hollow.

Mary Ruth, January 12, 1889-November 12, 1968, was born around Ashford, Boone County. Her parents were Samuel Henry Gillispie and Emma Barker Gillispie. Her mother died when she was thirteen, leaving Mary to care for her father and brothers, Gilbert, Jim, and Henry.

After their marriage, Jesse brought Mary to a farm on Long Hollow, Jackson County. There he spent his entire life farming, other than working for a brief time in the Charleston area. They were the parents of ten children. Henry Otmer, January 30, 1909-December 4, 1954, never married. Birdie Marie, July 26, 1911-March 6, 1987, married Leonard Livingston and had three children, Kenneth, Otmer, November 26, 1942-June 9, 1985, and Wanda Burdette. Birdie is buried at Leon Cemetery. Walter Woodrow was born March 31, 1913, died June 8, 1921. Leo Ray, born June 13, 1915, married Rosa Jane Moore and had two children, Karen Turley and L. Ray, Jr. Hubert Ranson, August 9, 1917-January 2, 1975, married Ora Boswell and had two children, Michael and Lynn. Hubert is buried at Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens in Kanawha County. Eva Irene, born July 2, 1919, married Orvil Luther Sayre, 1920-1952, and later married William Arlan Stone. Lottie Belle, May 5, 1921-February 17, 1946, married Clarence Campbell and had two sons, Ranson and Camden. Lottie is buried at Creston Cemetery. Alfred Blaine, born September 26, 1923, married Hazel Sayre and had four children, Donald, Debra, and Terry. Their oldest child died in infancy. Florence May, born March 2, 1926, married Oliver Casto and had two sons, Dempsey and Danny. The youngest, Ruth Emogene, born April 20, 1928, married Thomas Edison Hill and had five children, Ryckie Phillips, Vickie Hutton, Blaine and twins, Christine Mason and Constance. In addition to the 20 grandchildren, Mary and Jesse have 25 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.



Jesse O. and Mary R. Thornton

After over 50 years, they moved from their farm on Long Hollow and bought a home in Leon near their daughter, Birdie. Mary and Jesse were members of the Long Hollow Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon. Both are buried along side their sons, Henry and Woodrow, at Foster Chapel Cemetery. Submitted by Karen Thornton Turley

MALACHI CAVANAUGH THORNTON

Malachi C. Thornton, born April 15, 1858 in

Noble County, Ohio. Moved to Jackson County, W. Va. when he was a small boy and lived close to Medina. He married Viola Belle Archer, December 26, 1880. They lived in a log house, where most of their children were born, located at Providence left fork. Later they moved to Thornton Hollow and the last two boys were born there. Their children were:

Mary Matilda, born 1881 — died at age 17, buried at Providence.

Richard Miller, born 1882 — died at age 26, buried at Providence.

Franklin Guy, born 1884 — died 1955, buried at West Union, Ohio. He was hopping a train and lost a leg. He came back home and lived with his parents until they died.

Thomas Alfred, born 1886 — married Mary Farley and lived on a part of his father's farm, later buying it.

Jessie, born 1888 — married Florence Harbin and lived on McGraw Run for a few years before moving to Cincinnati, Ohio.

John Robert, born 1893, served in the Army during WW I, in the Cavalry. He also taught school in Jackson County. He married Alice Naylor from Roane County, then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Columbus Elmer "Tum", born 1895, served in the Army in WW I. He was wounded in France, trained at Fort Benning, Georgia. Met Elsie Langford and married her and lived in Atlanta, Georgia — died 1952.

Malachi was a blacksmith by trade and also wrote the Wiseburg Items for the *Herald*. He was president and treasurer of the old Citizen Phone Company for many years. But his great love was singing. He taught music for many years at most of the churches in northern Jackson County. He charged ten cents a lesson, but most of the time for free. He wanted young people to know music and people came on Sunday afternoon to his home for a gospel sing.



Malachi and Viola Thornton

Malachi Thornton died in Jackson County September 12, 1937 and his wife, Viola, died January 31, 1943, bringing to a close the life of a well-known and respected man in this area.

Submitted by Ada Thornton Crum, granddaughter

RICHARD KANE THORNTON

Richard Kane Thornton, son of Elijah Thornton and Mary Jane (Cavanaugh) Thornton, was born January 1854, Monroe Co., OH. He married Mary Ann Leisure, date and place of marriage unknown, and whether she died or was divorced is unknown. Their son, James Franklin Thornton, was born 6 Sept. 1876, Stafford, Monroe Co., OH. After Elijah's death in 1882 in Sandyville, Jackson Co., WV, his widow, Mary Jane, went to Washington Territory to join her brother, Martin Luther Cavanaugh, taking several of her sons, possibly including Richard, who was known by his niece, Ida Thornton Hoelscher, as Uncle Doc. Richard appears on land records in King Co., WA in 1896, and in Bellingham and Whatcom Co. directories from 1909 to 1915. He married Rebecca King and they had a daughter, Florence, born 5 Sept. 1884 in WA. Florence married twice and died in 1955



Richard Kane Thornton

at Santa Cruz, CA. Richard worked as a day laborer, sawmill worker, barnman, farmer, and employee of a dairy.

His son, James Franklin Thornton, was five feet nine inches tall, with dark complexion, brown eyes and black hair. He liked to run. In order to keep his job as a logger during the depression, he finished a day in the woods despite a broken arm. His marriage to Elsie M. Yeisley ended in divorce. He married Sylvia Mercy Muscott, daughter of Clayton Abiel and Grace Wilkinson Muscott, 25 March 1911, at Bellingham, WA. After Sylvia's death from pneumonia in 1933, he told his boys he would bring home the bacon, but he wouldn't cook it. Fortunately, Sylvia had taught her two boys to cook.

Son, Gerald Franklin Thornton, born 4 Feb. 1918, Blanchard, Skagit Co., WA, worked as a plumber. He married Alene Aletha Jenkins, divorced. Five children: 1. Jeri Anne, b. 2 Feb. 1943, Mt. Vernon, WA. 2. Helen Marie, b. 22 Oct. 1946. 3. Terry Clayton, b. 1 Oct. 1947. 4. Richard Nason, b. 21 Sept. 1948. 5. Sylvia Irene, b. 6 Feb. 1950.

Son, Hervey Marion (Tiny) Thornton, b. 13 Dec. 1919, Blanchard, WA, was five feet, ten inches tall, very strong with heavy bones. He attended Western WA College in Bellingham on football scholarships; served four years in the Navy in WW II; then took a second BA because Western was in a different league after the war and his coach needed him. He became a charismatic teacher, especially good with high-ability low-achievers. He married Evelyn (Vincent) Kemp in 1966, Seattle, WA. Their son, Hilary, was born 18 June 1969 in Denver, CO where Tiny had earned a Masters degree from the University of Denver.

Hilary Marc Thornton was three when his father died of cancer, 1972, Bremerton, WA. Eventually Hilary became an Eagle Scout and cross-country runner. In 1989 he is a six foot, one inch junior at MIT on a Navy ROTC scholarship.

Submitted by Evelyn M. Thornton

THOMAS ALFRED THORNTON

Thomas Alfred Thornton, son of Malachi Cavanaugh Thornton and Viola Belle Archer, born April 23, 1886 in Jackson Co., W Va., married Mary Cathrine Farley, born on Farley Run, Jackson Co., W Va. Feb. 13, 1894. Alf was a farmer most of his life. As a young man he worked at logging



The Alfred Thornton Log House

using a team of oxen. He also worked at saw mills. His oldest daughter was born in his parents' home while he was building a log cabin on his father's farm. The other children were born in the log cabin but Ray. He was born on Farley Run, the home of Mary's grandfather, James S. Farley, a Civil War veteran. Alf was caretaker at Sheppard Chapel Church for 27 years. In the early years there were kerosene lamps and a pot-belly stove to care for. Later electricity came. He was a Sunday school teacher for young adult class for many years. He was a member of Jr. O.U.A.M. Lodge at Pee Wee, later transferred to Rockport Council. In 1956 he retired from farming and sold his farm and moved to Ohio and lived with his daughter, Ada, on a small farm in North Lawrence. There he died March 23, 1965.

Mary grew beautiful flowers, often sending a bouquet to church for Sunday service. She sold cream to buy thread and made lace doilies and potholders to sell. She was a member of the D. of A. Rockport Council 25, also Women's Society Christian Service of Sheppard Chapel. After moving to Ohio she made each of her children a flower-garden quilt and her grandchildren a nine-patch quilt. She died Sept. 7, 1975. They are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Akron, Ohio. They are the parents of six children.



seated: Alfred and Mary Thornton; standing: Ada, Robert, Alma, Ray, Glenna and Carl, 1964

Ada Belle, born Aug. 2, 1922, worked at Goodyear Aircraft during WW II. Married Amber Crum from Inez, KY. They lived in Ohio for many years. After Amber retired from Goodyear, they moved to New Smyrna Beach, FL. They have two daughters, Evelyn and Barbara, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

James Robert, born Feb. 23, 1924, served in the Army for 26 years. During WW II he served with the 93rd General Hospital in England, also was a part of the Fighting 69th, 15th Army. He received the Purple Heart for injury received as a Corpsman. During his long career he served in Germany and Alaska. Married to Gladys Pickens of Flint, Mich. They have one daughter, Crystal Ann, and one grandson, Christopher Robert. They live at Elizabethtown, KY. He retired as Master Sergeant.

Alma Lucille, born May 15, 1925, worked at Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, OH during the war. In 1948 married Clyde Randolph at Sheppard Chapel Church in 1951, moved to Canton, Ohio, lived there for 26 years. Alma worked at the U.S. Postoffice for many years as a Christmas extra. Clyde worked at Timken Co. for 20 years. He received the highest award for an employee suggestion, 64 shares of Timken stock or \$4,000. He retired in 1977. They moved back to W Va. They live on a small farm at Point Pleasant and raise Holstein calves. They were foster parents for many years.

Ray Cavanaugh, born Jan. 8, 1927, married Carolyn Braniff in 1948, moved to Akron, OH, served in the Marines two years active and four in reserve. Worked at Goodyear. The plant moved to Gadsden, Ala. and he moved with the company. They have four children: Charles Ray, killed in a

car accident in 1987, Carole is a drafting consultant, Donna a nursing instructor at Cleveland, Ohio hospital, Thomas A. is 1st. Lieut. in the U.S. Army, also a Baptist minister.

Glenna B., born Aug. 23, 1938, worked at Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, Ohio. Married Herbert Sams, divorced. Works at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio as supervisor in housekeeping; has 22 years there. She has two children, Eugene and Sandra. Sandra is a LPN at Cambridge State Hospital. Glenna has four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Carl Dexter, born Sept. 13, 1932, served in the U.S. Army, Korean War, 1st Cavalry, 61st Field Artillery Battalion. Married Twila Price in 1954. Went to Akron University, has a degree in drafting engineer, worked at B.F. Goodrich. He is a retired policeman of Norton Village. Is now president of Thornton Interprise. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge serving as secretary. They have four children (adopted), Gary Lee, Lori, Cereta Mae, and Suzanne. Also three grandchildren.

All the children attended school at Providence School, having to pass the Providence Cemetery where many of the Thorntons are buried, also Archers, Alf's Aunt Cecila, Ann Archer Hughes and her children who drowned in the flash flood of 1889. They went to Sunday school at Sheppard Chapel. Submitted by Alma Thornton Randolph and Carl Thornton

TOLLEY

The name Tolley is English and derives from the Old English given name Toll. The name Toll in turn derived from a short form of a Norse compound name referring to Thor, the god of thunder.

Sometime between 1830 and 1840 several Tolley families migrated from Rockbridge County, Virginia, to Jackson County. Among them were John and Rebecca Tolley. Their second son was Granville Tolley (1835-1903) who was born in Rockbridge County. On April 28, 1859, Granville married Elizabeth Catherine Southall (1839-1907), daughter of William Southall, Sr. and Perlina Catherine Hix Southall. She was born in Franklin County, Virginia.

Granville was a farmer around Elk Fork. During the Civil War he served as a private in Captain Nicholas Casto's Company of Jackson County Home Guards which was mustered in at Ripley on July 20, 1863.



Granville and Elizabeth Catherine (Southall) Tolley

The children of Granville and Elizabeth were: Gilbert Alexander (1860-1927) married Mary Harpold (1862-1904), daughter of Sandusky and Hannah (Straley) Harpold on December 24, 1879; Walter; Sandusky (1879-1959); John (1862-1938); William (1864-1940); Susan; James; Martha.

The children of Gilbert and Mary were: Gird MacDonald (1889-1960) married Birdie Coon (1890-1972), daughter of Benjamin Crittendon and Martha (Burdette) Coon on December 22, 1912; Edward; Earnest; Otmer; Hyer; Blanche married Clarence Capchart; Cora married Arthur

Shaffer; Elizabeth married Roy Critchfield; Lucy married Dayton Shaffer; Lilla Belle.

The children of Gird and Birdie were: Otis Shirley (1913-1961) married Zelma Mae Withrow; Ova Harold (1915 -) married Melva Joanna Stephens; Edith Mae (1916 -) married Carl Lester White; Oral Graydon (1919-1921); Carl Leroy (1921-1988) married Daphney Joyce Hansell; Gertrude (1923 -) married Arthur Blair Casto; Glenva Maxine (1925 -) married Denver Darold Withrow; Gird MacDonald, Jr. (1927 -); Ralph Lee (1929-1988) married Doris Simmons.

Submitted by Dr. Donald A. Withrow

HOWARD AND BERNICE TOLLEY

My parents, Howard Tolley and Bernice (Lupardus) Casto, were married at Cottageville, West Virginia on July 3, 1946. This was my mother's second marriage, her first being to Whitmer Casto. They had two children: Imojean, who died in infancy, and Orma June Casto, who married Eddie Parsons, son of Joda and Opal Parsons of Gay. June and Eddie reside near Akron, Ohio, as do their children, Steve and Kevin and their families.

1. Brenda (Tolley) Witt, was born on June 21, 1950 in Parkersburg. We lived at Longview, Jackson County, until 1956. Then we moved to Cross Lanes, West Virginia because my dad worked at Carbide and he was tired of boarding in Cross Lanes and only coming home on the weekends. I married James S. Witt of Kanawha County and we have two children: Marlin (17) and Mary Ann (15).



Marlin, James, Brenda and Mary Ann Witt

The Tolleys were originally from Rockbridge County, Virginia. Granville Tolley was born there in 1835. He married Catherine Southall, daughter of William James Southall, Sr. They had a large family, of which Wm. Howard Tolley was born on November 18, 1864, at Gay. He married Agnes Thomas, daughter of William H. Thomas, who in turn was the son of the Reverend Archibald Thomas, a circuit-riding Methodist minister who preached to both sides during the Civil War. William and Agnes had 14 children. One of their sons, Roy Lawrence, married Christyanna Hinzman, daughter of David Baxter and Mary Elizabeth (Hudson) Hinzman. Christyanna (Anne) was a descendant of Henry and Charity (Coon) Hinzman of Lewis County. Roy and Annie's children are: Howard, married Bernice Lupardus Casto; Willard (Fuzz), married Mozelle Agee Riley of Georgia; Wilbert (Ty), married Merle Boothe; and Mary Elizabeth (Tib), 1) married Gilbert Westfall, 2) Lester Barnette.

The Luparduses, my mother's people, were originally from France. Richard Lupardus settled first at what is known as Flatiron Square, New York. He was a carpenter, as was his son Peter. Son Peter and wife, Mary A. Demie, moved to Ohio. Their son, Richard, was born in Morgan County, Ohio, in 1833. This Richard married Ann Paxton on July 24, 1851. Richard served in the

196th Ohio Infantry during the Civil War. He contracted a severe cold during the war which resulted in eventual deafness. He was denied a pension, which is widow later obtained. They moved to West Virginia during the 1870s, where their son, Peter Elsworth Lupardus, married Virginia Jane Kiser. Sometime after 1883, Richard, Ann, and son, Will, moved to Iowa where Will married and raised a family. Richard is buried there. (I visited with descendant Estill Lupardus and saw Richard's grave in 1987). Ann later went back to Marietta, where she is buried.

Peter E.'s son, Ezra Lupardus, was my grandfather. He worked in the oil fields and was a farmer. He married Amma Pearl Raines, daughter of Stephen and Sarah E. (Thomas) Raines. Amma was also a granddaughter of the Rev. Archibald Thomas and a great-granddaughter of Charity (Coon) Hinzman who lived to be well over 100 years old, after being scalped by Indians. Ezra and Amma's children are: Opan Parsons Lowther, Bernice Casto Tolley, Ruby Tolley Skeen, Earl Lupardus, and Marie Kroeger.

My husband, James, works at Monsanto Chemical Company in Nitro, and I am a former Head Start teacher. At this time I am a homemaker and a 4-H volunteer leader. *Submitted by Brenda Tolley Witt*

TUCKER

Columbus Burs Tucker married Nancy Trickey of Columbus, Ohio and had five children: 1) William (1855) m. Julia Mansfield (1860-1907), children include: Allen (1881), Wade (1883), Clyde (1885), William (1887), and Clarence (1890); 2) Alonzo Wallace (1858-1928) m. Araphania Morgan, nee Edmonds (1858-1936) with two daughters, Lula (1892-1978), m. Walter Zeiner, and Cornelia (1884); 3) Eliza Belle (1863) m. James Long; 4) Ira Elijah (1867) m. Minnie Belle Newell (1869); 5) Rosa m. William Rice and children were Merle, Elmer, Flossie, Birdie and Blanche.

The story is told that Minnie Belle's father, Jacob A. Jewell, Jr.'s (1837) grandfather was a British soldier by the name of Rogers who deserted the Army during the battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812. He took refuge with a family by the name of Newell and took their name. Jacob, Sr. married Mary McGuire. Jacob Jr. married Margaret Stewart, daughter of John and Elizabeth Coon. Both Jacob Jr. and Margaret are buried in Smith Cemetery, near Leon.



back: Leo, Lola and Luther; center: Nancy, Ira and Minnie; front: Lona and Lena Tucker

Ira and Minnie Belle had eight children and raised them in Millwood: 1) Otho Pearl (1880-1891); 2) Leo Roy (1892) m. Nettie Blackburn and had three children: Clara Belle (1923), m. Carlton Denning with children, David, m. Norma Cummings; Michael Roy m. Elizabeth; and Mona m. Ben Pruett; Paul Blackburn (1927-1981) m. Helen Hilliard and had two children, Barbara and John; and John Lee (1930) m. Mary and had two children, Joyce and Lynn.

Ira and Minnie's third child, Luther Otto (1894-1942), m. Blanche Parsons (1892-1982). Their

children include June, m. Howard Van Matre; George, m. Barbara Byers; Wanda, m. John Dickson; Luther Olin, m. Cathy Curry; Nina, m. William Stump; and twins Ray and Fay, m. Donald Russell.

The fourth Tucker child was Lola Belle (1896-1977) who married Rupert A. (Dutch) Higgins (1892-1981). Their five children include: Oran (Buddy) Luther (1916-1968), m. Madge Morris and had two sons, Oran Luther, Jr. (Jack), m. Mary Ann Black, and Wayne, m. Diane Michelle; Florence Evelyn (1918), m. Herbert Johnson (1916-1978) of Pomeroy, Ohio. Their only child, Janet, m. Arthur Zubieni, with three children, Sharri, Terri, and Michael. The third child of Lo and Dutch Higgins was Roy Dale (1920-1987), m. Donna Edwards, with two children: Eugene, m. Mary J. Kerby with a daughter, Shannan. Daughter Barbara, m. Jerry Hedgepeth and had three sons; Tommy Gene, Jerry and John. The fourth Higgins' child was Sarah Minnetta (1923-1960), m. Ira VanCooney, with two daughters, Lola Lynn, m. Donald Astle with children Christina, Timothy, Cynthia and Cheryl, and Judith, m. Albert Burns, with three children, James, Ronda, and Windie. The youngest Higgins' child was Lucien (Pete) (1926). Pete married Dorothy Warner and they had two children: Sandra, m. Frank Wilson with three children, Julie, David and Jeannie; and Keith.

The fifth child of Ira and Minnie, was Lily Allena (1898-1900). Number six was Lena (1903-1960) who married Ezra Rice. Their seven children were: Robert, Leo, June, Paul, Lois, Carol and Mickie. The seventh Tucker child was Lona Innocent (Ted) (1905-?), who married John Bock and had three children: Marjorie, m. Paul Brumalow with children Melanie, Susan, and Bruce; Jack Arlan, m. Faye and had Richard and Susan; and Robert Lee, m. Kitty Johnson and had two children, Robin and Kelli. The youngest of the Tucker children was Lester Lee (1910-1974) who married Christina Tars. *Submitted by Janet Elaine Johnson Zubieni*

TUCKER/BLACKBURN

"Millwood received its greatest surprise Wednesday, September 28, 1921, when Nora Blackburn became the bride of Leo Roy Tucker, Millwood's worthy postmaster." Thus begins a newspaper account of the wedding. The account goes on to record that they went to Grand Chapter of Eastern Star on their honeymoon. At the time they were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Cottageville Chapter OES.

From this marriage three children were born: Clara Belle, born June 14, 1923; Paul Blackburn, born September 2, 1925; and John Lee, born October 28, 1930.



Leo and Nora Tucker, 1922

All three children attended West Virginia Wesleyan College. Clara Belle became a teacher at Ravenswood High. Paul graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School and practiced in Erie, Pa., until his death September 3, 1981. John has worked in management positions for several dental manufacturing companies and is



Nora and Leo (front), John, Clara Belle and Paul, 1940's

currently president of Esschem in Philadelphia.

Clara Belle married Carlton Denning who died October 9, 1983. Children are Dr. David Denning, Dr. Michael Denning and Mrs. Mona Pruett. Paul married Helen Louise Hilliard, and they are the parents of Mrs. Barbara McCormick and Dr. John H. Tucker. John married Miriam McGrath, and they are the parents of Mrs. Lynn Dickerson and Mrs. Joyce Beil.

Our parents were quite active in the Methodist Episcopal Church as singers and musicians. Leo was Sunday school superintendent for 25 years as well as a lay preacher. Nora was a Sunday school teacher and active in the women's organizations.

Leo taught school for a few years, was postmaster at Millwood, worked as a postal employee in Ravenswood, and was bookkeeper at Ravenswood Wholesale Grocery at the time of his death, June 2, 1950. He was a World War I veteran. He had been town recorder, president of Lions Club, patron of OES, and held offices in three Masonic bodies.

Nora was a homemaker but had been a piano teacher, stenographer, and assistant postmaster during WW I. She was a past matron of OES and a member of the Woman's Club.

Leo was born April 13, 1892. Nora was born April 5, 1888, and died January 28, 1973. Both are buried in Ravenswood Cemetery.

Our paternal grandparents are Ira Elijah Tucker, born June 19, 1867, died November 27, 1927, and Minnie Belle Newell, born March 24, 1869, died July 23, 1940. Both are buried at Otterbein Cemetery.

Our maternal grandparents are Joseph Madison Blackburn, born October 29, 1856, died May 16, 1892, and Clara Anthus Custer, born November 16, 1856 (in Jackson County, Virginia), died June 16, 1912. Madison owned a saw mill in Millwood. His death was caused by an accident at the mill when a board fell on him. From this accident he got tetanus. Both are buried in Cottageville cemetery. They were active church members and gave the land for the Methodist Church in Millwood. Their home stood next to the present church. (The house is still there but only about half the original size.)

Ira Tucker's parents were Columbus Burs Tucker and Nancy Ann Tricky (born 1854). Minnie's parents were Jacob Newell, Jr., born October 2, 1837, died March 8, 1903, and Margaret Etta Stewart, born May 5, 1839, died April 13, 1913.

Jacob, Jr.'s father was Jacob Newell, Sr. The story told to us about this Jacob is that he came to America from Ireland. When the War of 1812 broke out, he was working for a man who was supposed to go to war, but this man sent Jacob in his place. Jacob, whose real name was Rogers, was stubborn and did not want to fight on the American side. He joined the British side. When he discovered what the Americans were fighting for, he changed his name to Newell, which was his mother's maiden name.

Margaret Stewart's parents were John Stewart, born 1815, died December 19, 1902, and Elizabeth

Coon, born January 10, 1822, died March 21, 1904.

Our maternal grandmother's parents were George McCrady Custar, born January 15, 1827, died February 27, 1888, and Sarah Jane Graham, born February 27, 1834, died December 25, 1912. Sarah was born in Ross Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. George came to Jackson County in 1851 from Jefferson County, Ohio. He was a farmer, blacksmith, and wagon maker.

Sarah's parents were John S. Graham, born 1801, died 1875, and Nancy Kerr, born 1819, died August 22, 1853.

George's parents were John Oliver Custard, born January 25, 1792, died May 6, 1864, and Rebecca McCrady, born April 17, 1791, died June 12, 1855. John was of Dutch origin and fought in the War of 1812. He came to Jackson County in 1847.

Old records show the name Custer spelled Custard but the **d** was dropped as far back as 1862 and **e** was used instead of **a** by some in the spelling as far back as 1849. George McCrady Custard dropped the **d** in 1883 and continued to use the **a** in the spelling of his name.

Since our parents lived very near the Ohio River at Millwood, they told us many stories about the river. One was about the 1913 flood and how our mother had to help take furniture (including a big piano) out the second-story window and load it into a john boat. This same piano was the one we both played in our youth. Neighbors remember our mother playing and singing. Later she gave the piano to the rest home on Sand Street. Boats would stop to sell their wares. One kind was known as the "dish" boat. People would board the boats and buy all kinds of dishes. Other boats would have different products including food staples.

Both of our parents truly contributed to the Millwood and Ravenswood communities. *Submitted by Clara Belle Denning and John L. Tucker*

JOHN F. TURLEY (PART I)

Turley, John Frazier, born 18 February 1900, died 3 August 1981. As I, Artist Turley Taylor, remember my dad.

Life was always good, challenging and humorous to him. This attitude betrayed the experiences he had as a child. At the age of four, he had already lost two brothers when his father died.

Although they owned their own farm, his mother was not allowed the money from the sale. As the custom was, it went to her father, Elijah J. McClure, who assumed the responsibility for the young family. Grandma Effie McClure Turley, pregnant with her fourth child, took her young son, John, and returned to her father's home in Sod. Here they joined 11 cousins that had already returned. A sister, Garnette L., was soon born on 5 December 1904.

Elijah J. and Susan loved them all and cared for them. They lived there seven years. Effie married M.O. "Son" Dunlap and moved to Tango. Elijah kept the money and provided John's and Garnette's needs.

The school at Tango just went to the eighth grade. Great-grandfather, Elijah, had to decide which child would go to high school and college, because he could just send one. John was not chosen, but part of his money was used to send the winner.

At the age of 16, Dad left home to support himself. He worked in the oil and gas fields, telephone company construction, coal operator for the power company, truck driver and home bread delivery salesman.

At night, Dad completed the American Correspondence Courses in electric and mathematics which, along with his experience, made him well-qualified for employment. He was never out of work during the depression, and at every job, he



John Frazier Turley, age 19

worked hard and to the best of his ability.

In addition to his day work, he always had a product that he was selling on the side and "someone's" car in the garage to repair for extra money. Today, we call that "moonlighting." I remember, he bought a company car from the power company for \$25.00 and they deducted that from his check over a 12-month repayment plan.

As busy as he was, he saw to it that his young family was in church regularly. At night, he read the Bible to us and we all knelt while he prayed. He taught us that faith, honesty and hard work would bring us happiness and success.

Dad's attitude of work, for the betterment of mankind, was probably the reason he was always trying to invent something. He hooked a telephone to our old Atwater-Kent radio and would surprise us with messages of conduct in the middle of a radio program. He, also, invented a stove lighter. He would light the kitchen oven before getting out of bed and let the house warm up. We never left the gas on at night because of the cost and the fear of fire.

What I'm saying is, "Dad was a great man." He retired from Union Carbide at 62 and traveled back and forth across the United States, seeing all the sights that he could and visiting many national forests. He was especially impressed with New Mexico. He spent a couple of years in Truth-or-Consequences, New Mexico.



John Frazier Turley, age 62

His last trip was at the age of 80. He drove from Tampa, Florida to a national forest south of El Paso, Texas, and on to California to make a final visit with an old friend, whom he called "Uncle John." He helped him celebrate his 100th birthday.

Dad believed he was born at just the right time. He could remember seeing his first automobile, use his first telephone, see his first airplane, watch his first television, and he saw a man step on the moon.

When Dad died, we had a good friend, Paul McComas, to conduct his funeral. In his eulogy, Paul recalled that Dad was the best storyteller he had ever heard. As he would relate an experience,

you would feel like you were there.

These are the things that his two daughters, Edna Julene and Artist Evilee, and his grandchildren, Sandra Harris Davis, Charles Lawrence Harris II and Barbara Taylor LaCava can remember.

Although Mom's and Dad's marriage ended in divorce, they had great respect for each other and were compatible at family gatherings. For further reference, see Genealogies: Turley, McClure and Chaney. *Submitted by Larry Harris*

JOHN F. TURLEY (PART II)

Recorded in the "Turley Family Records" copy-right of 1981, taken from the early Virginia and Fairfax County Records, the first Turleys on record in the colony of Virginia appeared in the lower James River area in 1669. In an index of Virginia land patents 1666-1695, the names of five Turley men are listed as "headrights" for claiming land.

The Crown gave fifty acres of land to any person transported into the colony. Persons of all social classes were listed as headrights, including nobility, gentry, yeomanry, indentured servants, or blacks.

Two of the five headrights recorded in the land patents had my father's name, John Frazier Turley. John Turley was transported from England 30 October 1669 and Fra. (Frazier) Turley was transported 30 May 1678.

The "Turley Family Records" lists over 150 John Turleys without middle names nor initials. It also listed an equal number of John Turleys with various initials. Until 1850, the census listed only the head of the house, so tracing lineage was impossible without a family Bible in each family.

I have drawn from the 1850 census to list:

First Generation of Record

John Turley (no record of his brothers and sisters) was born in 1805. There was no record of his death. He married Susan Smith, who was born in 1806 and there is no record of her death. John and Susan had seven children: Columbus, Mary J., Emmozeth, Serena, Jackson D., Joannah and John H. who was shown four years old.

John Henry Turley was born 25 June 1845 and died 21 February 1913. On 3 November 1867, he married Louisa E. Lacy, the daughter of Adam Lacy. John Henry and Louisa were married by Rev. G.W. Griffith at the Forks of Coal Rivers. John Henry served in the Civil War, WC760-785, Co. C. 7 Reg., West Virginia Cavalry. John Henry and Louisa had eight children: Marquis L., born 6 June 1869; William, born 9 November 1871; Dempsey, born 7 June 1874; John B., born 29 June 1876; Hattie M., born 5 June 1878; Emery O., born 4 June 1880; George H., born 26 March 1883 and Virgil A., born 2 April 1885.

Dempsey Turley was born 7 June 1874 and died in 1904. He married Effie McClure (she signed her name Effa), daughter of Elijah J. and Susan (Clark) McClure, who was born 14 June 1882 in Sod, Lincoln County. She died in Tango, West Virginia 20 October 1925. Dempsey and Effie had four children: Arthur, who died an infant;



Barbara Taylor LaCava, Sandy Davis,
Edith Turley and Larry Harris

John Frazier, born 18 February 1900 and died 3 August 1981; Herbert, born in 1901 and died 1903; Garnette L., born 5 December 1904; Effie married M.O. "Son" Dunlap in 1911 or 1912. They had five children: Winnie, Kay, Kyle, Virginia and Betty.



Larry and Barbara (Byrnside) Harris



Sandra and Don David, Scott and Christy

John Frazier Turley was born 18 February 1900 and died 3 August 1981. On 20 May 1920, he married Maggie (Madgie) Edith Chaney, born 11 May 1898. They had two children: (1) Edna Julene Turley, born 3 June 1921. On 17 July 1942, she married Charles Lawrence Harris, born 6 October 1922 and died 19 August 1989. They had a daughter and a son; Sandra Evilee, born 20 June 1944. On 10 July 1963, she married Donald Eugene Davis, born 2 June 1938. Their two children were Donald Scott Davis, born 22 October 1968 and Christina Dawn, born 13 January 1973. Their son, Charles Lawrence II, was born 19 August 1946. On 5 July 1968, he married Barbara Gay Burnside, born 6 May 1947. (2) Artist Evilee Turley, born 17 March 1923. On 23 August 1946, she married Howard Porter Taylor, born 6 February 1922. Howard and Artist had one child, Barbara Sue Taylor, born 28 December 1956. *Submitted by Julene Harris and Wanda Nelson*

TURLEY — MCCLURE

According to the recordings in the book, "Who, When and Where of Lincoln County, West Virginia," the McClure families made their first migration from Ireland in 1608 and others followed. The name was McCleoud and changed to McClure. These records substantiate the claim my father, John Frazier Turley, son of Effie McClure Turley, made that we were Scottish-Irish and English. The McClures became known as Scottish-Irish and the Turleys had migrated from England.

The first recorded birth was Richard Renshaw McClure on 15 July 1760 in Harford County, Maryland. Harford County is north and northeast of the city of Baltimore, reaching to the Pennsylvania state line.

Genealogy

Richard Renshaw McClure, born 15 July 1760, married Mary Crawford, who was the daughter of

William Crawford. They had 11 children: William, born 12 October 1789, who married Lucretia Chapman, 14 February 1816; Elizabeth, born 21 March 1791 and married Peter Holstein, born 1 August 1795; Cassandra, born 10 February 1795, died before 1824; Elijah, "The Patriarch of Lincoln County," born 7 April 1799; Alazana, born 12 September 1801; John, born 16 March 1803. John remained in Virginia when the family moved to Kentucky. Strother, born 4 January 1806; Mary, born 4 April 1808; Martha, born 19 September 1810; and Nelson, born 14 July 1813, became a doctor. Infant daughter died in infancy.

Richard and his children moved to Kentucky in 1824, his wife having died by this time. The slow and tedious trip was made by wagons and ox teams. They stopped regularly to rest the livestock, rest and to wash clothes. They traveled the old Kanawha-James River Turnpike to the mouth of Coal River, then up the river to Fuquay Creek. They followed Fuquay Creek to the mouth of Beech Fork where they camped.

Joseph Pauley lived nearby in a log cabin. Elijah met his daughter, Rhoda, and it must have been love at first sight. After Richard's family was settled in Lawrence County, Kentucky, young Elijah headed back to the hills of West Virginia to claim Rhoda as his wife on 27 August 1827.

Elijah McClure, born 7 April 1799, married Rhoda Pauley 27 August 1827. They had 17 children: Nelson, William, Louisa, Reece, Lucretia, Allen, Leanza, Joseph, Harrison, Asbury, George W., Martha, Elijah J., James, Peter, Thomas and a daughter who died in infancy.

Elijah J. McClure, born 12 July 1848, married Susan E. Clark. They had 10 children: Wilburn, born 26 February 1869; Hester Ann, born 1 July 1871, married Winfield Turley; Foster C., born 30 August 1873; Julia A., born 5 June 1876, married John Crouch; Parker J., born 17 January 1880, married (1) Ms. Bowman (2) Ida Lipscomb; Talmage, no dates, married (1) Maggie Ramsey (2) Rene Williams; Effie, born 14 June 1882 and died 20 October 1925, married (1) Dempsey Turley (2) M.O. "Son" Dunlap; Cora, married Leonard Pauley; Scioto, married Nettie Lipscomb; John Quincy "Queen," married Mary Jarvis.

Effie (Effa) McClure, born 14 June 1882, died



Dempsey and Effie (McClure) Turley



Charles Lawrence and Julene (Turley) Harris

20 October 1924. In 1897, she married 91) Dempsey Turley, born 7 June 1874, died 1904. They had four children: Arthur, died in infancy; John Frazier, born 18 February 1900, died 3 August 1981; Herbert, born 1901, died 1903 after drinking lye water accidentally; Garnette L., born 5 December 1904. Effie's second marriage was to M.O. "Son" Dunlap. They had five children: Winnie, Kay, Kyle, Virginia and Betty.

John Frazier Turley, born 18 February 1900, died 3 August 1981. On 20 May 1920, he married Maggie Edith Chaney, born 11 May 1898. They had two children: Edna Julene and Artist Evilee. For further reference, see Genealogy John Turley Family. *Submitted by Sandra H. Davis and Betty Pauley*

SILAS M. TUTTLE

In 1942, the property in which the Beech Flat School once stood was purchased by Silas Milford Tuttle, from Arthur Hinzman, all of Gay. This property is still owned by the widow of Silas M. Tuttle and her daughter-in-law, Genevieve Bird Tuttle, the widow of Charles Olen Tuttle.

This is the only school in which Silas M. Tuttle ever attended, and many of the students before him were his aunts and his mother, Viola Ester Rhodes. After his school years at the Beech Flat School, Silas M. Tuttle was in World War I.



Silas Milford and Edith Thelma (Summerfield) Tuttle, 1922

and Viola E. Rhodes Tuttle. He married Edith Thelma Summerfield, the daughter of Jacob Ward Summerfield and Clara Ann Harpold Summerfield. They were married on October 14, 1922. They are the parents of: Donald Silas Tuttle who married Violet M. Fitzwater, Edith Lorene Tuttle who married David M. Thomson, Loretta June Tuttle who married James L. McMann, Herbert Wayne Tuttle who married Olive L. Brown, Francis Quillan Tuttle, Charles Olen Tuttle who married Genevieve E. Bird, Elsie Ann Tuttle who married Edward A. Honaker, Samuel Melvin Tuttle who married Ronelle M. McEntire, Ethel Mae Tuttle, Lillian Lane Tuttle who married Jack D. Anderson, Lela Lynne Tuttle who married Shelby J. Shaffer and James Milford Tuttle who married Dorthy F. Childers. Three of their 12 children are deceased, they are: Francis Q., Charles O., and James M. Tuttle.

The photograph of the Beech Flat School, Gay,



Beech Flat School

was taken about 1898. Row 1: Effie Blake, Addie Thomas, Icy Tuttle, Ida Hart, May Thomas, Arthur

Hinzman, Dan Evans, Alfie Rhodes, John Morgan, (unknown). Row 2: Viola Rhodes, Alva Evans, Bertha Evans, Blanche Blake, Lizzie Evans, (unknown, unknown), May Evans, Eva Blake, (unknown), Brooks Blake, Charles Hart, Homer Evans. Row 3: William Rhodes, Rosa Hart, Alvin Parsons, Flora Evans, Oma Rhodes, Maxie Tuttle, Alcinda Tuttle, Henrietta Evans, Pearl Evans (teacher), May Knopp, Orvie Hinzman, William L. Evans, William Evans, J.M. Hinzman. *Submitted by Lela L. Shaffer*

JOHN C. UNRUE

John C. Unrue was born July 25, 1836 in what is now W. Va. His parents were Henry Unrue, born 1803, and Elizabeth Vandine. The Unrue family resided in the Sidneyville area.

John married Earli Marthena Price on December 21, 1859. She was a resident of the Angerona-Cottageville area. Her parents were Abraham and Rebecca Martha Rollins Price who were married September 2, 1838.



John C. and Earli Unrue

Brothers and sisters of John C. Unrue were: George, James, Emily J., Nancy H., Isaiah, Enoch, and William H.

John served in the Civil War from February 25, 1864 to July 21, 1865, Company F, 1st Veteran Infantry, transferred from Co. F to 9th Infantry.

Children of John and Earli were:

1. Julius L. Unrue, b. September 18, 1862, m. Mollie Alice Casto September 19, 1886. Children: Edna Rhodes, John Henry (Lillian Stonestreet), Ruth Workman, Henry Everett (Lilly Stover), Nellie Knox/Klondike, Cecil Delbert (Ada Smith), Mamie E. French, Blanche French, Mabel Cora Fisher, Walter (Merle Miller), and Goldie Stewart.

2. Saphronia Kathryn, b. October 7, 1860, m. Christopher C. Stewart, August 7, 1881. Children: Shirley, Boyd, Roy, and Walter (sons).

3. Josephine, b. August 5, 1866, m. Edward E. (Ep) Starcher. Children: Paul and Starling (sons).

4. Georgia Ann, b. January 31, 1869, m. Orton D. Parsons. Children: Clyde.

5. Ada Rebecca, b. August 31, 1870, m. Andrew Delmer Sayre, July 24, 1892, d. September 8, 1930. Children: Mabel C. Casto, Elta Earl Highsmith, Eulah Belle Hunt, Freda Joy Crum, and Belva Dell Sayre.

6. Johny Dove, b. June 3, 1872, m. Orton Parsons. Children: Orpha McBeth, Willard Graven, and Norman A. Parsons.

7. Ora Pearl, b. September 3, 1874 m. Charles F. Kerwood, November 27, 1892, d. June 29, 1868. Children: Howard Ledford Kerwood. *Submitted by Sarah Lee Boggess McCallister*

VAIL

Isaiah Vail (born January 19, 1825, died November 19, 1895) came to Ripley, then a part of Virginia, in the early 1840s. He was a direct descendant of Jeremiah Vail who was born in the

west of England in 1618, according to papers collected by Alfred Vail, who with S.F.B. Morse, developed the Electric Magnetic Telegraph; the papers are now the property of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. Jeremiah Vail emigrated to America in 1639 and lived for a while in Salem, Massachusetts, from which he moved to Southold at the east end of Long Island. Thomas Vail of the sixth generation of the Vail family moved from New York to Ohio where he died in 1823. Isaiah, the grandson of Thomas, was married to Louisa C. Graham in Wood County, (VA) West Virginia and they lived in Ripley until their deaths. Isaiah was a skillful cabinet maker and began the operation of a funeral home in 1844 which was a natural outgrowth of cabinet making in those days. He taught his skills and passed on the Vail Funeral Home to his son, Joseph R. Vail, who was married to Anna B. Robinson, of Middleport, Ohio, in 1883. The other children of Isaiah Vail and Louisa Graham were: Viola Virginia, John J. (m. Mary A. Carnahan), Sarah E., Margaret E. (m. Dr. W.W. Kidd), Isaiah Frank (m. Nora Lyon), George D., and Mary E. (m. Curtis Bounds).

Upon the death of Isaiah in 1891, the furniture and cabinet making, as well as the Vail Furniture Home, passed to Joseph R. Vail, who served as Mayor of Ripley and was otherwise a progressive and influential citizen.



Ann "Mam" and J. R. "Bob" Vail

Joseph R. Vail and Anna Robinson Vail had three children, namely: Marie, Cornelius and Joseph Bream. Upon the death of Joseph R. on December 24, 1922, the furniture business and Vail Funeral Home passed to Joseph Bream, Cornelius having died in 1916 without children. Marie Vail was married to Rev. Claude E. Goodwin of the Methodist Conference June 18, 1908, to which union were born two sons, Robert Booth and Claude Elbert, both of whom subsequently graduated in law and began the law firm of Goodwin and Goodwin in Ripley. Marie died on March 3, 1911 and her two sons were raised by their grandmother, Anna Vail, who lived to be 103 years old. Marie's sons made their homes in Ripley, where Robert, as did his grandfather before him, served as mayor; he also served in the West Virginia House of Delegates. Robert died in 1955 survived by three sons, Joseph R., Thomas R. and Stephen P., all of whom are prominent and successful senior lawyers with other partners and associates occupying the firm's offices in Charleston, Ripley and Parkersburg, West Virginia and in Lexington, Kentucky. Claude Elbert now serves as Vice-President, General Counsel and member of the Boards of Directors of the Charleston Group Companies of the Columbia Gas System; his daughter, Judith (Ph.D. University of Oklahoma) is a consultant and author in the field of national public health. The furniture business, as well as the Vail Funeral Home, are in 1989 still being operated by the family after 145 years, the Funeral Home now being the oldest such establishment in West Virginia. *Submitted by C.E. Goodwin*

VANFOSSON

Silas Morgan VanFosson was born Feb. 27, 1851 in Ohio, the son of John and Mariah (Burford) VanFosson. John VanFosson is buried in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery at Noble County, Ohio. His wife, Mariah (1814-1890), later moved to Jackson County. She is buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Silas enlisted in the Army in Feb. 1865 and was discharged in June 1865.

Silas VanFosson married Nancy Forshey on Aug. 3, 1870. They left Noble County, Ohio about 1875 and bought land on Peters Run near Pleasant Ridge in northern Jackson County. In 1880, Silas was appointed a surveyor of roads and was responsible for the upkeep of the road from Turkey Fork to Peters Run.



Silas and Nancy (Forshey) VanFosson

Silas had a nephew, Dr. Joe VanFosson, who practiced medicine from an office at Lockhart. He returned to Noble County in 1913 to continue his profession. Silas died Nov. 26, 1937 and Nancy died Nov. 25, 1920. They are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Their children:

1. Daniel VanFosson (1871-1951) married Emma Powell (1874-1914), daughter of Bill Powell. They lived near Sandyville, WV. They are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Their child: Della VanFosson (married Charley Lockhart) and Leonard VanFosson (died in infancy).

2. Maria VanFosson (1873-?) married first Joseph Full and second Joseph Sheppard. They lived at New England, WV. Her children: Vivian "Bea" Sheppard (married Ken Gorrell), Earl Sheppard (married Elsie Ball), Harold "Gene" Sheppard (married Betty _____).

3. George Nelson "Nelt" VanFosson (1875-1950) married first Mary Frame (1882-1925), daughter of Sard and Margaret Frame. They are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Their children: Bertha VanFosson (married Ned Lockhart), Hollis VanFosson (married Nelda Balderston) and Blanche VanFosson (married Delbert Lawson). Nelt married second Stella Casto (1861-1957), daughter of James and Virginia (Winter) Casto. She is also buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. They had no children.

4. Sarah E. VanFosson (1877-1880) is buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

5. Martha VanFosson (1880-1944) married Amos Frame (1879-1971) son of Sard and Margaret Frame. They are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Their children: Della Frame (died as a child).

6. Amanda VanFosson (1882-1965) married Ezra Kittle (1877-1962) son of Moses and Frances (Carez) Kittle. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, WV. Their children: Grace Kittle, Rex Kittle (married Ethel Archer) and Pearl Kittle (married Elzie Palmer).

7. Joseph Allen VanFosson (1885-1964) married Pearl Archer (1889-1960), daughter of Albert and Cynthia (Archer) Archer. Their children: Glen VanFosson (married Myrtle Sims) and Dale VanFosson (killed in World War II).

8. John W. VanFosson (1888-1888) is buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery.

9. Arie VanFosson (1890-?) married Henry Cheuvront, son of Martin and Bedilia (Archer) Cheuvront. They lived at New Brighton, PA and are buried there. Their children: Delbert Cheuvront (married Rose _____) and Ada Cheuvront (married John Shoup).

10. Della Virginia VanFosson (1894-1970) married Charles Carez (1893-1972), son of Joseph and Francis (Roberts) Carez. They lived at Parkersburg, WV. Their child: Peggy Mae (Carez) Wildman. Submitted by Glen VanFosson

VANNOY

The Vannoy name first appeared in Jackson County in the 1850 Census, with the family of Cornelius Vannoy and his wife, Catherine. John Vannoy (son of Cornelius) and his wife, Susanna, Alexander Vannoy, age 16 living with an Adams family (also a son of Cornelius), and Anderson Vannoy, and his wife Elizabeth, assumed to be a brother of Cornelius. Later in 1850, records can be found of several Vannoy marriages.

Cornelius Vannoy and his wife Catherine were living on Sarvis Fork, about one and half miles above Sandyville. Children still living at home in 1850 were Sarah E., Alexander, Anderson, Malinda, George W., and Mary. In the 1860 Jackson County census it lists Cornelius with Adaline a woman 30 years younger than he. The death record of Catherine Vannoy has not been found, nor the second marriage record for Cornelius Vannoy. In the 1860 Census records it lists a complete new family for Cornelius and Adaline: Lynn A. age 11, and Lougenia age 8 (perhaps children by her previous marriage) and Emphraim, age 5, Phoebe, age 3, and Susan M. age 5 months. Since none of the children from Cornelius and Catherine were living in the home of Cornelius when the 1860 census was taken, it is assumed that they were married and living on their own by this time. In the 1870 census it shows that Cornelius and Adaline had two more children: Catherine and Eliza, making five children for this marriage.

Descendants of Cornelius Vannoy measure in the hundreds and can be found today not only in Jackson County but in many of the surrounding counties and perhaps states.

John Vannoy, son of Cornelius and Catherine Vannoy, married October 6, 1849 in Jackson County to Susannah Sheppard, daughter of Henry Sr. and Diana (Smith) Sheppard. John was born June 27, 1825 and died May 5, 1902, according to cemetery records, and buried in the McGee Chapel Cemetery, Independence. He was residing in Leroy, Jackson County in 1860. He was a private in Co. E 36 Virginia Infantry (Western Rifleman), was wounded in action at Winchester, Virginia on April 19, 1864, lost a leg. The children of John and Susannah Vannoy are as follows: Lucy Vannoy, married Nov. 28, 1869 to Wilson Curry; Letitia Vannoy, married Dec. 1, 1871 to John W. Waggoner; Samuel Vannoy; Henry Vannoy, married Feb. 3, 1876 to Laura Coc. Henry lived on the point above the mouth of Warfield Run. He was Justice of the Peace at the time of his death. It is said he weighed 425 pounds; Cornelius Vannoy, married June 30, 1883 to Viola Johnson; Elizabeth Vannoy, married April 20, 1877 to F.A. Boreman; George H. Vannoy; John W.; Charles B.

Alexander Vannoy, son of Cornelius and Catherine Vannoy, married May 6, 1858 to Margaret Rice, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Williams) Rice. Their children were: John M. Vannoy; Arthur Vannoy, married April 27, 1883 to Lucy Anderson; Nancy Ann Vannoy; Daniel; Charles E. Vannoy, married Jan. 19, 1889 to Victoria Wright; Emily; Dazzle; and Della. Alexander Vannoy was a Private in the Home Guards of Jackson County, mustered in at Ravenswood, August 10, 1863. Born in Gilmer County.

Eleanor Vannoy, daughter of Cornelius and

Catherine Vannoy, married June 7, 1853 to William Stanley. Sarah Vannoy, daughter of Cornelius and Catherine Vannoy, married March 31, 1853 to Levi Hanshaw. Both marriages were in Jackson County.

Anthony Vannoy, married in Jackson County, January 2, 1851 (states in marriage records that he is a son of Cornelius Vannoy) to Abigail Stanley. Records show they lived in Mason County and reared a large family there.

Cornelius Vannoy was mustered in the Jackson County Home Guards in Ravenswood, August 18, 1864 and mustered out May 30, 1865. His residence was given as Sarvis Fork, Sandy.

Emphraim Vannoy, a son of Cornelius and Adaline Vannoy, married Jenny Moore, daughter of Rev. Charles and Mary Southall Moore. He was married again, August 6, 1904, at age 48 to Clara Tolley, age 28. Jesse Jennings Vannoy, born April 17, 1888 and died November 16, 1964, son of Emphraim and Jenny Moore Vannoy, married on December 23, 1909 to Mary Lou Vernie Parsons, daughter of Albert Newton and Lisa Fields Parsons. His second marriage was to Estella Sullivan. Their children are as follows: 1. Claude Ova Vannoy, born March 12, 1911, married Gladys Huffman. 2. Ersel Virginia Vannoy, born and died in 1912. 3. Edna Marie Vannoy, born July 8, 1914, married three times. 1st to Russel Handley, 2nd to Russell Surbaugh, and 3rd to Elmer Daubenpeck. 4. Clova James Vannoy, born April 30, 1917, married Virginia Carpenter. 5. Otha Ralph Vannoy, born March 5, 1918, married Ava Bailey. 6. Oval Darrel Vannoy, born May 25, 1919, married Loretta Carpenter. 7. Elsie Irene Vannoy, born May 25, 1921, married Donald Wiseman. 8. Emma Pauline Vannoy, born August 22, 1923, married Harold V. Harper. 9. Jennings Vannoy, born 1924-1925. 10. Jenny Cristabell Vannoy, born May 8, 1926, married Phillip Russe. 11. Paul Edwin Vannoy, born May 14, 1928, married Melva Jividen. 12. Rual David Vannoy, born December 2, 1931, married Carol Fults. 13. Jesse Daniel Vannoy, born June 9, 1934, married Ruth Stonestreet. 14. Russell Leon Vannoy, born December 23, 1937, married Patricia Wilson.



Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Vannoy Sr.

Russell Leon Vannoy, son of Jesse Jennings and Mary Lou Parsons Vannoy, married May 5, 1956 to Patricia Wilson, daughter of Roland and Reva Kiser Wilson. They have two living children, Russell Leon Vannoy, Jr. and Tanya Reva Vannoy. Two children died in infancy. They also have five grandchildren. Russell is employed at the Aluminum Plant in Ravenswood and lives in Ripley, WV. Submitted by Russell Vannoy and Christabell Russe

THOMAS FRANKLIN VARNER

Varner, Thomas Franklin, born 11/7/30 at Clarksburg, WV, grew up and went to schools in Parkersburg, WV. He came to Ravenswood in December 1955 to work for the C & P Telephone Company after spending two years with the U. S. Navy (1949-50; 1952-53). He attended the Great Lakes Naval Training Station Electricians School and served on board destroyers "USS Richard E.

Kraus" and "USS Oak Hill". He married Frances Ellen Ledbetter at Ravenswood, October 17, 1959. They resided in Ravenswood and had two children: Steven Thomas, born 9/16/62; and Ellen Marie, born 5/8/65. Tom retired from the telephone company in December 1989. *Submitted by Thomas F. Varner*

LULA WAYBRIGHT VICKERS

I am Lula Waybright Vickers, the daughter of the late Elza H. Waybright, Aug. 18, 1882-July 23, 1962, of Millwood. My grandfather was John M. Waybright, May 19, 1843-1914 and my great-grandfather was John Waybright, Feb. 16, 1810-Sept. 30, 1866. I have one daughter, Judy Lynn Vickers, Nov. 21, 1973, who is a freshman at Elkview Jr. High School.

Elza had eight children and two step-children. Elza's children from his first marriage to Gracie Sheets were: Dessie Waybright Leggett (Jan. 4, 1908-May 4, 1964), one son Herold; Dollie Waybright Hunt Fauber (Oct. 4, 1915-May 4, 1983), one daughter, Betty Jo Hunt and two sons, Bobby K. and Benny R. Hunt; Ralph (Aug. 18, 1913-July 4, 1956), one daughter, Carolyn Ann Waybright Wayne; Ray (Feb. 25, 1911-Jan. 16, 1986; Maxine Waybright (Aug. 28, 1918-July 1, 1926); Lloyd (March 6, 1924), two sons and one daughter, Jerry, Barry and Susan.

Elza married my mother, Janet Dye Curry, in 1942. His step-children were Earl Curry (Nov. 17, 1937-Feb. 22, 1975), four sons, Randy, Ronnie, Kevin, Michael and one daughter, Patty Curry Sigmon (Sept. 16, 1939) who has one son, Roger. Elza and Janet had twin girls, Lula and Lucille Waybright Bradshaw (May 23, 1943).



Lula and Lucille Waybright

Lucille and I attended school at Pleasant View and Ravenswood. Our first and second grade teachers at Pleasant View were Georgia Grady, presently of Cottageville and Commodore Baker. We also attended church at Pleasant View Church.

I go to Pinch Baptist Church in Pinch, WV, where I teach Sunday School and am an Awana leader. I have been a Girl Scout leader for ten years in Elkview where I live and work at the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, but I still love Jackson County. *Submitted by Lula Waybright Vickers*

PAULINE BENNETT VICKERS

I, Pauline Bennett Vickers, was born in the same log house as was my father, on 6/16/20, in Jackson County at Silverton. My father was Holley Henry Bennett. My mother was Ellen Elizabeth Cline Bennett. I was the youngest of four girls. When I was six months old, we moved to #6 Wilson Street, Ravenswood. I have many fond memories of growing up in that little town. I believe the population was around 1,200 at that time. It was great knowing everyone.

My first grade teacher was Ruth Keller; second: Faye Wagner; third: Marguerite Gerhan; fourth: Nellie Mason; fifth: Edith Cox and sixth: Mr. Jarrett. Grades seven through twelve were in the high school. I graduated in 1938.

Our family belonged to the Walton Memorial Methodist Church. Mother belonged to the Ladies Aide Society. I can remember when they cooked and served the Lion's Club dinners. We four girls were asked many times to help serve the dinners and wash dishes. All the food was donated, as was the ladies' time. I'm sure this was a great help in paying off the church debt.

There were many folks that influenced my Christian life. Four I especially remember: Elizabeth Flemming, Bess McIntosh, Edna McGooghin and Mr. Howard Camp. Mother would call us on Sunday mornings. She would say, "If you can go out on Saturday night, there is no reason for you not to get up and go to Sunday school and church on Sunday morning!"

We had one movie theater in our town. In the beginning it showed only silent movies, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson playing the piano for special effects. The Corner Drugstore was our place to meet for a fountain coke, or Hupps Restaurant for a ten cent hamburger. We swam in the Ohio River. In later years the Community Building and NYA Hall were built along with a swimming pool. Our Junior Women's Club meetings were held in the Community Building. Our 50th High School Class Reunion was held there following the Ravenswood High School Alumni Banquet in 1988.

Following graduation from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in 1942, I did Private Duty nursing. I speacialed Dr. Bachtel, the physician who had delivered me. Also, Mr. Charles Karr.

During World War II, I worked as a supervisor of a surgical/medical floor in Detroit, Michigan. Then, I came back home and worked in the Ravenswood Hospital for one year. It was such a great year living back home with my wonderful mother and dad. About this time, Herbert J. Thomas Hospital was opening in South Charleston. I applied and was hired as a supervisor.



Ann, Susan, Ray and Nancy Dooley, John H. Jr. and Pauline, John H. III and Yolanda Vickers

In 1947 I was introduced to John H. Vickers Jr., of Charleston, who swept me off my feet. We were married 6/4/48, in the Methodist Church in Ravenswood. To this union, four children were born: Ann Elizabeth, 9/7/49; Susan Jean, 12/20/51; John Henry III, 12/15/56 and Nancy Bennett, 9/11/59.

To me, Ravenswood is still the garden spot of the world! *Submitted by Mrs. Pauline Bennett Vickers*

BLONDENA STAATS VINEYARD

I was born on November 20, 1900 in Reedy, Roane County. My father, Theodore Staats, son of Enoch and Louisa Staats of Staats Mills, my mother Vertia Alva Casto, daughter of Charley and Margaret Rose Casto. They lived near Ripley. I have many blood relatives in Jackson County. I had only one sister and she died at birth (before I was born). She is buried in the Sinaville Cemetery in Jackson County.

My parents lived a few months at "Staats Mills" after their marriage and then moved to Reedy,

Roane County, as my Uncle Dr. T.J. Casto was living there.

Soon after coming to Reedy my father opened a General Store there and lived in Reedy until his death, at 68 years of age. In the year 1920 he had the misfortune to lose his store and home to fire, with no fire insurance. He rebuilt both buildings, a concrete block building which still stands. At one time Dad was President of the "Reedy Bank" and another year he was a member of the town council. Both my parents were faithful members of the Methodist Church. One of my childhood memories is catching a fish on a Sunday morning, and because it was caught on Sunday, over night on my set pole, mother made me throw it back in the creek. "No work on Sunday". Mother and Dad always entertained the preachers when they moved to Reedy. One preacher, Rev. Beresford lived with us for over a month before moving to Reedy.



Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Vineyard

I was attending the "Reedy Normal School", taught by Prof. D.M. McKown when I first met my husband, Carl W. Vineyard. He had come to Reedy to attend the Normal School. His home was near Walton, Roane County. He was the son of Mack and Lonie Bonnet Vineyard. Carl had two sisters, Gail Shafer and Bonnie Bartom. Carl taught school in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. We were married during this time and he decided to go the Dental College, "Ohio College of Dental Surgery" O.C.D.S.

We lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, during this time (3 years). He graduated with honors and was a member of the W. Va. State Dental Society and the Rotary Club in Ripley. He practiced dentistry in Reedy and Ripley, where we lived.

Two daughters were born to us, Juanita Vineyard, married L. S. Swain and their children are Carl and Ruth Swain. Carl married Martha Nace and they have three children. Ruth Marie married Sam Bowen and they have Nancy and Brian.

My daughter Juanita was the first woman in Jackson County to join the U. S. Marine Corps. Her husband served several years in the U. S. Army.

Our other daughter Lois Ann Vineyard, married Oscar Wallace Jr. They operate a large cattle farm on Sycamore Road near Ripley. They had four children. Wally worked for several years for Kaiser Aluminum Corp. and is now retired. Lois graduated from Beauty College at Huntington and at one time operated a Beauty Shop in Ripley. Their children are: 1. Ada Gayle Wallace, married to Dr. William F. Casto. They live on Fisher Ridge. She teaches at Ripley Elementary and they have two children, Mark and Katie. 2. Ted Wallace married Cheryl Wyers and they live in Los Angeles, California. They have two sons, Mike and Scott Wallace. 3. Douglas Wallace lives in Marietta, Ohio. He operates an Ambulance Service. 4. Jodie Wallace, married Rod Neely. They have two daughters, Carolyn and Sarah Neely. Jodie is an Engineer and works every day.

My husband and I had a happy marriage, until his death on October 19, 1987. *Submitted by Blondena Staats Vineyard*

WADE

George Wade, our first ancestor was born about 1720 or 1725 and died about 1815. According to tradition he came from England and first settled in Maryland. About 1775 he came to Monongalia Co., (W)Va., then Augusta Co., Va. and settled on Boydstons Run, a drain of Dunkard Creek, just south of the present town of Mt. Morris, Pa. This land was surveyed for him and entered May 1, 1781.

Thomas Wade, son of George Wade, was born about 1760 and died about 1840. We do not know his wife's name. He had 340 acres of land surveyed, Nov. 21, 1781, and a patent for it on April 12, 1784.

George R. Wade, son of Thomas Wade, was born about 1786 and died in 1848 in Monongalia Co., (W)Va. He married Cassander "Cassie" Williams, born about 1792 and died after 1865.

Otho Wade, son of George R. Wade, was born in Monongalia Co., (W)Va. June 15, 1833 and died in Jackson Co., WV June 2, 1888. He was a farmer and Methodist Minister and is buried in the Peniel Cemetery. Otho first married Oct. 6, 1850, Elizabeth Tennant, born about 1830 and died in 1859. They had 7 children. Only one lived to adulthood, Cassie Wade (1851-1926) married Dec. 20, 1869 in Greene Co., Pa., Francis Marion Wade (1845-1895).

Otho Wade married, after his first wife's death, in Greene Co., Pa. July 31, 1859, Sarah Wright, born in Greene Co., Pa., July 31, 1836, daughter of David Wright and she died May 23, 1923 in Jackson Co. After Otho's death Sarah married in Roane Co., Oct. 3, 1895 Rev. William S. Coburn (1835-1926). Sarah and Rev. Coburn are buried in the Liverpool Cemetery.

Otho Wade moved to Greene Co., Pa. from Monongalia Co. and in 1873, he and his wife Sarah moved to Roane Co., WV. Their children are: Amanda Wade, born Jan. 4, 1861 married first Joseph Kenyon and after his death she married Oct. 25, 1895, N.B. Thierry, and lived in Streator, Ill.

Dora Belle Wade born in Monongalia Co. May 6, 1862 and died in 1940, first married May 11, 1880 in Roane Co., Adam Columbus Dawson (1846-1900). He is buried in the Peniel Cemetery. After his death she married Sept. 3, 1913, Mariman Hupp (1846-1921). Dora and Mariman are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.

Plummer Wade born in Greene Co., Pa. April 2, 1865 and died Sept. 17, 1938, first married in Roane Co. July 24, 1892 Malissa Guthrie. She was born March 24, 1874 and died Feb. 12, 1898 and is buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. After her death Plummer married Dora B. Knopp, born May 2, 1874, and died July 11, 1968. Plummer was postmaster at Liverpool, WV for several years. Plummer and Dora are buried in the Liverpool Cemetery.

Martha Ella Wade, born in Greene Co., Pa. Feb 16, 1867 and died Aug. 7, 1937, married in Roane Co., by Rev. Otho Wade, Jan. 4, 1884 Preston G. Miller born Jan. 30, 1860 died April 22, 1939.

David L. Wade, born in Greene Co., Pa. April 25, 1869 and died Dec. 10, 1945, married Jan. 25, 1891 Florence L. Golden (1870-1930). They are buried in the Liverpool Cemetery.

Susie Viola Wade, born in Roane Co., Oct. 4, 1874 and died Feb. 4, 1940, married May 8, 1892 Henry E. Guthrie, born Feb. 3, 1863 died Mar. 11, 1944. They are buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Otho Wade, born April 1, 1878, married in Jackson Co., Oct. 2, 1899 Tressie Harper and lived at Lostant, Ill.

Thomas Otto Wade, born June 3, 1879, married Dec. 27, 1899 Cora Cooper and lived in Parkersburg, WV.

Clemma Wade born Mar. 6, 1882 and married Fred Roloff and lived in Akron, Ohio.

Three children, one son and two daughters died in infancy. Ref. The Wade Family by F.M. Brand,

and Jackson Co. Cemetery Book. Submitted by Hazel Seaman and Jean Rhodes

JOHN WAGGONER

The Waggoner family is descended from Germany. Our first ancestor to come to America was Wilhelm Waggoner. He settled in White Marsh, Pennsylvania in the late 1740s.

In 1752, our ancestor Johannes (John) Waggoner was born. Later Wilhelm moved his family into Virginia. There in the 1770s Wilhelm and one of his daughters were killed and scalped by Indians along the south branch of the Potomac River.

John, with his wife and family, moved to Jesse Run along Hackers Creek in what is now Lewis County, West Virginia. He enlisted in 1778 and served as a ranger under Captain Owens Davey. Later he was drafted and served under Captain John Harness and Colonel Riddle in General McIntosh's campaign. He was present at the siege and surrender of General Cornwallis. He also served as an Indian spy under Edward Freeman.

In May 1792 a war party led by the great Shawnee warrior, Tecumseh, who would later be commissioned a general by the British, came upon Hackers Creek. There he found John Waggoner seated on a log in a small clearing where he had been working. Tecumseh sent his warriors on to the Waggoner cabin. After a short period of time he took careful aim and fired at John. The bullet passed through John's shirt sleeve. Surprised, John jumped up and ran for the cabin to get his gun and protect his family. When he came into view of the cabin, he saw Indians chasing his children around the yard. Being unarmed he knew the best way to help his family would be to run to the fort for help.

He started for the fort, but hearing the screams of his family was unbearable. He turned and started back to help his family, but saw that he was being pursued by Tecumseh, therefore he again proceeded for the fort. He succeeded in outrunning Tecumseh and escaped to the fort where a rescue party headed by Jesse Hughes set out at once.

When they came to the cabin, they found a small boy killed and scalped in the front yard and about two miles from the cabin they found Mrs. Waggoner and three more young children in the same condition. The Indians escaped with the remaining as prisoners, two girls and one boy.

The boy, Peter, remained with the Indians for twenty years before returning to life among the whites. The eldest girl escaped to Detroit shortly after being captured and the other girl was recovered at the Greenville Treaty of 1795.

This story is documented in many books and it is also documented that Tecumseh visited the white settlements around Hackers Creek later after peace had been established and told of his connection with the Waggoner massacre.

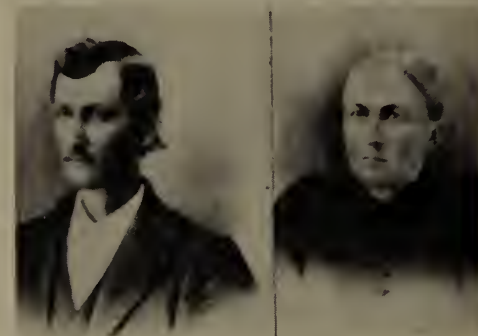
Later John married Mary Richards and started another family. At the age of 68 he fathered my ancestor, Sam Waggoner, who he was living with at the time of his death in 1840.

Sam married Nancy, whose maiden name I have not yet found. Their son John married Caroline Thorn. They lived in Jackson County and are buried at the Independence Cemetery in Sandyville. Their son Samuel married Bessie Franklin and their daughter Minnie married Ernest Angus. Ernest and Minnie were my parents. Submitted by Billy Angus

WALTERS

Jonah Walters, the son of Joseph (1794-1876) and Rachel Walters (1797-?), was born in Pennsylvania 1820, died in Jackson County, West Virginia 1899. Married (1) in Monroe County, Ohio, Lydia Ann Norris (1822-1855). Their children: Percy (1846), Alfred Jonah (1848-1910) our ancestor, and Elizabeth (1850-?). Married (2) in 1860 at Monroe County, Ohio, Mary Jane

Griffith (1834-1904). Their children: Margaret E. (1864-1898) married John Henry Hinzman, Rebecca A. (1872-1930) married William Ludwig, and Mary Catherine Walters (1870-1945) single.



Alfred Jonah and Druzilla Walters

Alfred Jonah Walters married Druzilla Ellen Kidd (1836-1926) 21 April 1870, the daughter of Isaac Amos (1794-1882) and Keziah (Roberts) Kidd (1798-1889). They came to Jackson County from Marietta, Ohio in the early 1870s. The land where the present Ripley Elementary and Ripley High School is located was owned by Alfred Jonah Walters. His daughter, Kizzie, owned this land at the time it was acquired for the schools. Their children: 1. Wesley, 2. Alfred, 3. Amos, 4. Keziah Jane "Kizzie" (1874-1953) never married. 5. Anna Mae (1878-1919) never married. 6. James M. (1880-1882).

1. Wesley Melford (1869-1944) (adopted) married Emma McCoy. They moved to Fairfax, South Dakota in 1906. Their children: Macel Mae Walters (1890-1894), Edwin Pfof Walters (1893-?), Mable Frances Kappelman (1896-?), Emma Harrison (1899-?), Virginia Lee Cerny (1901-?), George B. Walters (1902-?), Dorothy Walters Shipman, Ethel McCoy Walters Chambers (1905-?).

2. Alfred Jonah Walters Jr. (1870-1946) married Etheleen Parsons (1883-1948), the daughter of Alexis Trotter Parsons and Nora Florence (Battrell) Parsons. Their children: Herman Alfred Walters (1904-1955) single, James Everette Walters (1908-1951) married Pauline ____? No children.



Amos Nathaniel and Emma Walters

3. Amos Nathaniel Walters (1872-1953), our grandfather, was born in Jackson County, West Virginia. He married Emma Jane Coen (1872-1919) 24 May 1893, the daughter of Alexander and Sophia Jane (Burditt) Coen. Their children: a. Wynne, b. Robert, c. Ruby, d. Ellen, e. Vera.

a. Wynne Alfred (1894-1967) married Lona D. Fields (1897-1966) the daughter of Frank P. and Samantha (Hatcher) Fields. They later moved to Akron, Ohio. Their children: Blondena Fay Reed (1921), Kathrine Waddle Marrow (1922), Reba Salsgiver, Wynne Jr. Walters, Leo Walters, Marshall Walters.

b. Robert Frank Walters (1897-1979), our father, married (1) in 1919, Artemesia (Artie) Coast (1898-1929), the daughter of George Wash-



Robert Frank and Mattie Walters

ington and Kate (Ashley) Coast. Their children: (1) George, (2) Joseph, (3) Clyde, (4) Blanch, (5) Betty, (6) Robert.

(1) George Amos Walters (1920) married Ruth Marie Haynes, the daughter of Lorenzo and Mary (Tribett) Haynes. Their children: Robert Wetzal Walters, George Ronald Walters, Tresa Dawn Walters, Neida Rae Walters, David Devon Walters.

(2) Joseph Franklin Walters (1921) married Charolett Harper, the daughter of Harry W. and Nannie M. (Smith) Harper. Their children: Karen Jane Walters, Joseph Wilbur Walters, Wilma Lynn Walters.

(3) Clyde Carrol Walters (1923) married Kathryn Curry, the daughter of Cecil E. and Freda V. (Griffith) Curry. No children.

(4) Blanch Elnore Walters (1924) married (1) Oliver Hackney (divorced), married (2) James O. Bates (divorced). No children.

(5) Betty Faye Walters (1929) married (1) Charles Claude Collins II (divorced). Their children: Charles Claude Collins III, Frank Gregory Collins (deceased). Betty married (2) James Leonard Dorris, the son of David and Minnie Lee (Calhoun) Dorris. Their children: David Earl Dorris, James Lee Dorris.

(6) Robert Alfred Walters (1929) twin to Betty, married Phyllis Hicks, the daughter of Robert and Ruth (Miller) Hicks. Their children: Robert Lee Walters, Artie Ruth Walters, Timothy Blair Walters.

b. Robert Frank Walters married (2) in 1930, Mattie Earli Combs, the daughter of John Edgar and Lillie Mae (Foreman) Combs. Their children: (7) Emma, (8) John, (9) Winnie, (10) Ralley (11) Brenda, (12) William, (13) Charles, (14) Wynne.

(7) Emma Mae Walters (1931) married Bruce Edgar Murrey Sr., the son of Frank Atkins Murrey Sr. and Martha Bernice (Curry) Murrey. Their children: Bruce Edgar Murrey Jr., Susan Jean Murrey, Bernice Lynn Murrey.

(8) John Edgar Walters (1933) married (1) Pat Rhodes (divorced), married (2) Zalihea Counts, the daughter of Thomas H. and Mary Adaline (Garrett) Counts. Their children: Marta Lou Walters, Carla June Walters, Huey Edgar Walters, John Scott Walters.

(9) Winnie Walters (1935) married (1) Fred-eric Rhodes (divorced), married (2) Edward Eugene Debalski (widower), son of Walter Sr. and Anna (Koloski) Debalski. No children. Edward has four children from a previous marriage.

(10) Ralley Francis Walters (1937) married Annetta Corinne Bever, the daughter of Delbert Aldo and Lucy Fay (Vannoy) Bever. Their children: Joel Douglas Walters, Jane Elizabeth Walters, Samantha Dawn Walters.

(11) Brenda Florence Walters (1940) married Dale Leon Salisbury, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Salisbury. Their child: Melissa Dale Salisbury.

(12) William Wesley Walters (1941) married Ma del Rosario Regla Contreras (divorced). Their children: William Wesley Walters, Jr., Beverly Ann

Walters.

(13) Charles Lee Walters (1944) married Iris Irene Jackson, the daughter of A.D. and Lena Jackson. Their child: Anthony Blain Walters.

(14) Wynne Douglas Walters (1957), single. c. Ruby Mae Walters (1899-1939) married Benjamin Hill Spears (1881-1968). Their children: (1) Emma, (2) Virginia, (3) Vera, (4) Vairl.

(1) Emma Frances Spears (1920) married James E. Kibble. Their children: James Carroll Kibble, Ronald Charles Kibble, Ruby Diane Kibble, Mable Jane "Jeanie" Kibble.

(2) Virginia Lois Spears (1922) married Harley Shockey. Their children: Lesley Lee Shockey, David Wayne Shockey, Carl Eugene Shockey.

(3) Vera Mae Spears (1925-1950) married David Lorraine Murray (1922-1951), no children.

(4) Vairl Clifton Spears (1928) married Luella Kay. Their children: Sharon Spears, Steven Randall Spears, Sheila Spears.

d. Ellen Faye Walters (1903-1985) married James Otis Bumgardner. One step-daughter.

e. Vera Jane Walters (1905-1962) married Rev. Vairl Claudius Winter (1901-1984). Their children: (1) Allen (Jack), (2) Joyce Ellen.

(1) Allen (Jack) Nathaniel Winter (1927) married Catherine Matheny. Their children: Debra Winter, Stephen Winter, James M. Winter, John Scott Winter.

(2) Joyce Ellen Winter (1934) married Gabial Clark Mills II. Their children: Lea Ann Mills, Jane Elizabeth Mills, Gabial Clark Mills III. Submitted by Charles Lee Walters and William W. Walters

ADAM AND SARAH (BAILEY) WANDLING

Adam Wandling, the third child of nine children, was born to Henry Wandling and Diana Sprague Wandling June 18, 1841 Noble Co. Ohio. He was a soldier in the Civil War; serving 18 months in Co. C 63 Ohio Vol. Inf. April 11, 1863, he married Sarah Jane Bailey b. 1841, d. 1919.

The first years of their married life they lived in Ohio. In 1879 he came to West Virginia. He bought 145 acres of land on the headwaters of 18 mile creek, from J.L. McLean. The land was rich in timber, and suitable for farming. He was an experienced carpenter. He soon built a log house and moved his family to Jackson Co. They cleared the land, planted crops and an orchard. A second addition was added to the log house. A barn was built and is now over 100 years old.

Adam was active in all church and community activities. He helped build the Walnut Grove United Brethren Church, 1880s and served as one of the trustees. He was a member of Jim Ridge Council N 56 Q U A M.



Adam Wandling family

Adam and Sarah were the parents of 6 boys and 5 girls. Sarah was a good homemaker, pieced quilts, taught her daughters to be good cooks. Mary Wandling Cottrill, a daughter, operated her own hotel and restaurant in Ripley, W. Va. several years. Adam and his sons built a large two story house before his death 1903.

The birth and marriages of the children of Adam Wandling are as follows: Anna Mariah, b. 1863, m. Oscar P. Hill, Sarah Melinda b. 1865, d. 1896, Nancy Matilda b. 1867, m. Peter Fredrick, Mary A. b. 1870, m. George Cottrell, Henry Sam, b. 1872, m. Jannie E. Jividen, William S. b. 1874, m. Ella Reed, Florinda L. b. 1876, m. Watman Paxton, Edward Craig b. 1878, m. Eva Wolf, David Francis b. 1879, m. Zelda Winters, Homer Fredrick b. 1882, m. Myrtle Parsons, Moses Sanford b. 1885, m. Emma Smith.

PICTURE: Reading from left to right, Homer F. Wandling, Moses Sanford Wandling, David Francis Wandling, Florinda L. Wandling, Ella Wandling, wife of William Wandling, baby in arms Ethel Wandling, Sarah Jane Wandling, wife of Adam Wandling, William Wandling between horses. Adam Wandling on seat outside yard fence. Children Holley, Forrest, George, sons of William Wandling. Submitted by William E. Wandling

HOMER AND MYRTLE (PARSONS) WANDLING

Homer Fredrick Wandling the tenth child of Adam Wandling and Sarah Jane Bailey was born March 8, 1882. He was born in the log house his father first built when he came to Jackson Co., W. Va., from Ohio 1879. It was located one mile from the Edgar Post Office. The location was near the forks of the road that goes around Jim Ridge. The other road comes out past his birth place and down on Eighteen Mile Creek.

As he grew to manhood, he had a great love for horses. He was known to be the best teamster in the neighborhood. He trained colts to work for neighbors; and friends many years.



Homer and Myrtle Wandling

On November 24, 1907 he married Ivy Myrtle Parsons, the daughter of John B. Parsons and Nancy Little. She was born July 31, 1882, died August 13, 1971. Soon after their marriage they bought the farm from his mother. He lived eighty years of his life on this farm. Homer was a good judge of animals. He bought stock cattle for Lovel M. Parsons several years. He was a successful farmer, owned a grist mill, would grind corn for meal each Saturday. The number of customers would vary each week from ten to twenty-five. Each person would have a bushel or more to have ground for their week's bread. He filled silos with his machinery, and cut wood for a one room school. He would saw wood for the neighbors with a circle saw.

He and the family took an active part in the church and community affairs. A trustee of the Oak Grove School. A trustee of the Walnut Grove United Brethren Church. A superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. Member of Ripley Lodge 30 IOOF.

It was a great joy to him to know he was a part of a community where every one helped each other. One of the communications the neighbors had was the dinner bell. When it rang, morning, noon, or evenings, it meant their wives had their meals ready to eat. When a bell rang any other

time between those hours, morning, noon, or evening, it was an emergency, help was needed. Every neighbor would stop their work and go to help. Could it be the firemen got the idea to put a bell on the fire engine from the early settlers? The other communication was the Lum and Abner telephone. I should say the citizen telephone line. That line each family could talk and listen at one time.

CHILDREN: Kermit Wandling b. 1908 d. 1957, married Marie Rankin 1929, b. 1909, Mattie Wandling b. 1910 d. 1987, married Howard Miller 1936 b. 1913 d. 1977, Cecil Clyde Wandling b. 1912 d. 1912, Clair Wandling b. 1914 married Edna Allen 1936 b. 1919, Mildred Wandling b. 1917 d. 1974 married John Mahers 1936 b. 1907 d. —, second marriage Virgil Walker, Cleo Wandling b. 1920 d. 1982 married Doris Rood b. 1922 d. 1941. *Submitted by C. Edgar Wandling*

WARNER-BALIS

My name is Olive June Balis Warner and I was born on August 27, 1940 at Silverton, WV. I am the third child of Luther Gordon Balis and Velma Clara Ashcraft. My father was born February 21, 1916 at Sarvis Fork, WV and was the son of Peter Earl Balis and Emeline Margaret Smith. My mother was born February 27, 1919 at Silverton, WV and is the daughter of Aaron Livingstone Ashcraft and Vera Blanche Davis.

My brothers and sister are: Emelee Blanche Balis Deming — born October 18, 1937 at Silverton, WV; Earl Livingstone Balis — born March 2, 1939 at Silverton, WV; Donald Edwin Balis — born November 25, 1942 at Silverton, WV.

I married Guy William Warner on October 18, 1958 at Evangelical United Brethren Church at Silverton, WV.

We are the proud parents of: Bryan Scott Warner — born May 30, 1961 at St. Joseph Hospital, Parkersburg, WV; Bradley William Warner — born July 1, 1962 at St. Joseph Hospital, Parkersburg, WV; Melanie Elizabeth Warner — born January 14, 1969 — Jackson General Hospital, Ripley, WV; Aaron Paul Warner — born May 14, 1975 at Camden Clark Hospital, Parkersburg, WV.

Marriages: Bryan Scott married Jean Ann Stewart July 29, 1988 at Parisburg, Virginia; Bradley William married Karen Coffman Burgess July 11, 1987 at United Methodist Church at Sandyville, WV; Melanie Elizabeth married Justin Brooks Campbell November 12, 1988 at Faith Bible Church, Ravenswood, WV.

Grandchild: Bryan Troy Warner — son of Bryan and Jean Warner — born November 1, 1989 at Jackson General Hospital, Ripley, WV. *Submitted by Olive Warner*

WATTS-BARTLEY

The family of John T. Watts and William G. Watts originally settled in Greenbrier County, Va. in the vicinity of White Sulphur Springs, in the post Revolutionary War period. In approximately 1857, the family moved by covered wagon to land purchased on Reedy Creek, near the village of Reedy. With the outbreak of the Civil War, William G. Watts (oldest brother) enlisted in the Union Army, was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek. John T. Watts remained at home with his widowed mother and assumed the role of man of the family. This was a frontier farm and there were many hardships during the Civil War period, including harassment by outlaw and guerrilla bands infesting the Little Kanawha Valley.

William G. Watts, the elder brother came to Ravenswood shortly after the war and opened a store on Sand Street employing his younger brother, John T. Watts, to assist in the venture. The store flourished and in a few years W.G. Watts built

a fine brick building (still standing) further up Sand Street and employed his brother, John T. to assist him. For many years this was one of the leading stores in Ravenswood. William G. Watts died in his early forties, partially due to wounds and hardships incurred in the Civil War. John T. Watts purchased an interest from the family and managed the store for them for several years. He then sold his interest to the family and opened his own store in a new building erected by the Masonic Order at the corner of Walnut and Washington Streets. The business on Sand Street became known as W.G. Watts and Son and was operated until the late 1930s by sons, Charles, Taylor and Granville and daughters, Ruby and Pearl. John T. Watts' store was known as the "Boston Cash Store" and J.T. Watts', and flourished until 1930.



First W. G. Watts Store, Ravenswood

John T. Watts married Florence Bell Harwood of Washington's Bottom and to this union was born the following: Beatrice Elizabeth, John Phillip, and Catherine. Beatrice married Adam Bartley, engineer on the B & O Railroad (youngest ever promoted to Engr. at the time — age 22), John Phillip married Rhoda McCall of Albany, N.Y. Catherine married Beecher Springston of Ravenswood.

The Watts family, pioneer merchants in the flourishing river, railroad and farming community of Ravenswood, were active in all phases of community life. The W.G. Watts family were members of the Baptist Church and John T. and Florence were members of the M.E. North and M.E. South Churches respectively. John T. Watts served on the City Council of Ravenswood and was widely respected for his integrity and warmth, both in his commercial and social contacts.

The grandchildren of John and Florence Watts are: John Evan Bartley, retired Glass Plant Manager, Robert L. Bartley, retired teacher, Helen L. Crunick, retired teacher, Steven W. Bartley, mechanic, Patricia Watts Williams, housewife.

Additional family relationships: Florence B. Watts, niece of Nelson Chancellor, built both Chancellor and Blennerhasset Hotels. Niece of Capt. Edmund P. Chancellor, pioneer riverboat Capt. and builder. Sister of Mrs. George K. Park, founder of Farmers Building and Loan. John Watts, first Baptist minister in America. *Submitted by John E. Bartley*

WATTS-NETHERCUTT

Reverend Henry Thomas Watts, born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, came to Ripley, West Virginia, in 1904 from Grayson, Kentucky, where he had served four years as minister of the Methodist Church. He was married to Anna Eliza Evans from Virginia, and they were parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving children were Thomas Edward, Anna Gertrude, James Franklin, Eva Mae and John Wilson, who was killed in World War I.

Reverend Watts served four years at Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church South, during which time he was joined in Ripley by his daughter, Anna Gertrude, her husband, Moses Grant Nethercutt,

and their three daughters who moved from Grayson, Kentucky, in 1908. Their fourth daughter, Brenda Virginia, was born shortly after their move to Ripley.

Reverend Watts was Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church Charleston District, and during his time in that capacity was instrumental in the building of Watts Chapel Methodist Church in Jackson County. The church was named in his honor.

Reverend Watts served several other pastorates after leaving Ripley, and upon his retirement moved to Milton, West Virginia, where he died at the age of 85.

The Nethercutt family remained in Ripley. Mrs. Nethercutt was organist and choir director of Epworth Methodist Church for many years. She died in 1965 at the age of eighty-one. Mr. Nethercutt had preceded her in death in 1956 at the age of eighty-nine.

The eldest Nethercutt daughter, Maude Watts, married Rudolph Starcher upon his return from service in World War I. Two sons died in infancy and their daughter, Jo Anna, has been a life-long resident of Ripley. Mrs. Starcher died in 1985.

The second daughter, Eva Lillian, married Paul W. Straley. Their son, Eugene Paul, is a resident with his family of Ripley. Mrs. Straley has lived in Ripley all her life.

Letha Helen, the third Nethercutt daughter, married Bernard E. Dunn, and their married life was spent as residents of Ohio. They were the parents of one daughter, Helen, who also resides in Ohio. Mrs. Dunn died in 1989.

Brenda Virginia, the youngest Nethercutt daughter, married Ralph M. Mills. They lived in Ripley for many years and, upon Mr. Mill's retirement from Vail Funeral Home, they moved to Charleston where their only daughter, Doris Lee, lives. *Submitted by Mrs. Eva L. Straley*

DR. ARTHUR WAUGH

Doctor Arthur Waugh born 1815, Pocahontas Co. W.Va., died 1863 Jackson Co. W.Va. married Henrietta Boswell born approximately 1831 Jackson Co. W.Va. died May 25, 1863 married March 8, 1839 daughter of Gilbert Boswell Sr. early sheriff of Jackson Co. Dr. Waugh came in early manhood to Kanawha Co. now Jackson Co., and settled on Parchment, Jackson Co. They are both buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Parchment.

Doctor Arthur Waugh, son of Samuel Waugh Jan. 10, 1774-July 2, 1831 and Ann McGuire Oct. 20, 1779-Aug. 19, 1847 sister of Rebecca McGuire who married James Waugh Jr.

Samuel Waugh was one of early pioneers and settlers of the "The Hills" in Pocahontas Co.

Doctor Waugh was a grandson of James Waugh Sr. and Mary. James Waugh Sr. was born in Scotland, but immigrated to America in 1738. He established his residence in Virginia, and about 1739 or 40 he moved to what is now Pocahontas Co. W. Va. making him one of the earliest settlers of West Virginia.

James Waugh Sr., was a soldier in the Revolution. He also served in Pt. Pleasant campaign, and was called "old man Waugh".

Children of Samuel Waugh: Elizabeth Waugh married Caleb Knapp lived Greenbrier Co.; Rebecca Waugh married Andrew Moore lived in Jackson Co. Va. (W.Va.); Rev. John Waugh married Martha Moore lived Edray, Pocahontas Co.; Samuel Waugh Jr. married Mary Canterbury lived Missouri; Robert Waugh died young; William Waugh married Martha Brown lived in Missouri; Alexander Waugh married Annie Cochran lived Elk River, Nicholas County; Arthur Waugh married Henrietta Boswell, Jackson Co.

The children of Arthur Waugh and Henrietta Boswell: Elizabeth "Betty" Waugh died 1879 aged 37 years 6 mos. 4 days married Archibald



John Thurman Moore family

Skidmore; Frances E. Waugh married George Casto Aug. 15, 1862; Emma Waugh married William "Bill" Hickie buried Fairview Cemetery, Jackson County, no markers; Samuel Gilbert Arthur Waugh b. April 8, 1863 died Oct. 28, 1932 married (1875) Elizabeth Ann Brotherton born July 1, 1859 died Aug. 11, 1948 Samuel buried on Brotherton Fork; John William Waugh born 1847 married Martha Maryland Foglesong (1851-1917). They are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Jackson County.

Dr. Arthur Waugh married 2nd Martha Harrison born 1833 daughter of Ruben Harrison and Priscilla Knapp. Their children were: Sarah Ann Waugh married James T. Warner 1873; Virginia Waugh married John D. Jividen; Andrew Waugh; Perry Waugh.

Rebecca Waugh born Nov. 29, 1802 Bath Co. Va. (now Pocahontas Co.) married Bath Co. August 13, 1829 Andrew Moore born 1805. Both buried at Given Cemetery no markers (family tradition). Submitted by Nina F. Stull, Charles Ray Harper and Betty J. Lam

WAYBRIGHTS

When I first began my search for our family roots, I had a vague notion that we were "Scotch-Irish" and that my grandfather, who died before I was born, came from Jackson County. Three years later I had traced our line to a time and place far removed from the hills of West Virginia.

The earliest provable mention of the Waybright/Weybright family found to date is in Church records of the village of Schonbrunn in the country of Brandenburg-Onolzbach, an area located in what is now known as West Germany. Hans George Weybrecht, son of Georg, married Sabina Fuchs on 5/21/1678. They had a son Martin, born in 1689. On April 28, 1732, Martin, his wife, Margaretha, and their five children began a journey that would lead them to America, and their descendants to Jackson County.

The family arrived in Philadelphia on the ship "Loyal Judith" on 9/25/1732. They immediately acquired land in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where Martin was a farmer and blacksmith. In 1741 he built a new stone house on his 275 acre farm which is still occupied today. It is recorded that Martin made gifts to his church, one of which was a two-quart pewter flagon, still in possession of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster. Martin prospered and provided well for his children. He had three sons: Martin, who settled in Ohio, Jacob who stayed in Pennsylvania, and my ancestor, Michael, who traveled a bit. First to Maryland and then to Virginia where both he and his son, Martin, were members of the 162nd Infantry during the Revolutionary War. Michael and his wife, Anna, are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Gettysburg.

Michael's son Martin remained in Virginia, married Elizabeth and had nine children, one of whom was born in 1785 and named Michael. To this Michael and wife, Susanna, was born son John on 2/16/1810. All of the Jackson County Waybrights are descendants of John, who along

with his parents, purchased property there in 1853.

John married Nancy McCray on 2/21/1828, and they had nine children, five of whom are buried in the Waybright Cemetery, along with John and Nancy, and Michael and Susanna, in Gay, Jackson County.

There are many records available documenting the growth of the Waybright family in Highland, Pendleton, Lewis, Braxton, and Jackson Counties. We were traders, farmers, road builders and surveyors, loggers, and bankers. One of John's sons, Michael S., was a director of the Ripley Bank. Born in 1836, he married twice but had no children. He was, however, a strong influence on the Waybright clan, and Jackson County, until he died in 1919 and is buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Son, Robert J., was a Confederate soldier who delivered horses to the southern battlefields. He was captured and held prisoner of war until his father was able to obtain his release. John brought him back to Jackson County but he never recovered from an illness contracted in prison. He died in August 1866, and tragically, his father died only one month later at age 53. Another of John's sons was John M., father of nine children (including William A., John L., James B., and Elza) while son William contributed five children, and Edward L. added four more to the Waybright family. My great-grandfather was John's son Benjamin Park Waybright, who was in the logging business and can be seen in the above picture in driver's seat taken circa 1880. He married Sarah Shafer and had eight children including my grandfather, Jesse James Waybright.

Jesse married Inez Witherow and moved to Kanawha County where my father, Freddie F. Waybright was born and raised. My father and mother, Helen Plantz Waybright still live in the Charleston area, as do my five brothers and sisters. I live in New Jersey but my roots, and my heart, will always be in West Virginia. Submitted by Jeanne Waybright Conover

CHARLEY E. WAYBRIGHT

Charley Edgar Waybright was born in Jackson County, WV on September 26, 1906. He was the son of John Langdon Waybright and Ida May Chandler. On October 6, 1928, he married Cornia Ethel Vandergriff of Kanawha County. Cornia was born in St. Albans, WV on September 13, 1907. She was the daughter of James Morris Vandergriff and Maggie Lee Supples.

Charley and Cornia began their marriage by living in Kanawha County. While living there, he worked at various jobs including the restaurant business, a garage mechanic and at the American Viscose Plant in Nitro. While in Kanawha County the family attended Rehoboth Baptist Church in Teays Valley where Charley served as a deacon and a choir member.

To the union of Charley and Cornia, five children were born. The first child was Lois Bernadene, born July 26, 1929. She married Edsel Leo Morris on December 20, 1947 and they had three children, Sandra Kay Miller, David Edsel Morris and Diana Lynn Carroll. Bernadene and



Charley E. Waybright family

Edsel currently reside in Ripley, WV.

The second child was Charles Edgar, born February 15, 1933. He married Ora Virginia Rollins on June 16, 1956 and they had two children, Charles Gregory and Sharon Elaine Black. Charles and Ginny currently reside in Reynoldsburg, OH.

The third child was Ida Lee, born March 13, 1936. She married in 1958 and they had one child, Denise Carol Keffer. Ida was remarried to Arnold Clay Mitchell on October 4, 1973, who had four children, Cathy Jean McCormick Loucks, Linda Diane Barr, Janet Hinzman and Arnold Clay Mitchell, Jr. Ida and Clay currently reside in Ripley, WV.

The fourth child was Joann born April 15, 1938. She never married and currently resides in Ravenswood, WV.

The last child was James Lanington, born November 17, 1941. He married Doris Wimmer on September 24, 1961 and they had three children, Melissa Suzanne, Jill Elaine, and Melinda Dawn. Jim and Doris currently reside in Sandyville, WV.

In the late summer of 1946, Charley and Cornia moved to Jackson County to care for his father John Langdon Waybright. They bought John's home at Gay, WV. While in Jackson County, Charley has owned a restaurant, worked as a mechanic and a water well driller and at various other jobs.

Charley and Cornia lived in Gay on the homeplace until 1957 or 1958 when they rented a house on Straight St. During this time they were having a house built on Rt. 21. In February 1960 they moved into this home.

While in Jackson County, Charley and Cornia attended Ripley Baptist Temple and Grace Gospel.

Cornia died June 23, 1982 and is buried at Fairplain, WV. Charles still resides in Ripley, WV. Submitted by Diana Carroll

E. JOHN WAYBRIGHT

E. John had the honor of being the first male grandchild born to John Waybright, and his parents Fleet and Eva Waybright were given a \$100.00 reward. His twin sister, Elsa, was born a few minutes before him.



E. John Waybright and Elsa Jane Petty

E. John was from a family of 13 children that were raised on Zion Ridge and all are living to this day. His father, Fleet, is one of the few surviving WWI veterans, who served in France.

E. John married his cousin Millie Marie Waybright, daughter of W. H. and Millie Waybright, on 4/17/1943 and then left to serve in Europe during WW II.

After he returned they had six daughters, Diane, Dawn, Denese, Millic Dec, April and Faye Anna. They bought an interest in his father-in-law's farm on Elk Fork after Willie's death. There he maintained a home for his family and mother-in-law, Millie Margaret Waybright, widow of W. H. Waybright, until her death in 1972.

He was always kind and generous to relatives and the less fortunate and allowed several of them and/or their children to live in his and Marie's home for varying periods of time during personal, financial or medical crises. He was always honest and hard-working and would never steal from or take advantage of his position on job in which he worked and through his example taught his children to be honest and hardworking also.

John lives in the old Waybright home on Horseshoe Bend of Elk Fork on Gay Road.

Submitted by April Waybright

ELZA WAYBRIGHT (PART I)

Elza Hoyt Waybright (E.H.) (Aug. 18, 1882-July 23, 1962) was one of eleven children. His brothers and sisters were: Ben, Johnny, Fred Sr., Gordy, Fleet, Ethel, Mary Waybright Lyons, Ida Waybright Cox, whose son, Lloyd, was my pediatrician in Charleston; another sister who married A.P. Fisher, and one unknown.

Elza married Canna Grace Sheets (1883-1927), one of eight children of L.M. Sheets, died 1932, and Dedosha (unknown), died 1926-27. Her brothers and sisters were: C.G. Sheets, H.B. Sheets, Golda S. Morris, Laura S. Parsons, Alice S. Edwards, Gladys S. Leggett, and Mabel S. Litton.

The children from this union were: Dessie (Jan. 4, 1908-May 4, 1964), Ray (Feb. 25, 1911-Jan. 16, 1986), Ralph (Aug. 18, 1913-July 4, 1956), Dolly (Oct. 4, 1915-May 4, 1983), Maxine (Aug. 28, 1918-July 1, 1926), and Lloyd (March 6, 1924).



Ray, Ralph, Dolly, Lloyd, and Elza Waybright

Dessie married Willie Leggett, one son, Harold; Ray married Crystal Griffith, no children; Ralph, 24, married Ina Pearl Brooks, 16, of Charleston, one daughter, Carolyn, Oct. 24, 1942; Dolly married Bob Hunt of Charleston, one daughter, Betty Jo, deceased, sons, Bobby Kay, and Benny Ray; second marriage, Bob Fauber, died Sept. 1989, no children; Lloyd married Inez Martin, died 1964, daughter, Susan Bowery, Van Wert, Ohio; Barry, married, six children, Alvy, WV; Jerry, married, Columbus, Ohio.

In 1942, Elza, 60, married Janet Curry, 23, a divorcee from Silverton. Janet (Net) had one son, Earl, 5 (1937-1975) and one daughter, Patty, 3, when they married. They had twin girls, Lula and Lucille (May 23, 1943). Several years later they divorced; Elza never remarried. Janet died April, 1988, in Charleston.

For approximately 50 years, Elza, a well-known farmer in the county, lived on a 118 acre farm in a section called Lick Run, between Patterson Run, off Rt. 2 and Sugar Run on Rt. 33 at Cottageville. Two favorite things to do at Grandpa's were piling up leaves from the beautiful maple tree in the front yard and jumping in them with my half-aunts, Lula and Lucille, who were seven months younger than I, and chasing chickens. It was exciting to come over the hill to his farm and see his red truck, with the tall cattle racks, sitting in front of the house.

In 1937, my father, Ralph, left Jackson County, went to Charleston, and worked for Frank Vandell

in his jukebox, pinball, and record business. In 1940, he bought Frank's business and was a successful businessman until his death.

In the early '50s I went to the old Evans Fairgrounds behind Otterbein Church and watched stock car races. This property belonged to Margarine Cunningham and now belongs to her daughter, Chardean and Carl Hutchinson. Unknowingly, as I was enjoying the races, my husband-to-be, Dennis Wayne, a county resident, was too. Years later, when we met through a mutual friend and married, 1963, we settled in the Cottageville area for 14 years, then moved to Mt. Alto for 14 years. Our children, Ripley graduates, are Mark, 25, a WVU graduate, a social studies teacher and head athletic trainer at Chantilly High School, Chantilly, Va.; Shannon, 21, a senior speech communications major at Marshall University; and Chris, 19, a history major at WVU. I grew up in Charleston and So. Charleston graduating from SCHS, 1960, and attended Marshall.

Elza is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery beside Grace, Maxine, Ray, and Crystal; Dessie, Mt. Pleasant, WV; Dolly, Gassaway, WV; and Ralph, St. Albans, WV. Lloyd, a retired city bus driver, resides in Wheeling with wife, Joann. *Submitted by Carolyn Ann Waybright Wayne*

ELZA WAYBRIGHT (PART II)

The Elza Hoyt Waybright lineage has been traced to West Germany by Fred Waybright Jr., Elza's nephew.

The first known German relative was Georg Weybrecht (original spelling) of Schonbrunn Brandenburg-Onolzbac. The lineage is as follows: son, Hans Georg Weybrecht, died by 1695, married 5/21/1678 Sabina Fuchs, died 4/7/1719; Martin Weybrecht (1689-by 1750), married 8/1715 Margaretha Hoffman died between 1741-50; Johann Michael Weybrecht (7/27/1728-1820), married 1753-54 Anna C. Weidler (1735-1801); Martin Weybrecht, died after 1821, married before 1782 Elizabeth, unknown, died after 1821; Michael Waybright (12/3/1785-9/9/1878), married 6/9/1808 Susanna McCartney (1790-1864); John Waybright (2/16/1810- 9/30/1866), married 2/21/1828 Nancy McCray (11/17/1806-1860-64); John M. Waybright (5/19/1843-1914), married 1864 Louisa, unknown; Elza Hoyt Waybright (8/18/82-7/1962) married Gracie Sheets.



Elza Hoyt Waybright

Georg's grandson, Martin, sailed to America in 1732 with his wife and children, including his son Johann Michael. They sailed on the ship Loyal Judith and landed in Philadelphia; then moved to Lancaster, Penn. He was a farmer and blacksmith. The original Waybright house, still standing in Lancaster, Penn. was built about 1741. Great-great-grandson, Martin, moved from Pennsylvania to Pendleton County, Virginia and his son, Michael, was one of the early settlers of Jackson County. He was a farmer, a trader, and road surveyor. *Submitted by Lucille Waybright Bradshaw*

ESTHER PEARL WAYBRIGHT



Esther (Waybright) Dickess

Esther was born 5/1911 to W.H. and Millie Stanley Waybright. She was proud of her name, being named for her father's mother, Esther Aplin. She married Leslie Alden Dickess and they had one child, Patricia Ann Dickess Euliss. She has three grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



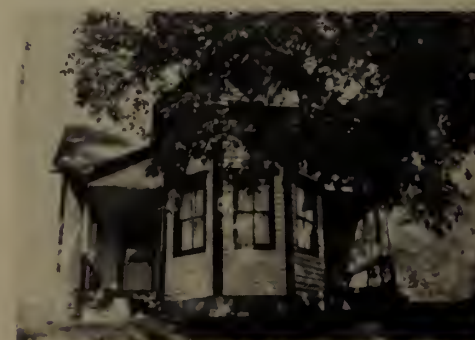
Patricia (Dickess) Euliss, Robert, Michael and Leigh

Esther's husband was an only child and possessed an excellent disposition to excel in any activity he chose. Because of the difficulty, becoming a professional wrestler was one of his favorite accomplishments.

She died of cancer on 6/10/1973 after an extended illness in her home in Key West, Florida. Her husband returned her home to be buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery on Gay Road, near her mother and father. *Submitted by Leslie Dickess*

FLEET WAYBRIGHT

This beautiful old home setting on top of Zion Ridge over looking God's Country, has been home to one of Jackson County's oldest youngsters for



Fleet Waybright home

all but two of his ninety four years. Fleet Waybright was born in a log cabin "just down the road a piece", as he puts it, and moved with his parents John and Sarah Corena (Thomas) Waybright to their new home on the ridge when he was two. He has lived there ever since except for the short time spent in the Army during WW I.

He married Eva Harman (1900-1974) daughter of Joseph Harman (1869-1953) and Mattie Rhodes (1880-1918). They had thirteen children: Bernice married Okey Knopp; Freda married John Charlton; Myrtle married Delbert Wiblin; Elsa married Hayse Petty; Elda married Marie Waybright; Phoebe married Jarret Fury; Isabelle married Pat Hoffman; Charlie married Sally —; Ruby married Wally Campbell; Verna married Victor Ingham; Addie married first Keith Smith, second Dale Blake; Richard married Clorice and Barbara married Junior Skinner.

Fleet's lineage from his father back is:

John Waybright married 4.2.1845 to Sarah Corena Thomas born May 27, 1847, daughter of George and Susan (Bell) Thomas. William L. Waybright (1831 Lewis Co.-November 7, 1925 Jackson Co.) married on 3.6.1851 Jackson Co. to Hannah Whitham, daughter of James Whitham, born 1794 in England.

John Waybright (1.15.1810 Pendleton Co., Va.-9.31.1866 Jackson Co.) married first on 2.21.1828 to Nancy McCray (11.17.1806-1861 Jackson Co.) second Elizabeth (Allen) Rader, daughter of Jesse Allen and Mahala Flesher.

Michael S. Waybright (12.30.1785 Adams Co. Pa.-9.8.1878 Jackson Co.) married on 6.11.1808 Bath Co., Va. to Susanna McCartney (1790 Va.-9.30.1864 Jackson Co.) daughter of Andrew McCartney.

Martin "Weybrecht" (Lancaster, Pa.-after 1821) married before 1782 to Elizabeth —, died after 1821.

Johann Michael Weybrecht (7.27.1728 Schonbrunn, Germany-1820) married to Anna C. Weilder (1735-1801) in 1753/54.

Martin Weybrecht (1689 Schobrunn, Germany-by 1750) married August 8, 1715 to Margaretha Hoffman, died 1741/50. Both are buried at Gettysburg, Pa. He came to America with his son Martin in 1732.

Hans Georg Weybrecht born in Schonbrunn, Germany, died by 1695, married on May 21, 1678 to Sabina Fuchs, died April 7, 1719. Both are buried at Lancaster, Pa.

The German information came from church records in Schonbrunn, Germany. The records back past these were destroyed by fire. Given by Fred Waybright. The rest are mostly from court house records and other research. Submitted by Zona Young DeLancey

FRANKLIN FLEET AND EVA (HARMON) WAYBRIGHT (PART I)

Franklin Fleet was born 6/7/1896 to John (Boligan) and Sarah Lorena Thomas Waybright. He married Eva Floretta Harmon, daughter of Joseph and Mattie Day Rhodes Harmon who was



F. Fleet and Eva F. (Harmon) Waybright

born 5/6/1900. They had thirteen children. She died 7/9/1974 and is buried at the Zion Cemetery.

1. Edna Bernice was born 12/15/1918 and married Okey Knopp, Jr. on 12/31/1934. He was born 7/21/1915.

A. Edra Eva b. 10/25/1935 d. infant.

B. Kathleen Kay was born 5/14/1938 and married Jim Corbitt.

(a.) Jim,

(b.) Kay,

(c.) Gail Jean,

(d.) Shelly,

(e.) Mark.

C. Edward Dewight was born 7/2/1941 and married Gladys Rhodes Southall on 1/8/1970.

(a.) Catheryn Elizabeth b. 12/29/1971

(b.) Nathaniel Edward b. 10/15/1981

D. Edna Jean b. 12/6/1942 d. infant.

E. Elsa Carol was born 12/26/1943 and married Larry Lee Rhodes on 5/21/1962. He was born 4/29/1941.

(a.) Gary Lee m. Sheila Ann Dawson b. 3/31/1962 m. 8/22/1987 b. 1/21/1969

1. Danielle Anna-Lee b. 5/24/1988

(b.) Gregory Allen b. 1/18/1965

F. Paulette Marie was born 10/17/1945 and married Glen Lee Cole born 4/8/1942. Married 5/21/1962.

(a.) Richard Lee m. 8/9/1986 m. Lori Ann Botkin b. 4/3/1963 m. 8/9/1986 b. 8/3/1967

1. Ashley Marie b. 5/20/1987

2. Elizabeth Ann b. 7/11/1989

(b.) Julia Marie m. Richard Martin Zimmers b. 4/29/1964 m. 12/04/1982 b. 12/7/1959

1. Christopher Martin b. 12/20/1984

2. Joshua Glen b. 9/01/1986

(c.) Teresa Lynn m. Roger Darrell Carter b. 7/6/1964 m. 9/10/1983 b. 11/5/1962

1. Amber Lynn b. 5/24/1985,

2. Amanda Marie b. 10/12/1989 ind3

= (d.) Johnny Ray m. Melissa Elizabeth Hohn b. 5/23/1967 m.

2/24/1987 b. 3/14/1967

1. Stephanie Lynn b. 4/15/1988

2. Johnny Ray Cole, Jr. b. 10/6/1989.

G. Paul Frederick was born 7/21/1954 and married Julie Doreen White on 9/30/1972. She was born 11/3/1953.

(a.) Michael Paul b. 12/23/1974

2. Freda Luree was born 4/23/1920 and married John Paul Charlton on 5/30/1941. He was born 4/30/1916. They had three sons.

A. John Paul Jr., born 2/25/1942, married Ann Shirley Turnage on 12/21/1963. She was born 5/25/1942. They have four children.

(a.) Tamara Lynn b. 6/21/1965

(b.) James David b. 2/1/1968

(c.) Matthew Colby b. 6/9/1975

(d.) Mary Anne Freda b. 8/11/1980.

B. James Alan was born 12/20/1943 and married Margret Myrtle Moore on 5/22/1971. She was born 7/13/1944. They have two children.

(a.) Dana Alan b. 5/1/1979

(b.) Megan Kathleen b. 5/2/1982.

C. James Austin was born 3/11/1947 and married Judith Annette Garibell on 8/8/1970. She was born 11/10/1946. They have two sons.

(a.) Steven Austin b. 1/19/1976

(b.) Zachary Ian b. 2/24/1982.

3. Eva Myrtle was born and married Delbert Marvin Lee Wiblin.

A. Patricia Ann 11/18/1939 and married Jack

Marshall Greene.

(a.) Jay Patrick b. 7/13/1967 m. Joanne Lyn Patrick m. 1/6/1990

(b.) Tricia Lee b. 2/14/1969.

B. Sandy Lee b. 9/12/1945 m. Gary Gene Swisher m. 8/21/1965

(a.) Jennifer Anne b. 6/27/1974.

(b.) Julie Lee b. 3/27/1975

C. Sharon Kay b. 6/26/1950 m. Richard J. Hendrix m. 8/22/1970.

(a.) Kimberly Dawn b. 11/8/1973

(b.) Carrie Ann b. 9/8/1975.

4. Elsa Jane was born a twin with Elda John above on 6/1/1923. She married Hayes Birchard Petty on 3/6/1943. Hayes was born on 3/21/1921. They had three sons.

A. Jack Lynn was born 7/6/1946 and died 5/25/1963.

B. Joseph Hayes was born 9/28/1949 and married Connie Jean Webb on 5/13/1969. She was born 3/23/1950. They have one son.

(a.) Joseph Hayes, Jr. b. 5/29/1970.

C. Fleet Franklin was born 10/6/1955 and married Mary Baith in 1974 in Salem, Ohio. She was born 5/30/1954. They had one daughter and divorced.

(a.) Layla Jane b. 12/5/1975.

Fleet in 1984 married Bonnie Roberts who was born 7/21/1956. Their son is:

(b.) Fleet Brandon John b. 3/10/1985.

5. Elda John was born 6/1/1923 and married Millie Marie Waybright on 4/17/1943. She was born 4/30/1926. They have six daughters.

A. Janice Diane was born 3/25/1947.

B. Gloria Dawn was born 7/20/1950 and married Michael Edward Littleton on 9/3/1971. He was born 10/17/1949. They have three children.

(a.) Erik Michael b. 12/14/1972

(b.) Krista Michelle b. 10/31/1974

(c.) Taryn Wren b. 4/15/1978.

C. Edrie Denese was born 3/6/1953 and married Kenneth Kirk Carney on 8/28/1971. He was born 6/4/1949.

(a.) Jennifer Annamariae b. 4/5/1988

D. Eva Millie Dee was born 9/26/1957 and married Michael Allen Nichols 12/6/1975.

(a.) Alonzo Clark b. 9/22/1980

(b.) Darcey Millie Anna b. 3/5/1983.

(c.) Leanna Michelle b. 1/25/1989.

E. April Dare was born 11/30/1958 and married Scott Hottle on 7/29/1990.

F. Faye Anna Ruth was born 1/8/1965 and married Bryan Guy Rogers on 10/31/1985. He was born 10/21/1963.

(a.) Bryan Guy II b. 5/18/1986. Submitted by Christopher Campbell and Diane Waybright

FRANKLIN FLEET AND EVA (HARMON) WAYBRIGHT (PART II)



Fleet Franklin Waybright

6. Phoebe Violet was born 5/2/1925 and married Jerrott Fury on 10/11/1945. He was born 3/20/1918.

A. Jerrott was born 8/25/1945.

(a.) Christopher b. 9/3/1972

(b.) Kimberly Ann b. 11/10/1973

B. Victor was born 12/10/1947 and married Linda Jo Craft on 6/22/1968.

(a.) Jennifer Lynn b. 2/7/1970

(b.) Victor Louis, Jr. b. 10/16/1972.

C. Eva Carol was born 3/14/1950 and married Donald Andrews on 11/29/1968.

(a.) Emily Suzanne b. 5/20/1970

(b.) Eric Scott b. 11/17/1974

D. Linda was born 8/8/1951 and married Carl Warren Dressler, Jr. born 12/13/1950.

(a.) Carl Warren, III b. 2/26/1979.

7. Iris Isabelle was born 5/14/1927 and married Carlos Alonza Hoffman on 9/7/1949. He was born 9/16/1926.

A. Carla Sue was born 6/26/1950 and married Thomas Norris on 5/20/1989.

B. Carlos A., Jr. was born 4/5/1954 and married Katheryn Ann Roy.

(a.) Nathaniel Davis b. 11/30/1972 m. Barbara Lane.

(b.) Alek Lane b. 5/15/1986

(c.) Daren Lane b. 4/29/1989.

8. Charlie Joseph was born 12/26/1928 and married Marcella Benice Shaw on 8/15/1956. She was born 9/21/1922.

A. Michael Scott was born 5/2/1960 and married Brenda Lea Sell. She was born 12/26/1963.

(a.) Amanda Kay b. 9/27/1983

(b.) Ashley Lynn c. Megan Marie b. 5/14/1987

B. Lisa Annette was born 8/13/1965.

9. Ruby Rose was born 8/11/1931 and married Edgar Wallace Campbell. He was born 12/19/1918.

A. Terrence Lee was born 1/6/1952.

B. Edgar Wallace was born 11/8/1952 and married Angela Mashburn.

(a.) Michael Edgar b. 7/5/1981.

(b.) Joshua Lee b. 2/12/1983.

C. Cheryl Lynn was born 5/30/1954 and married Romey Burl Smith on 7/22/1989. He was born 12/24/1955.

D. Roxanna Jean was born 7/3/1959 and married David Westerman.

(a.) Charity Rose b. 7/28/1983

(b.) Timothy David b. 6/7/1985

(c.) Matthew Robert b. 11/8/1987 (Twin)

(d.) Stephen Eugene b. 11/8/1987 (Twin)

E. Neil Roy was born 5/27/1960 and married Carolyn Sue Kay on 9/2/1989. She was born 2/20/1959.

F. Harry Lewis was born 10/21/1961 and married Wendy Abbott in Chattanooga, TN.

G. Paula Andrea was born 2/22/1965 and died 6/6/1965.

H. Christopher Scott was born 5/28/1969.

10. Verna Leora was born 2/20/1934 and married Victor Ray Ingrham on 11/27/1953. He was born 6/7/1933.

A. Louve was born 11/23/1955.

B. Bernadine was born 4/25/1960 and married Robert L. Muth who was born 6/8/1960.

(a.) Malia b. 11/18/1981

C. Homer b. 1/1/1962

11. Addie Elaine was born 2/4/1936 and married Darrell Keith Smith and had six children and later Dale Blake.

A. David Marsh was born 9/24/1956 and

married Mary Beth Jorgestein on 5/23/1988.

(a.) Megan Elaine was born 10/12/1988.

B. Catheryn Yvonne was born 6/24/1958 and married James Filos Rowlett on 6/1983. He was born 4/1959.

(a.) Rachael Anne b. 6/23/1984.

(b.) Andrew Filos b. 9/12/1987.

C. Daniel Mark was born 4/3/1960 and married Diedre Lynn Kessel who was born 6/7/1960.

(a.) Curtis Mark b. 5/30/1985

(b.) James Carl b. 2/13/1988.

D. Rodney Lynn was born 4/5/1961.

E. Sandra Kay was born 3/4/1965 and married Kevon Doyle on 10/30/1981.

(a.) Danielle Elaine b. 5/6/1987.

12. Richard Fleet was born 5/14/1938 and married Clarise Linda Vescio on 10/23/1959. She was born 9/28/1937.

A. Lisa Maria was born on 3/30/1961 and married Rocky Grim on 8/30/1978 in Stork County, OH.

(a.) Gina Maria b. 2/13/1979.

(b.) Jennifer Lynn b. 2/20/1980

B. Moureen Eva was born 5/15/1962 and married Terry Kettering on 5/15/1982 (divorced).

(a.) Stephanie Lyn-Marie b. 3/16/1983

(b.) Stacy Clarice b. 8/19/1985

C. Rhonda Clarice was born 11/5/1964 and married Larry Eick on 1/20/1990.

(a.) Brittany Nicole b. 6/10/1989

D. Christina Linda was born 7/15/1965 and married Carl Vandergrift, II on 6/15/1985.

(a.) Brooke Ann b. 2/4/1987

(b.) Chad Allan b. 11/9/1988.

13. Barbara Jean was born 2/24/1941 and married Raymond Skinner, Jr. on 12/18/1960. He was born 9/21/1941.

A. Lorelei Carmela was born 9/24/1961 and married Stephen Pike on 8/13/1988. He was born 5/28/1958.

B. Loutricia Lynn was born 4/6/1963 and married Clyde Eldridge Johnson III. He was born 1/9/1963.

(a.) Adam Lee b. 7/27/1989 (Twin)

(b.) Andrew Scott b. 7/27/1989 (Twin)

C. Vernon Dean was born 5/27/1965. Submitted by Terry Campbell and E. John Waybright

JAMES WARREN WAYBRIGHT

Jim was born 4/28/1921, the son of W.H. and Millie Margaret Stanley Waybright. He married Mary Louise Hood, born 5/13/1929, on 9/16/1947, the daughter of Clair and Louise Sayre Hood. Two children were born to them. Candace Louise born 9/27/1948 in Colorado and married Bob Lanham. They have one daughter Annette, born in 1975. Their son James Kenneth Wolfrum Waybright, was born January 11, 1957, and married first Linda Rutherford with whom he has a daughter, Victoria, and then Helen Marion with whom he has a son, Stephen James.



James W. Waybright and mother, Millie

Jim was a graduate of Trinidad Junior College of Gunsmithing in Colorado. This was the only

gunsmithing college in the United States at that time. He enjoyed fixing guns for family and friends and was especially gifted in working on the stocks for his guns. Many of his guns were given as gifts to his brother Wayne and daughter Candy. He left his gun collection to his son James K.W.

Jim worked for Union Carbide for 22 years and also practiced his gunsmithing trade. The guns he made are valued by their owners today as reminder of his affection for them.

Jim suffered poor health for some years and was last hospitalized in Jackson General Hospital and died at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Marie and E. John Waybright on Gay Road where he had been born. He rests near his parents in the family cemetery at Mt. Olive on Gay Road. Submitted by Candy Lanham

JOHN WAYBRIGHT

The Waybright line is descended from Germany. The original spelling of the name was Weybrecht.

John Langdon Waybright, son of John M. Waybright and Louisa F. LeMaster, was born in Jackson County WV on April 9, 1871. John married Ida May Chandler. It is thought that they married in 1895 in Kanawha County. Ida was the daughter of Sylvester Egustus Paris Chandler and Mary Bowen. She was born on Wills Creek in Kanawha County on May 23, 1875.

When John was a young man he worked at the steel mill in Wheeling, WV. During the rest of his life he was a farmer. He built the home the family lived in at Gay, WV. This home was completed in 1906 at a cost of \$500.

John sold part of his land to the Board of Education. This land was used for the site of Briscoe School.



John Waybright family

John and Ida had a family of nine children. Their first child was Ethel May, born March 20, 1896. She married Loyce Orus Benedum in 1913, and they had eleven children. Ethel died September 12, 1961 and is buried in Harrison County, WV.

The second child was Leola, born January 4, 1898. She married Merriel Clement Matheny in 1920 and they had seven children. Leola died in October 1957 and is buried in Louth Cemetery.

The third child was James Robert, born February 4, 1900. He married Edith in 1928 and they had five children. After Edith's death he married Ina. Robert is currently residing in Aiken, SC.

The fourth child was Homer Clinton, born February 28, 1902. His second wife was Frances Legg. They had two children. Homer enlisted in the Army during World War II and served as a Captain. He died on August 28, 1979.

The fifth child was Okey J. born June 30, 1904. He married Mary Elizabeth Ellis in 1928 and they had one child. Okey died January 25, 1967.

The sixth child was Charley Edgar, born September 26, 1906. He married Cornia Ethel Vandergriff in 1928 and they had five children. Charley is currently residing in Ripley, WV.

The seventh child was Herbert Ray, born No-

ember 5, 1908. He married Lillian Higginbotham and they had no children. Herb died July 14, 1973 and is buried in Pocatalico, WV.

The eighth child was Roy Wilson, born May 20, 1912. He married Lerona Harmon and they had one child. In 1948, Roy married Melba Ann Williams who had one child. Together they had another child. Roy enlisted in the Army in World War II and served as a C.B. He died June 11, 1976.

The last child was Grover Woodroe, born April 6, 1915. He married Lucille Johns in 1932 and they had four children. He died June 10, 1980 and is buried in Gay, WV.

The Waybright family attended church at Briscoe Methodist Church in Gay, WV.

On May 29, 1939, Ida May Waybright died and she is buried in Gay, WV. John lived until Thanksgiving of 1952. He is also buried in Gay, WV.

Submitted by Bernadene Morris

JOHN AND NANCY (McCRAY) WAYBRIGHT

John Waybright was born to Michael Waybright and Susannah McCartney Waybright on 2/16/1810. He married Nancy McCray who was born in 1807. They had nine children.

1. Mary J. was born 1/15/1829 and married a Young who died 12/4/1908. She later married William Allen Rader and thirdly John A. Hire on 10/8/1850. They had a son John A. Hire, Jr.

2. William was born 1/29/1831 and married Hannah Whitham. They had five children, Mary, Columbus, James M., John (Boligan) and Thomas Jefferson. William died on their way west. See William and Hannah Whitham Waybright. Hannah remarried Alexander F. Southall on 9/28/1865 and they had Charles born in 1866 and Edgar born in 1869.

3. Susan was born 3/9/1834 and married William Board on 3/25/1852.



Michael, son W.H. and wife Millie and daughter

4. Michael S. Jr. was born 3/29/1836 and married Mary Elizabeth Hyre, who was born in 1830, on 3/26/1879. They had no children. Michael died 7/9/1919. He and Mary raised his great-nephew, William Henry Waybright, son of Thomas Jefferson and Esther Aplin Waybright who was the son of William Henry and Hannah Whitham Waybright. They built a large two story house on Horseshoe Bend of Elk Fork on Gay Road. This house is presently owned by E. John and Marie Waybright, direct descendants of William and Hannah Whitham Waybright. He was a prominent business man, selling and trading livestock, and was one of the founders of the Bank of Ripley.

5. Sarah Elizabeth was born 7/4/1838 and married Henry Young on 1/29/1858. They had John E.E.S., William H., Benjamin H.C., Mary C.P.A., Leona D. and Emza J.F.

6. Robert J. was born 10/12/1840 and served in the Civil War. He was captured and was a prisoner of war at Pt. Lookout, MD. (See the letter below) He died 8/12/1866.

7. John M. was born 5/19/1843 and married Louisa Masters. Their children were Frederick,



John Waybright, driver's seat

William, Ida May, John (Dobin) L., Mary S., Benjamin and Julia A.

8. Thomas J. was born 5/30/1845.

9. Benjamin Park was born 2/8/1850 and died 3/27/1931.

After Nancy died John married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Allen on 4/17/1862. This was Elizabeth's second marriage. She and John Waybright had two children:

1. Lorena D. Waybright
2. E.L. Waybright b. 1864.

Elizabeth Allen had previously been married to William Allen Rader on 3/22/1849 and after John died on 9/30/1866 she married Hiram Parsons on 10/17/1877.

John Waybright died 9/30/1866 and Susannah McCartney Waybright, his first wife, died in 1864. They are both buried in the Waybright Cemetery on the Harlow farm on Gay Road.

Robert J. Waybright, son of John and Nancy McCray, was a prisoner of the Civil War at Point Lookout, MD. Following is one of the several letters he sent home to his father, John.

Point Lookout, Maryland — November 25th, 1864

Dear Father, I am a prisoner of war now at Point Lookout, Maryland. I was captured the 12th of this month near Front Royal. D.S. Cottle, A.W. Rollins were captured and are here with me. Our Regt. suffered very much. Write to me soon as you get this letter. Send me fifty cents or one dollar in US postage stamps. I cannot get them here. I can buy paper, ink and envelopes with them. Give my respects to all friends. Tell them be sure to write to me. Do not fail to write as soon as you get this note. Write nothing about the war. Direct your letters to R.J. Waybright, Point Lookout, Maryland Co. K 10th Division in care of Major Brady.

Yours LC RJ Waybright

Robert survived to return home but was never well and died 8/12/1866. (This letter among several others are in the possession of Marie Waybright). *Submitted by Marie Parrish and Dawn Littleton*

MARY LOUISE HOOD WAYBRIGHT

Mary Louise Hood Waybright, born in Ripley, WV, May 31, 1929, the daughter of Clara Hood and Rebecca Louise Sayre (Hood) Hascue. She married James Warren Waybright, son of William Henry Waybright and Millie Margaret Stanly of Ripley, WV, September 14, 1947. She was a bookkeeper for Sears Roebuck and Co. for several years during the 1950s. She went to W.V.A. State College to become a doctor, but suffered a stroke, May 15, 1963 and is now living at Cross Lanes, WV with her daughter, Candace Louise Lanham.

Candace Louise Waybright Lanham, born in Trinidad, Colorado, Sept. 27, 1948, now lives in Cross Lanes, WVA, where she and her husband, Bobby Vincent Lanham own and operate a personal care home for the elderly. She also drove a school bus for Putnam Co. Board of Education for ten years. She is the daughter of James Warren

Waybright and Mary Louise Hood Waybright.

Annette Faye Lanham, daughter of Bobby Vincent Lanham and Candace Louise Waybright Lanham, born March 7, 1975 in South Charleston, WV at Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital. She lives in Cross Lanes, WV, with her parents and attends Andrew Jackson Jr. High School. *Submitted by Candace Lanham*

MILLIE M. (STANLEY) WAYBRIGHT

Millie was born in 1892 to Johnathan and Liza Dove Stanley. She was born at Napier near the Roane County line. She married W.H. Waybright son of Thomas Jefferson and Esther Aplin Waybright.

Millie was widowed in 1949 and lived at her home in Horseshoe Bend of Elk Fork. Millie enjoyed farm life and entertaining family and friends in her home. She was a business woman and earned money raising poultry, cattle, etc. She traveled visiting her daughters who lived in Ohio and Florida until her declining health limited her activities to her home where she was visited by family and friends.

She died quietly in her sleep on December 22, 1971 at 79+ years at her home. She was greatly beloved and admired for her kindness and generosity to her family and friends.

She rests in Mt. Olive Cemetery beside her husband, W.H. Waybright, who preceded her in death by 21 years. *Submitted by Krista Littleton*

MILLIE MARIE WAYBRIGHT

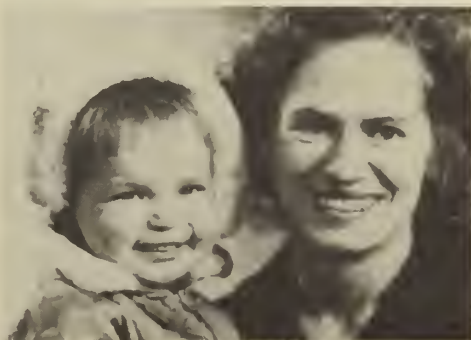
Marie Waybright was born to W.H. and Millie Waybright at home on Horseshoe Bend of Elk Fork on 4/30/1926. She was the youngest daughter and the youngest child but for Thomas who died as a baby.

She grew up in a household that placed a high value on education and reading and on enterprise and hard work. Her father, Willie, kept a library and allowed friends and neighbors to borrow from it.

As a young girl, she fell in love with Elda John Waybright, son of Fleet and Eva Waybright, a distant cousin from Zion Ridge. They were married at Gay on 4/17/1943.

Shortly after they were married John left to serve in Europe during WW II. He was gone for two years.

After he returned from the service, Marie and John bought a farm from George Waybright on Zion Ridge. While living there their oldest daughter, Diane, was born.



Millie Marie Waybright and daughter, Diane

Tragically, Marie's father, Willie, died. Marie and John, along with Marie's brother, Wayne and his wife, Virginia, bought the other children's interest in the large home farm and the home where Marie was born. Millie, her mother, lived there with them until her death in 1972. And there they were blessed with their five other daughters, Dawn, Dcnese, Millie Dce, April and Faye Anna.

Marie was a devoted wife and mother and as

John worked away from home, had all the responsibility of home, farm and children. She was a wonderful mother and was always encouraging and positive. She saw that we children were involved with school, church, church activities and sports, 4-H, band, etc. along with working in the garden and hay fields, chasing cows and horses, swimming in the creek, picking berries and picking up apples, etc. We had a wonderful, carefree childhood.

We used to sit on the porch in the swing at night and enjoy the warm summer evenings, looking at the stars and watching the lightning bugs and listening to the whip-o-wills. And during the daylight hours take walks, looking under logs for strange worms and animals, check the cattle or go seining, wading or swimming in the creek that bends around the house and gives the farm its name, Horseshoe Bend.

We always had pets to play with, dogs and cats, and sometimes a crow or little groundhog. It was a constant source of amazement to me that she could run faster than I as a child, and probably still could.

Marie valued education and expected us to do well in school. She taught us to enjoy books and reading from a very early age and could tell fantastic stories when she took us to bed at night.

She went to work at the Jackson County Health Department in December of 1978. She enjoyed working with people, but retired after 10 years of service to help with her grandchildren, manage her rental property and to visit relatives and friends.
Submitted by April Waybright

O. EUGENE WAYBRIGHT

O. Eugene's mother was Edra Virginia, third daughter of William Henry and Millie Waybright.

Gene was active on his grandfather's farm while in Vo-Ag at Ripley High and earned awards (recognition) in farming activities.

On 5/7/1955 he married Doris Jean Harpold, daughter of Albert and Blanche Harpold. On 5/55 he joined the US Navy. He learned mine warfare and served 27 months in Japan. He was in the Navy a total of 3 years and 1 month.

He worked 11 months for a state road survey party and then on 6/15/1959 went to work at Marbon Chemical Company. He is now a supervisor and a team manager in a self directed work group.

He is also an ordained American Baptist Minister and has served in different churches in the Parkersburg area.



O. Eugene and Doris Waybright and children

He and Doris Jean had three children, Stephen, Sonia and Stan. *Submitted by Doris Waybright*

WILLIAM HENRY WAYBRIGHT

Willie was a self educated man, gifted in blacksmithing and service to neighbors and family. He read widely and had a family library that he loaned out to neighbors. He was a progressive thinker and farmer and bought one of the first cars in the area. He was on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Ripley. He also enjoyed playing violin and guitar for his family and friends. Socially he enjoyed silent movies and traveling plays and coming to Ripley for croquet and pool with friends.

He married Millie Margaret Stanley and they were blessed with nine children. Elva, Ester, Eula, Edra, Wayne, James, Ruth, Marie and Tommy who died as an infant.

He died in his sleep at his home on Horseshoe Bend of Elk Fork on Gay Road. He was buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery on Gay Road near his infant son, Thomas, and daughter Eula Conner who had preceded him in death.

Different families lived at his home for short or long periods of time. His mother-in-law, Liza Dove Stanley lived there after the death of her husband, brother and sister-in-law, Mote and Emma Stanley and grandsons, Robert and Eugene Waybright. *Submitted by Taryn Littleton*

WILLIAM H. AND MILLIE (STANLEY) WAYBRIGHT (PART I)

William Henry was born 1/6/1885 to Thomas Jefferson and Esther Aplin Waybright. He married Millie Margaret Stanley, daughter of Jonathan Edward and Eliza Dove Rhodes Stanley. They had 9 children.



W. H. and Millie Waybright and daughter Elva

1. Elva Bernice was born 7/21/1908 and married Stephen Virgil Parrish on 12/24/1929. He was born 3/3/1904.

- A. Richard Henry was born 9/17/1930 and married Daisy Mac Spies. Daisy died in 1960.

- a. Verna Lynn married Wayne Holtzclaw.

1. Lisa b. 7/17/1976
2. Tami b. 2/20/1979
3. Wayne Jr.

- b. Richard Henry Jr. b. 3/26/1959 2nd m. Virginia May Parks

- c. Virginia May Jr. m. Greg Arcus
- d. Kathleen Leigh
- e. Paul David

- B. Amanda Margaret was born 5/20/1932 and married Robert W. (Trusty) Thomas.

- a. Richard Stephen b. 10/5/1951 m. Rosemary ? (Div)

1. Melissa m. Gail ?,
2. Kelly
3. Jason

- b. James Thomas O'Conner b. 2/24/1953 m. Diane ?.

1. Lisa Marie

- c. Robert W. Thomas II b. 5/13/1965



E. John and Millie Marie Waybright, children, mother, guest

- C. Esther Bernice was born 6/29/1934 and married Henry Lee Hailey 12/10/1924.

- a. LaDisha Gaye m. Robert Willis

1. Jason

- b. Christopher Kevin

- D. Mary Lou was born 12/16/1936 and married James G. Stelk. Divorced.

- a. James G. Jr.

- b. Mark Edward m. Lisa?

1. Katie
2. Steven
3. Michael

- c. David Stephen m. Julie?

1. Megan

- d. Rebecca Ann Stelk b. 2/28/1965 m. Douglas Platt

1. Jared
2. Jordan

- E. Sarah Leigh b. 1/10/1938

- F. Isabell Jean d. infant

- G. Susan Joyce was born 9/16/1941 and married Clinton Garreld Hoover 12/24/1965. He was born 5/13/1939.

- a. Joyce Leigh b. 5/14/1969.

- H. Steven Virgil Jr. d. Stillborn

- I. Ruth Marie b. 4/27/1947.

2. Esther Pearl was born 5/1911 and married Leslie Alden Dickess born on 1/29/1907. Esther died 6/10/1973.

- A. Patricia Ann b. 1/30/1937 m. Robert Euliss

- a. Robert, Jr. b. 2/19/1957

- b. Leigh Ann b. 6/8/1958 (twin) m. Pedro Nunez

1. Natalia b. 5/28/1975
2. Pedro Jr. b. 9/20/1979
3. Juaquen b. 10/6/1980

- c. Michael b. 6/8/1958 (twin) m. Cherri Orta (div)

1. Michael Jr. b. 12/3/1982.

3. Eula Enid, born 12/21/1915, married Rollie Connis Conner. She died 3/18/1944.

- A. Ronald Rollie was born 7/27/1933.

- B. Donald Doyle was born 4/20/1936 and married Dorothy Gay Kirby. She was born 5/15/1938.

- a. Barbara Lynn b. 1/15/1957 m. Roger Lee Miller m. 6/27/1987

- b. Pamela Jo b. 1/9/1958

1. Rick

- C. Roy Lee was born 12/26/1938 and married Marjorie Ann Sheppard born 5/20/1945.

- a. Janet Lee b. 5/11/1966 m. Donald R. Gant

1. Amice Dawn b. 9/26/1985.

- b. Roy Wayne b. 1/3/1969

- D. Delmer Clair was born 8/12/1941 and married Shirley June Fordice.

- a. Bobby Lee b. 3/28/1959

- b. Dale Allen b. 5/1960
- c. Dewayne Eddie b. 9/23/1961
- d. Jeff David b. 3/1/1962
- e. Carol Ann b. 6/27/1964
- f. Christy Jo b. 7/17/1966 m. Chuck Davis 1. Rosie.
- E. Connie Rae was born 12/28/1943.
 - a. Michelle Renee Small b. 8/6/1970
 - b. Barbara Jo Conner m. Christopher Bradley Justice b. 8/1972.
 - 1. Christopher Bradley Justice II b. 1/12/1990
 - c. Dawn Marie Conner b. 1975. *Submitted by Thomas Waybright and Marie Waybright*

WILLIAM H. AND MILLIE MARGARET (STANLEY) WAYBRIGHT (PART II)

- 4. Edra Virginia was married to Floyd Walls and Richard McCollaugh.
 - A. William Robert Waybright was born 2/07/? and married Joanna Schwierking. She was born 4/21/1935. They are now divorced.
 - a. Steven Dale 1st m. Beverly b. 12/24/1953 2nd m. Valarie ? b. 7/22/1955.
 - 1. Scott Allen b. 7/21/1981
 - b. Robert Neil m. 10/25/1986 m. Rita?
 - 1. Ashley Joanne b. 10/7/1988.
 - c. Lisa Lynne m. Christopher Zanish b. 2/11/1961 m. b. 5/11/1955
 - 1. Tara Marie b. 12/25/1987
 - B. Otis Eugene Waybright was born 7/9/1937 and married Doris Jean Harpold on 5/7/1955. She was born 5/26/1937.
 - a. Stephane 2nd m. Rick Mathess b. 5/8/1959 m. 6/2/1979 b. 11/28/1955
 - 1. Michael Eugene b. 9/14/1976
 - 2. Alisha Jean b. 11/8/1977
 - 3. Richard b. 7/10/1981
 - 4. Adam b. 12/16/1982
 - 5. Kimberlee b. 1/28/1986
 - b. Sonja Regina m. Danny Serea b. 8/18/1960 m. 6/24/1980 b. 3/24/1958
 - 1. Angela b. 4/27/1988
 - 2. Ayla b. 5/5/1989
 - c. Stanford Eugene m. Debra Jean Banks b. 5/1/1962 m. 6/30/1984 b. 6/11/1966
 - 1. Sherry b. 11/14/1985
 - 2. Samantha b. 11/2/1987.
- 5. William Wayne m. Virginia Stewart b. 5/28/1918 m. 1947 b. 3/26/1928 d. 6/21/1986
 - A. Thomas Wayne m. Margaret Cooper b. 5/3/1948 m. 6/6/1968 b. 4/3/1951
 - a. Tommy Wayne b. 3/31/1971
 - b. Nathan John b. 4/23/1975 d. 11/7/1975
 - c. Sarah Margaret b. 6/3/1977
 - B. Gary Allen m. Michelle Costello b. 4/18/1950
 - a. Patrick Michael b. 7/27/1968 m. Mindy? m. Linda Anderson
 - b. Trevor Allen b. 7/16/1974
 - C. Debra Ann m. Steve Fisher b. 12/6/1952 m. 11/22/1975 b. 1/30/1950 d. 3/23/1987
 - a. August Renee b. 1/19/1974
 - b. Carly Jo b. 5/31/1976
 - D. Jeffrey Lee b. 9/8/1958
- 6. James Warren m. Mary Louise Hood b. 4/28/1921 m. 1947 b. 5/31/1929
 - A. Candace Louise m. Bobby Vincent Lanham b. 9/27/1948 m. 1947 b. 10/29/1936
 - a. Annette Faye b. 3/27/1975
 - B. James Kenneth Woofrum m. Linda Rutherford b. 1/11/1957
 - a. Victoria m. Helen Marion
 - b. Stephen James b. 4/1989.
- 7. Ruby Ruth m. Ephraim Guy Hyre b. 6/2/1923 m. 8/29/1942
 - A. Billy Warren m. Mary Jane Barron b. 1/21/1943 b. 1/17/1947
 - a. Heather Lynn b. 10/13/70 m. Paul Perkins b. 12/88

- b. Billy Guy b. 1/30/1973
- c. Kris Lee b. 9/18/1977.
- B. Sandra Lynn m. Billy Gene Hinrichs b. 1/10/1944 m. b. 7/31/1941
 - a. Keith Edward b. 4/13/1964
 - b. Kathryn Lynn m. Richard Jeffrey Hughes b. 7/11/1966 m. 6/18/1988 b. 10/5/1967
 - C. Donna Joanne m. William Elroy Bostic b. 12/23/1946
 - a. Brian Allen b. 8/29/1967
 - b. Robert Guy b. 2/19/1971
- D. Rodrick Paul m. Gloria Roach b. 1/23/1950
 - a. Paula Jean b. 4/17/1971
 - b. Erica b. 1/3/1977 m. Pamela Sue Shaver m. 11/1/1980
 - c. Jacob Matthew b. 3/14/1982
 - d. Ashley Marie b. 2/8/1984
- E. Phillip Dwight b. 11/17/1952 m. Kathy?
 - a. Angela Dawn b. 7/2/1971
 - b. Tracey Ann b. 9/5/1973 m. Erma Patricia Tench
- 8. Millie Marie m. Elda John Waybright b. 4/30/1926 m. 4/17/1943 b. 6/1/1923



E. John and Millie Waybright

- A. Janice Diane b. 3/25/1947
- B. Gloria Dawn m. Michael Littleton b. 7/20/1950 m. 9/1/1970 b. 10/17/1949
 - a. Eric Michael b. 12/14/1972
 - b. Krista Michelle b. 10/31/1974
 - c. Taryn Wren b. 4/15/1978
- C. Edrie Denese m. Kenneth Kirk Carney b. 3/6/1953 m. 8/28/1971 m. 6/4/1949
 - a. Jennifer Annamarie b. 4/5/1988
- D. Eva Millie Dee m. Michael Nichols b. 9/26/1957 m. 12/6/1975 b. 8/8/1954
 - a. Alonzo Clark b. 9/22/1983
 - b. Darcey Millie Anna b. 3/5/1983
 - c. Leanna Michelle b. 1/25/1989
- E. April Dare m. Scott Hottle b. 11/30/1958 m. 7/29/1990
- F. Faye Anna Ruth m. Bryan Guy Rogers b. 1/8/1965 m. 10/31/1985 b. 10/21/1963
 - a. Bryan Guy II b. 5/18/1986.
- 9. Thomas Edward b. 12/24/1932 d. 2/18/1934. *Submitted by Faye Rogers*

WILLIAM L. AND HANNAH (WHITHAM) WAYBRIGHT

William L. was the son of John and Nancy McCray Waybright. He was born in 1831 and married Hannah Whitham who was born in 1834. They were blessed with five children and lived on Buffalo Lick until they left to go west between 1860 and 1865. (See letter below)

(1). Mary was born in 1852 and married David W. Winter on 12/12/1872. David was born in 1850. (2). Columbus was born in 1854. (3). James M. was born in 1856 and died in Idaho. A telegram was received by Thomas Waybright, his brother, stating, "James Waybright dead here with-out funds wire disposition of remains . . . St. Marios, Idaho." (4). John (Boligan) was born 1858 and married Sarah Lorca Thomas. Their children were Esta, Gertie, George, Fleet, Ethel



John Waybright and grandson, E. John

Noland, Will, Wortie and perhaps one that died in childhood. (5). Thomas Jefferson was born in 1860 and married Esther Aplin on 3/7/1884. She was born in 1866. They had two children. William Henry born 1/6/1885 and Nita Eudora born 3/6/1888.

William and Hannah Whitham Waybright headed west between 1860 and 1865. But soon after the following letter was received by John and Nancy McCray Waybright.

June the fourth

Dear Father and Mother, It is with a sad breaking heart that I take my pen in hand to let you know that William died the third day of June and left me with a whole house full of sick children. He died of typhoid fever. I am in a hard place and want some of you to come out if you can. I will come back home if I can get money to pay my way. I can't stay here, my heart is breaking. William's wagon and horses are here and I don't know what to do with them. I would like to keep them if I could. Come out as soon as you can and tend to things. I can't wright anymore.

Hannah Waybright *Submitted by Millie Nichols*

WILLIAM ROBERT WAYBRIGHT

Robert was born to Edra Virginia Waybright, the third daughter of W.H. and Millie Waybright. He was named for his grandfather W.H. Waybright, and spent his childhood on his grandfather's farm on Gay Road. After graduation in 1953, Bob joined the Army. He served in Europe as part of the 101 Airborne group for two years.

In 1952, he married Joanna Schwierking, valedictorian of her class, in Springfield, Ohio. They have three children: Steve, Neil, and Lisa.

Steve and Valerie make their home in Springfield, Ohio, with their son Scott Allen. Steve has been a diesel mechanic for twelve years and served in the Marines in North Carolina. Valerie is a court reporter.

Robert Neal is married to Rita and they have a



William Robert Waybright

daughter, Ashley Joann. He is a Petty Officer in the Navy serving on the Guided Missile Frigate Risner. He is a Surface Warfare Officer. Their home is on the south side of San Diego where Rita operates a day care center in their home.

Lisa Lynn lives in Springfield with her husband, Chris Zanish. She is a legal secretary and Chris is a machinist. They reside on the west side of Springfield with their daughter, Tara, a Christmas child.

Bob worked as machinist for Howard Sober Ind., as a truck driver delivering International and Mac trucks. He worked last for Anchor Freight out of Lordstown, Ohio, delivering new cars over the eastern part of the United States. He is now disabled due to a job injury. Bob has had a home at Niles, Ohio, for fourteen years. *Submitted by Lisa Zanish*

WILLIAM WAYNE WAYBRIGHT

William Wayne was the oldest son, born 5/28/1918, of William Henry and Millie Stanley Waybright. He was named after his father and paternal aunt, Nita and Will Evan's son Wayne, who died in infancy. The baby's death was a great tragedy to the family. He married Virginia Lois Stewart, daughter of Greg and Elva Sayre Stewart.



Wayne and Virginia Waybright and children

William Wayne volunteered in 1941 and fought in Europe. He was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and received a purple heart.

Wayne and Virginia raised their four children, Thomas, Gary, Deborah and Jeffrey on the family farm on Elk Fork on Gay Road where he was born. He raised livestock and worked on road construction.



Grandchildren of W. H. and Millie Waybright

His wife Virginia died in 6/21/86 at home and is buried at Fairplain Cemetery. *Submitted by Deborah Fisher*

LEVI WEEKLEY

Levi Weekley (1845-1922), was the son of William and Margaret (Harris) Weekley. His paternal grandfather was Benjamin Weekley and his maternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth (Archer) Harris. Levi Weekley married Mary Jane Bates (1849-1925), daughter of John and Christina (Lincicome) Bates. These families were all from the Noble County, Ohio area. Levi and Mary Jane Weekley moved to Jackson County in the early 1880s and bought a farm on McGraw Run, near Lockhart, in Grant District.

Levi and Mary Jane had two children who died as infants. They are buried on the farm, at McGraw Run. In the early 1900s, Levi and Mary Jane bought land at Independence, near Sandyville, and lived there the remainder of their lives. They are buried in the Drift Run Cemetery. The land on McGraw had been sold to some of Levi's children and it was purchased by Yancy and Grace Thomas in 1929. Their children:

1. Asbury (1866-1939) married Laura Archer (1873-1929), daughter of Peter and Jane (Archer) Archer. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Their children: Theodore Weekley and Gertie Slaven.

2. Mary (1871-ca. 1919) married Winfred Lincicome (1865-1950s), son of Levi and Geraldine (McKee) Lincicome. They are buried at Gravel Bank, Ohio (near Marietta). Their children: Levi Yancy Lincicome (died as a young child) and Bert Lincicome.

3. Elisha (1874-?) married Docia _____ and lived at Wellsville, Ohio. Their children: Margaret McPherson, Glenn Weekley, Claude Weekley and Carl Weekley.

4. William "Cromer" (1875-1962) married, first, Stella Hawk (1881-1908). Their children: Audie Weekley, Paul Weekley and Georgia Lyons. He married, second, Sadie _____. Their children: Ruth _____ and Rex Weekley. He lived at Wellsville, Ohio and is buried in the Independence Cemetery beside his first wife.

5. Nathaniel (1878-1963) married Blanche Archer (1889-1971) and lived at Williamstown, WV. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery. They had no children.

6. Louisa (1879-1955) married Will Pickens (1878-1962) and lived at Sandyville, WV. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their child: Thelma Inez Pickens (died as an infant).

7. Columbia (1884-?) married Joseph Fehr and lived in Pennsylvania. She is buried at Wellsville, Ohio. Their children: Joe Weekley, Mary _____, Nola Phillips and one other daughter.

8. Rosa (1888-1973) married John H. Waskey (1891-1971), son of Robert C. and Agnes J. (Crow) Waskey. They lived on a farm near Trace Fork, at Sandyville, WV. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their children: Robert Waskey and William Waskey.

9. McKinley "Kenny" (1890-1974) married Emma Rogers and lived on Independence Road at Sandyville, WV. Emma continues to reside there. Kenny is buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their children: Anna Jean Wilson, Helen Francis Smith, Betty Gandee, Mary Lou Bare, William McKinley Weekley, Inez Mac Smith, Donna Marie Campbell. *Submitted by Wendell Waskey*

ULYSSES GRANT WEEKLEY

In Washington Co. OH on the 15th Nov 1873 there was a son born to William Weekley and his wife Rebecca Wells. He came to Jackson Co., WV and married Charlotte Ann Robison on 12 Mar 1898. Charlotte (Lottie) was born 22 Jan 1880 to John Anderson Robison and his wife Hannah Elizabeth Truax. She was the sixth of eleven children. Ulysses and Charlotte made their home in Jackson Co., WV. They spent most of their

married life on a portion of the farm that had originally belonged to his father, William Weekley.

Ulysses and Charlotte's marriage was blessed with thirteen children.

- (1). Alma Florence, born 26 Feb. 1899, married William W. Smallwood.
- (2). Bertha Emily, born 26 Mar. 1900, married Phares Granville Morgan on 21 Jul. 1920.
- (3). Orville Eugene, born 19 Sept. 1901, married Orva F. Patterson and died 21 Mar. 1970.
- (4). Harley Emerson, born 11 Nov. 1903, married Georgia R. Smith on 16 Aug. 1924 and died 18 Aug. 1959.
- (5). Agnes Chloe, born 11 Nov. 1906, married Clarence Crowder.
- (6). Ray Lewis, born, 10 Nov. 1908, married Violet Ryan and died 18 Sept. 1978.
- (7). Yancy Austin, born 15 Jun. 1910, was killed in car accident on 17 Apr. 1966.
- (8). Floyd William, born 4 Aug. 1912, married Edna Pursley on 11 May 1933.
- (9). Helen Eunice, born 25 Feb. 1915, married Clellie H. Westfall and died 20 Apr. 1975.
- (10). Amy Garnet, born 17 Apr. 1917, married Leonard Griffith.
- (11). Emerson Anderson, born 20 Jan. 1920, died 31 Jul. 1933 of typhoid fever.
- (12). Charity Jean, born 6 Sept. 1921, married James Henry Moore Jr.
- (13). Ulysses Grant Jr., born 3 Dec. 1922, married Gladys Thomas, died 30 Oct. 1983.

Charlotte Ann died 3 Feb. 1953 and Ulysses Grant died 10 Jul. 1957 at their home in Jackson Co. WV. They are buried at Drift Run Cemetery, Jackson Co. WV. *Submitted by Mrs. Linda Russell*

GEORGE C. WEIRICK

The family includes George Christian, Evelyn Mae and their three children: Martin Luther, Anna Patrice, and Katrina Marie. They moved to their partly completed home on Eastwood Road, near Ravenswood on May 30, 1989. George came to serve as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ravenswood and later of the Mason-Jackson Lutheran Shared Ministry. Evelyn, a registered nurse was employed by the Jackson County Board of Education in 1966 as a school nurse. After moving into the house on Eastwood Road the family working together completed the house and landscaped the two acres of yard and garden.

George was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on January 10, 1924, graduated from Lower Paxton Township High School in 1941, attended Gettysburg College, served in the U. S. Army Engineer Corps and Air Corps from 1943 to 1946, graduated from Gettysburg College in 1946 with an A.B. degree in philosophy and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. in 1949 with an M. Div. degree in theology. Evelyn, formerly Evelyn Blessing was born in Mason County on May 23, 1931, graduated from Wahama High School in 1948 and from the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Parkersburg, WV in 1951. They were married in St. Mark Lutheran Church, Route 2, Letart, WV in 1952. Prior to moving to Ravenswood they lived in New Haven, WV and Aurora, WV.

Martin was born in Parkersburg on March 20, 1953, graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1971 and from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1976 with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering. Martin is employed by Union Carbide, and works at the South Charleston Tech Center. He is married to the former Marsha Kinder and lives in South Charleston. Patrice was born on October 2, 1956 in Kingwood, WV, graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1974, from Fairmont State College in 1977 with a B.S. degree in home economics and from West Virginia University in 1979 with an M.S. degree in rehabilitation counseling. She is employed at the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center at Institute, WV and lives at

Crown Hill, WV. Katrina was born on June 19, 1958 in Kingwood, WV, graduated from Ravenswood High School in 1976, from West Virginia University in 1980 with a B.S. degree in animal science, and from University of Georgia School of Veterinarian Medicine with a DVM degree in 1985. She is employed by the Greensboro Emergency Animal Clinic and lives in Greensboro, NC. Submitted by George C. Weirick

WELLING

An accredited genealogist traced our family through Harrison and Jefferson Counties, Ohio; Fayette Co., PA; Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Putnam and Jackson Counties, VA (i.e. WV). They were mostly farmers and land owners.

I. John Welling, Sr. of Harrison County, Ohio d. 1820; married Jamima. Children: Nancy, Polly, Elizabeth, William, John, David, Thomas, Henry.

II. John Welling, Jr. of Ohio County, VA b. 1783; married Massa Chambers b. 1784, Fayette County, PA, daughter of Edward and Mary Chambers. Children: John, Edward, Mary Ann, William, Levi, Twins: Henry and Thomas, Eli, Twins: Nancy and David. These children were born in the states of PA, VA, and Ohio.

III. Henry Welling (1815-1871) of Marshall County, married Hannah Yoho (1825-1908), daughter of Lewis and Eleanor (Cooper) Yoho. Children: William, Lewis Cass, Massie, Mary, Jonathan, Anna, Cassa.

Hannah's grandmother, Margaret Baker, wife of Peter Yoho, was the daughter of John Baker (born in Prussia) and wife Elizabeth Sullivan. Capt. John Baker served in the Revolutionary War, Virginia Militia unit under Col. Silas Hedges. His service record is accepted by the D.A.R. In 1787 Capt. John Baker and John Wetzel were killed by Indians near Bakers Station on the Ohio River. A monument stands in their memory on Route Seven between Moundsville and New Martinsville.



Lewis C. and Abigail (Young) Welling

IV. Lewis Cass Welling (1850-1923) was born at Silverhill, Wetzel County, VA; married Abigail Naomi Young (1854-1919); buried at Moss Chapel Cemetery, Putnam County. Abigail is the daughter of Christopher and Jane (Hartley) Young. Children: Charles Lindsey; Idie Lee; Hannah; John Wyles; boy & girl (died); Christopher Columbus; Amanda Olive; Hester Ann.

Lewis and Abigail moved their family from Wetzel County to Putnam County; then to Jackson County around 1897 and built a sturdy log cabin home on Jim Ridge at Given which is still there, now covered with wood siding.

Succeeding generations for each of their seven living children as follows:

V-1. Charles Lindsey (1875-1951); married Alice Jane Carney (1885-1980); buried at Moss Chapel Cemetery. Children: daughter (died); Allen Russell "Duke"; Reva Myrtle; L. Ray; Grashia Isabelle.

VI-1. Allen Russell "Duke" b. 1904 m. Lola Belle Stephens, daughter of John and Georgia (Riffle) Stephens. Children and grandchildren: 1. Hazel Lee m. (1) Bill Jacobs. Children: Junior;



Isabelle, L. Ray, Reva, and Russell Welling

Nina; Nena; Nancy. She m. (2) _____. Lives in Charleston. 2. Charles Russell m. Elsie Sayre, lives in North Carolina. Children: Donna Jean; Rickey; Allen Russel who lives in Jackson County; Ronnie; Justin.

VI-2. Reva Myrtle (1910-1983) m. James Balch; lived at Nitro. Children and grandchildren: 1. Son (died); 2. Gloria Jean m. Richard Johnson. Children: Courtney, Jennifer; ____?

VI-3 L. Ray Welling b. 26 July 1914, married (1) Clara Marie Lathey (1912-1974), daughter of George and Cora Belle (Casto) Lathey. Ray and Clara lived in Tyler and Jackson Counties. Ray m. (2) Irene Smith.

Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Ray and Clara; 1. Harry Karl b. 1936 m. Ida Whetzel; lives at Ripley. Children: 1. Kimberly Dawn m. Blaine Southall. Son Keven Mitchell. 2. Katherine Hope m. Neil Randolph at Jackson County, now lives in Virginia. 2. Carolyn Marie m. Bobby Chancey; lives in Ritchie County, Harrisville, WV. Children: Leatha; Eddie. Leatha m. Barry Burns. Children: Drew; Lorin. Eddie m. Lisa. Daughter: Mandy. 3. Charles Wilman (died). 4. Clara Yvonne m. Garrett Johnson; lives at Parkersburg. Children: Theresa; Tina; Tara; Tonya. Theresa m. Robert Kyer (divorced). Children: Vicky; Christopher; baby. 5. Donald Ray m. Carole Minard; lives at Given. Children: Brenda; Robbie; Troy; Michael. Brenda m. Delton Huffman. Children: Shala; Jeremy; Michelle. Robbie m. _____. 6. Maxine Elaine m. Gary Lee Eagle; lives at Ripley. Son: Scott. 7. Larry Edward m. Connie Jividen; lives at Given. Children: Wayne; Cathy. Wayne m. (1) Jennifer Crum (divorced). Children: Jeremy; Jessica. Married (2) Yvette Clark. 8. Helen Marlene m. C. Gene Fisher; lives at Ripley. Children: David; Dennis; Dawna Jean. David m. Kelly Turner. 9. Dale Blaine m. Connie Adkins; lives at Given. Children: Monica; Kristina; Dale, Jr. 10. Linda Sue m. Dwight Warner (divorced). She lives at Teays Valley. 11. Troy Gay (died). 12. Debra Lynn m. David Brabham; lives at Roanoke, Va. Children: Angela; Shane.

VI-4. Grashia Isabelle, daughter of Charles Lindsey and Alice Welling, b. 1921 m. Jay Ezra Stone; lives in Mason County. Children: Dwight; Louise; Elmer; Roger; Infant (died). Dwight (1939-1982) married twice. Had children by first wife. Louise m. Tommy Sayre; lives in Mason County.

V-2. Idie Lee (1876-?), daughter of Lewis and Abigail Welling m. Frank Kessell. Son: Austin.

V-3. Hannah J. (1879-1954), m. Benton Stackpole; lived at Huntington. Daughter: Virgia m. a Marple. Daughters: Jane Lou; Mary Jane.

V-4. John Wyles (1881-1961), single.

V-5. Christopher Columbus (1884-1978), born Silverhill, Wetzel County; married Media Mae Hunter (1890-1968), daughter of William and Martha (Parsons) Hunter of Jackson County. Lived at Poca, Bluefield and Charleston. Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: 1. Mildred Marie (1911-1911); 2. Columbus Fremont Welling b. 1919, Charleston; World War II Veteran married Mary Page Davis, daughter of Ira and Mary

Dorene (Smith) Davis of South Charleston. Lived at Charleston and St. Albans, WV; Coral Gables and Merritt Island, FL. Children and grandchildren: 1. Mary Lee m. (1) Robert Floyd (1936-1982). Daughter: Leigh Ann Floyd. Married (2) Frank Battaglia. 2. Richard L. m. Deborah Braziel. Sons: Gregory; Christopher. 3. Christopher D. m. Margarita Pacheco. Children: Stephanie; James Andrew. They all live in Florida.

V-6. Amanda Olive (1886-1972) m. William Carney of Jackson County. Children: Alberta; Gratia; Dove; Charles; Clair. Alberta m. John Henry Hunter; lives at Jackson County. Children and grandchildren: 1. Conrad m. Sheryl Thompson. Children: Christian; Casey; Jason. 2. Glenn m. Linda Bourgeois. Children: Glenn; Benjamin; Becky; Jacob.

V-7. Hester Ann (1888-?) m. C.O. Bowles. Lived at Dunbar. Son: Daryl. Submitted by Columbus Fremont Welling and H. Karl Welling

ABSALOM WELLS

Absalom Wells, known also as Ab, and in later life as A.B., was born and is buried in Jackson County. His last resting place overlooks the spot where he was born. Except for a brief period in Kentucky, and serving the public in his last years from Washington, D.C., his heart, mind and body were wholly West Virginian.



Absalom B. Wells

He was a West Virginia farmer, a graduate of Bethany College which was founded by a friend and religious counselor of his father, Ephraim, later a lawyer and a member of the State Legislature. Even while assigned to the Land Office in Washington, he served as an officer of the West Virginia Society.

A.B.'s father, Ephraim, was the archetypical pioneer, clearing virgin land, building his house from the materials at hand and establishing a community, a church, and serving as Justice of the Peace in a governing capacity. Ephraim made certain Absalom was trained as a farmer which was prudent as he maintained the family farm while Ephraim was away during the War-Between-the-States.

At the end of that war, many changes were taking place. Ab became a new kind of pioneer. He was the first of his lineage in America to decide to pursue a formal education and a professional career. After graduating from Bethany College he briefly taught school. However brief, this activity gave Ab the opportunity to meet the girl who was to become his wife. Julia McMath was one of his pupils in Bracken County, Kentucky.

In 1872 he finally realized his ambition to study law and become a lawyer. He became a member of the firm of Brown, Wells, & Miller, at Spencer,

Roane County, West Virginia. As soon as his career was launched he married Julia McMath and they made their home in Spencer.

The divergence from the predominantly farming history of his forebears continued. As is true to this day, a career in law began a stint in politics, and Ab was no exception. He was Prosecuting Attorney from 1878-80 and in 1882 was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates. He also served on the Board of Directors for the State Hospital for the Insane. In 1886 he formed a law partnership with Judge Walter Pendleton which continued until 1894 when President Grover Cleveland appointed Absalom B. Wells as Principal Examiner of Land Claims and Contests in the General Land Office in Washington, D.C. With the beginning of railroads to the West in those times and the increase in homesteading and Westward expansion this was a demanding and important assignment.

A.B. and Julia, who changed her name to Leona J. Wells had 4 children, two of whom died in childhood. One son, Charles Shelley Wells and other grandchildren, William, Richard, and Donald followed grandfather's path to Bethany College.

Edna Wells Keller, a daughter, lived most of her life in Fort Hill, near Charleston, West Virginia.

Five grandchildren followed careers in law, as though A.B.'s unseen hand pointed the way. *Submitted by Charles Shelley Wells II*

OBITUARY OF EPHRAIM WELLS

Departed this life, Oct. 13, 1874 at the residence of his son-in-law, David McCoy, Esq. at West View, Putnam Co., W. Va. Ephraim Wells, Esq. in the 73rd year of his age.



Ephraim Wells

Such is the usual brief announcement of the death of a fellow creature; yet when society is bereft of an exemplar and ornament more might be said. But to write of one whose good name and memory are cherished beyond the common lot of earthly friends, and choose from among the incidents of a long life of virtue and usefulness, such facts only as the ordinary limit allowed by newspaper usage permits, and to group together such facts so as to portray even to a small extent the life and character of such a person is no easy task.

The deceased was the son of Absalom and Helen Wells late of Brooke County, Va. where he was born and raised. He chose the occupation of his father and as a plain farmer adorned by his example that ancient and honorable occupation, embellished in all ages by pure and good men, and for such his native county has been and still is noted. He married Margaret McIntire, a lady of good sense and pure heart who was universally

beloved wherever she was known and with whom he lived happily even down to old age.

Mr. Wells moved to Jackson County in 1835 having bought of Dr. Peter, one of the devisees in the will of George Washington, the land on the Ohio River next above the present town of Ravenswood, then in unbroken forest, covered with heavy timber; reared a small cabin in the woods, and began the heavy work of clearing out a farm, founding schools and churches and opening roads through the wilderness around him, which by long weary years of toil and care was accomplished, and thus provided for himself and family a comfortable home. To have done all this and paid for his land through the dull times of 1837 - 49 evidenced a rare steadfastness and perseverance of mind and purpose.

In 1838 he accepted from David Campbell, Gov. of Va. a commission as Justice of the Peace which office he held until the adoption of the Constitution of 1852 when he was elected to the same office by the people and in 1856 was made presiding Justice of the County Court of Jackson County, and filled that important position with entire satisfaction to the Bar, and the people, for several years.

Every age brings its own trials and responsibilities, but the years from 1861 to '65 were overcast with such clouds as darkened no other period in the past history of this nation; and in common with his fellow-citizens the deceased was forced to decide the terrible issue, whether it was better to brook the grave charge of treason against the state or treason against the Federal Government. He had a large family, was a man of large means and much influence and lived on the dividing line between the hostile sections. He felt that his example, if wrong, might mislead others — and each political power claimed his support and threatened confiscation and conscription. Under our complex system no such issue had ever before been presented, and no precedent in the experience of this country existed, to light up the pathway to duty.

Mr. Wells was, in politics, a Democrat and in this as in all other matters of opinion his convictions were deep and earnest; in matters of principal, with him there was no neutral ground. He had been taught to believe the State of Virginia as a political power was older than the Federal Government, and while acknowledging a divided allegiance he decided that his highest fealty was due to his native state, and in this opinion he was supported by many of the ablest lawyers of his time, including the entire Bar then residing in his county — gentlemen of learning in their profession and of high character as men. And in that hour of painful anxiety he was constrained by honest conviction of his duty to cast his lot with the people who agreed with him; but by this step many of his dearest ties of kindred and friendship were sundered, because others, equally honest, saw the right from a different point of view.

Altho bowed down with these cares and conflicts, and an old man he rushed into the lists of armed men and battled for the cause he had espoused until failing health admonished him that the day of military service with him had gone by. But he carried with him into the field the same high views of virtue and honor with which he was always actuated in private life, and thus retained the regard and esteem of all good men of all parties wherever he went.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells were among the first of those who, agreeing with Alexander Campbell their neighbor and friend in Brooke Co., united with him in the Christian Church at Wellsburg; and they adorned, thru all the trials and conflicts of life the doctrines of their Lord and Master.

Mrs. Wells died in great peace and in hope of a glorious resurrection at West View in August of 1867; and her husband is buried by the side of her with whom he had so long buffeted the wild waves

of life's uneven seas.

Since the death of Mr. Wells his dear aged cousin, Bazell Wells of Brooke Co., also is no more; from childhood they were friends and between them no shadow of unkindness ever entered until the war cast its dark pall of prejudice over their spirits and parted for a time their pathways to the tomb, but just before they reached that goal, they met again as friends and restored peace on earth as they are now at peace in heaven. *Submitted by William Anderson Wells and Donald Carle Wells*

THOMAS WEST

Our earliest known West ancestor was Thomas West, born 1792 in Harrison County. He came to Jackson County in 1811. In 1816 he married Mary Elizabeth Flesher, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Bibbee Flesher. They were parents of eight children, one of whom was Calvin Marvin, born in 1819. In 1837 Calvin married Phoebe Carney, daughter of Thomas and Polly Parsons Carney of Mill Creek. Calvin owned a general store at Big Sandy and also held the office of poor overseer from 1860-1875. Robert Newton West, son of Calvin and Phoebe, was born in 1841. In 1863 he married Mary Ellen Foster, daughter of Samuel and Mary Foster. Robert served with the Union Army during the Civil War as a member of Co. K, 11th West Virginia Infantry, being mustered out on June 17, 1865. Robert and Mary's son, Gilbert, born in 1874, married Clarinda Margaret (Clara) Vosburgh in 1906. Clara was the daughter of Dr. Augustus Jacob and Ellen Rowley Vosburgh. Gilbert worked at the Ames Baldwin Shovel Plant in Parkersburg for many years before his death in 1933. Gilbert and Clara had a son, Robert, born in 1908 and a daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1914. Elizabeth died at the age of four months due to complications following surgery. Robert, who became a landscape architect, married Ella Mae McKelvey in 1931, daughter of William G. and Ida Fankhauser McKelvey of Portland, Ohio. They had three daughters, Dolores West of Parkersburg, Judith West Noblett of Summit, N.J. and Betty West Collins of Parkersburg. Their grandchildren and great-grandchildren are: Deborah Noblett, White House Station, N.J.; Timothy Noblett and son, John Wesley, Charlotte, N.C.; Pamela Noblett, Sherman Oaks, Calif.; Richard Noblett, Bedminster, N.J.; Renee Noblett Grandell and daughters, Dana and Ashley, Summit, N.J.; Rebecca Collins Shorosh and son, Matthew Saed, Atlanta, Ga.; Steve Collins, James Collins and Jeff Collins, all of Huntington, W. Va. *Submitted by Dolores J. West*

WESTFALL

The name Westfall is derived from the German word "Westphalen" which means Western Plains. The Westphals were a tribe of related families who, in ancient times, settled in the extreme western border of Germania (as Germany was then known) and their geographical location was eventually adopted as their surname. Thus Westphal literally means "People of the Western Plains". Today, the Province of Westphalia in the northwest Germany derives its name from the ancient tribe of Westphals. The English rendering of this name is, of course Westfall.

Our first recorded ancestor in America left Texal, Holland June 6, 1642; aboard The Den Houttuyn, and arrived August 4, 1642, in the part of New Amsterdam, New York, and it is not known whether his parents died in Holland or enroute, or whether he came with relatives. He was only 13 and he was placed in the home of Michael Jansz or Jansen and his wife, who had come to America in 1638 and had settled in Rensselaerwick. Aboard the "Houttuyn" were Klaas Jensen and Paulus Jensen who may possibly have been related to Michael. In Dutch records "Jurian Van Vestvael or Westvael," was later spelled a George Westfall

by the English.

Jurian — born 1629 in Prussia, died 1667 N.Y. He was married to Marretje (Maria) Jansen, the descendants of Jurian and Maria who were among the earliest of the settlers of that part of Ulster Co., N.Y. known as Esopus, now Kingston, are found in almost every state of the Union. Three of his sons, Johannes, Symen, Niclaes, in their early manhood removed to Orange Co. N.Y. and their names, with those of Jacques Caudbee and others, are found as grantees in the Conveyance of land within the bounds of "Menissing" and "Waggackemeek" now Deerpark, made by the Indian owners in 1696. In the early settlement of the territory covered by the ancient Church organizations of Menissinck and Machackemeek, there were no families more numerous than those bearing the name of Westfall which was variously spelled Westvaal, Westphaal, Westphael, Van Westphalen and others. After his removal to Esopus, Jurian Westphael followed his vocation as a farmer, at first holding lands either upon a rental, or as Governor Stuyvesant's manager. In a report upon the condition of affairs at Esopus, dated September 28, 1658 Sergeant Andries Louwrenszen says: as to Jurian Westphalen, he thinks he will come down by the first opportunity and see whether he can agree with your Excy. about the rent on the farm here, but that the oxen would be of no service to him at present. In another communication, dated May 24, 1659, the sergeant reports that "George Westphal" does his best to plough the land and fence it. Jurian Westphal and Marretje had the following ch: Rymerick, Johannes, Niclaes, Abel-1661, Symen-1663, Elsjen-1666.

John Westfall — Veteran of Revolutionary war — (a) 1758 Harrison Co. son of Cornelius Westfall and Elizabeth Westfall (cousins) married Margaret Woolf, dau. of Nicholas and Christena Woolf, and sister of Hanna Woolf, who married Zachariah, brother of John. John and Margaret's ch. are: Stephen-1792, Jacob-1797, Elizabeth, we don't know if there were more children of this family.

Stephen son of John and Margaret (Woolf), John son of Cornelius and Elizabeth Westfall (cousins), Cornelius, son of Abel and Antjen (Bogaert), Abel, son of Johannes and Marrietje (Kool), Johannes, son of Jurian and Marrietje (Hansen) — The Immigrant — 1629-1669.

Stephen married Elizabeth Morrison from Botetourt Co., Virginia on July 18, 1818. They moved to Elk Fork, Jackson Co. Their ch. are: John D. 1819, James Lawson 1821, Margarite 1824, Levi 1825, Parmelia 1829, Eleanor 1830, Jacob 1832, Jemima 1836, Marinda 1838, Isaac 1840.

James Lawson married Lucinda Jones and they lived at the Big Locust Spring on Billy's Run, near Red Knob, Roane Co. Most of all the pioneer settlers here were squatters on the Bruen Survey, among them being James Westfall. He built a horse mill for grinding corn, and also had a blacksmith shop and later his son Henry (Tink) built an overshot mill on Billy's Run. James and his family moved quite a bit. Family records tell us he died at Staats Mills, Jackson County, June 15, 1885 and is buried in the old Sinaville cemetery at Staats Mills. James and Lucinda's ch. are: Henry (Tink) 1847-1926, John 1849, Lenora 1850, Malinda 1856, James Lawson Jr., 1858, Charles C. 1860, Isaac 1863, Leavernia 1865, Margaret Etta 1867.

Henry (Tink) married Nancy Margaret Eakin, 1852-1932, the daughter of Thomas Miller Eakin, and Elizabeth Francis (Walker) Eakin. They lived most of their lives on Aplin Ridge, Jackson County, where his occupation consisted of farming and carpentry work including furniture. He was also a stone mason. They are buried in the Aplin Church cemetery. Their family consisted of six boys and two girls: Viola 1871, Baily 1872, John 1875, William 1878, Kenna 1879, Lewis 1883, Mina



Henry "Tink" Westfall's children, Kenna, Brady, Mina, John and Lewis

1885, Amos Brady 1889.

Brady, our father, was born March 26, 1889 died October 9, 1966, married March 13, 1921 to Edith Ann Stalnaker born June 14, 1901. He received his education in the Pleasant Ridge school, Jackson County, taught school in Jackson, Roane and Kanawha Co., was a veterinarian, ran a blacksmith shop and farmed. About the year 1935 he bought a thrashing machine and thrashed for 10 or 12 years. The year 1960 he donated it to the West Virginia Farm Museum at Point Pleasant which can be viewed there now. He was also a World War One Veteran. At age 69-1958 taught school as substitute from 1958-61. Brady and Edith's children consisted of three boys and six girls: Myrtle Mae 1922, Herbert Arthur 1923, Wayne 1925, Gertha Marie 1926, Margaret Gertrude 1928, Eunice Evelyn 1930, Belva Eurada 1933, Amos Glen 1935, Iris Veneda 1940. Submitted by Gertha (Westfall) Walker and Eurada (Westfall) Skeen

ALICE (APLIN) ROGERS WESTFALL

Alice Aplin was born on April 26, 1858, to Wm. Henry and Mary Frances (Lett) Aplin, in Gay, Va. (W.V.) Rev. James Alfred Rogers was the first husband of Alice Aplin. They were married on Oct. 28, 1877, Ripley, W.V. On their marriage license it states: Rev. James Alfred Rogers of Harrison Co., Va. (W.V.), 29 years of age.

Rev. James and Alice Rogers had two sons: Alfred Marion Rogers was their first son, born on Oct. 20, 1878. Alfred died of typhoid on July 14, 1896, he was 17 years old. Wm. Arthur Rogers (known as Arthur) was born on March 20, 1891, in Centerville, Tyler Co., W.V. When Arthur was a small boy his parents separated. Arthur's father, Rev. Rogers came to see him. Rev. Rogers apparently brought two horses, leaving one out-of-site of the house, riding the other to the house. Rev. Rogers told Alice he was taking Arthur for a walk to pick chestnuts. Rev. Rogers disappeared with Arthur. It was said he took Arthur to Harrison Co., W.V., where he was from. The story has been told of Alice Rogers hitching up horse and buggy, flying around the ridge in pursuit of her son, which she had home the next day. Besides Rev. Roger's death date of June 10, 1901, which came to the family by word of mouth, this is all the information we have on Rev. James Alfred Rogers.

Wm. Arthur Rogers married Ethel Claire Godbey, daughter of Edward Jackson and Lillie Mae (Reed) Godbey, born on Jan. 3, 1892, Roane Co., W.V. Arthur and Ethel Rogers were married on Jan. 28, 1911, Gay, W.V. Wm. Dorsa Rogers (known as Dorsa) was the first son born to Arthur and Ethel Rogers on June 17, 1910, in Gay, W.V. Dorsa Rogers married Edith Virginia Thomas (See Family Histories under Kenna Lee Thomas) on Sept. 8, 1929, at the United Brethren Church Parsonage, Ripley, W.V. by Rev. T.L. Miles. Dorsa and Edith Rogers had six children. The first was Charles Robert Rogers born April 3, 1930, died at birth, buried Parsons Cem., Gay, W.V. Wm. Paul Rogers born March 30, 1931. (See Family Histo-

ries under Wm. Paul and Joy Rogers.) Charles Camden Rogers (Buck) born Oct. 4, 1932, Gay, W.V., married Letha Maxine (Winters) Litton on May 11, 1957, Ripley, W.V. Maxine (Winters) Rogers is the daughter of Francis Marion and Anna Pearl (Edwards) Winters, born on Jan. 27, 1922, Gay, W.V. Buck and Maxine Rogers have one daughter: Sandra Virginia Rogers born Aug. 31, 1957, married Philbert Lee Fisher II on March 8, 1975. Sandy and Phil Fisher have one child: Brian Curtis Fisher born Sept. 5, 1980. Buck Rogers died July 17, 1988, buried at Parsons Cem., Gay, W.V. Ellen Rogers born April 11, 1937 is the fourth child of Dorsa and Edith Rogers. (See Family Histories under Bernard and Ellen (Rogers) Morris.) Ruth Ann Rogers was born March 25, 1940. (See Families Histories under James and Ruth Ann (Rogers) Anderson.) Arthur Lee Rogers born Dec. 30, 1947, known as Butch.



William Arthur Rogers

Wm. Dorsa Rogers served in the U.S. Army Armed Forces from April 19, 1945 to Jan. 5, 1946. Dorsa Rogers died Feb. 27, 1983, Ripley, W.V. He's buried at the Parsons Cem., Gay, W.V. Edith (Thomas) Rogers married second, Rev. Ralph Edward Smith on May 9, 1988, Gay, W.V.

Herbert Claire Rogers was the second son of Wm. Arthur and Ethel Rogers, born on Dec. 27, 1911, Gay, W.V. Herb married Ruth Cummings, daughter of Leonard and Beulah (Casto) Cummings on Dec. 25, 1937, Gay, W.V. Ruth (Cummings) Rogers was born March 4, 1915, Belgrove, W.V. Herb and Ruth Rogers had one daughter: Wilma Jean Rogers born Jan. 14, 1939, Gay, W.V. Jean Rogers married first, James Kiser on March 14, 1953, divorced 1958, married second, Clay Varner on Nov. 22, 1958, divorced 1963, married third, Frank Kelch on Aug. 3, 1963, divorced 1972. Jean (Rogers) Kelch has four children: Roger Clay Varner born March 20, 1960, married Diane Marie Melvin on July 30, 1988, in Elyria, Ohio. Debra Jean Kelch born July 21, 1964; Frank Eugene Kelch born April 20, 1966; Michael Lee Kelch born Jan. 26, 1968.

Ruth (Cummings) Rogers died Sept. 23, 1976, Ripley, W.V., buried at Parsons Cem., Gay, W.V. Herbert Rogers rests beside Ruth. He died on Nov. 3, 1987, at home, Ripley, W.V.

Alice (Aplin) Rogers married second, Henderson (Sank) Westfall on Nov. 28, 1903. Sank



Alice (Aplin) Westfall

Westfall did the carpentry work on the home Wm. Henry Aplin had built for his daughter, Alice Westfall. This home was a two story whitehouse, that later became the home of Alice's son, Wm. Arthur Rogers. Even later (1960- 61), it was the home of Alice's great-grandson, Wm. Paul Rogers. Sank Westfall was the son of Abram and Mary Westfall, born on June 19, 1853, Roane Co., Va. (W.V.) Sank and Alice Westfall were divorced on Dec. 20, 1916, Ripley, W.V. Alice (Aplin) Westfall died April 20, 1920. She's buried at the Halbert Cem., Elk Fork Rd., Gay, W.V. Sank and Alice Westfall did not have children.

The following photo is of Ethel (Godbey) Rogers, in the middle, with her sons and their wives. From the left is: Herbert Claire Rogers, his wife Ruth (Cummings) Rogers; Ethel; daughter-in-law, Edith (Thomas) Rogers; son, Wm. Dorsa Rogers. The photo was taken in front of Dorsa and Edith Rogers' home on Southall Ridge, Statts Mill, W.V. Submitted by Cathy (Anderson) Lewis and Karen (Rogers) Hites



Ethel C., Herbert C., Ruth, William D., and Edith Rogers

MINNIE WESTFALL

The Westfall family of Minnie Tolley goes back many generations to Germany and to the Protestant-Catholic tribulations. The family migrated to Prussia and then to Holland about 1600. The ancestor Jurian van Vestrael was born in Holland in 1629, presumably while his parents were awaiting passage to America. He left Texal, Holland June 6, 1642 and arrived in the port of New Amsterdam (NY) in August of the same year. He later married Marietze Hansen, in Rensselaerwick, NY. The name Jurian Van Vestrael in Dutch records was translated to George Westfall by the English. We trace from this beginning.

The son of Jurian was Johannes (our direct line) of whose children Abel (1696) and Jacob (1693) both are direct ancestors. Abel's son, Cornelius (1721) married Jacob's daughter Elizabeth. Their son John was born in 1756, other children listed as Jacob, Cornelius, Jr., Zachariah. John married Sarah (probably Woolf) and had children Stephen, Elizabeth, Jacob and Susanna.

John, Jacob, Zachariah and Cornelius served in the Revolutionary War. Lt. Jacob Westfall was the builder of Westfall Fort in Randolph County and was active in the border wars. James Westfall gave the land on which the present town of Beverly is situated, near Fairmont. All of the Westfalls were prominent in the founding of Randolph County. Our ancestors came to Jackson County about 1827.

John Westfall enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1780 in Hampshire Co., under the command of Cpt. Wallace, for the duration of the war. He was attached to the 7th Va. Reg.

John's son Stephen married Elizabeth Morrison and their family had several children. Stephen settled first on Tug Fork and then moved to Elk Fork, coming to this area from Hacker's Creek. His son James, b. 1821, married Lucinda Jones. One of the sons of this union, John D., married Sara Jane Whiting, d. Joseph M. Whiting (of Bear Fork) and Martha.



C. W. and Minnie (Westfall) Tolley

John D. and Sara Jane's children were: Minnie, Francis, Wilson, Nora Belle, Mary and Julie.

Minnie Westfall Tolley was a remarkable woman, known throughout the area for her ability to heal burns, for helping any in need, and taking care of others in any situation. She was the epitome of the pioneer spirit, afraid of nothing and capable in all situations. She was called on for births, and if it was during the night, she would fix breakfast for the family the next morning. No matter what the weather, she would get on her horse, holding a lantern if it was night, and off she would go. She was a friend to all, a really special woman. When her daughter, Lora Rhodes, had her first child, Minnie rode horseback to Charleston to stay and take care of the premature baby, probably saving the life of Kathleen.

In addition to Lora, other children were Vesta (McCrary), Gertrude (Lyttton), Mabel (Walker), Gladys (Rhodes), Russell, and Charles. Submitted by Lynn Richards

WILLIAM R. AND MARY E. (TOLLEY) WESTFALL

William (Will) R. Westfall was born in 1845 to S. Noah and Martha Chancey Westfall. He married Mary E. Tolley, born in 1858, daughter of D. Jurdon and Jerusha Parsons Tolley. They had eight children.

1. Janettie (Nettie) was born about 1876 and married Jonah (Joanie) Rhodes on 3/3/1894. He was born about 1874.

2. Alice married Rector Rhodes on 12/26/1895, son of Robert Riley and Mary Ellen Casto Rhodes. He was born 2/19/1869. They had eight children. Ora Enis, Leorza (Orza) Owens, Corda Bell, Virgie Elva, Thelma Myrtle, Otis Weldon and Vessie Evelyn. (See Henry Rector and Alice Westfall Rhodes).

3. Jonas b. 1878 m. Dessie Stalnaker

4. Noah b. 1880 or late 1879 m. Omie Toley

5. Leota (Oat) m. Elith Hanes

6. Tonie never married

7. Leonard m. Corda (Cordie) Price

8. Okey married Naoma (Omie) Rhodes born 6/9/1886, daughter of Robert Riley and Mary Ellen Casto Rhodes. (See Henry Rector and Alice Westfall Rhodes).

9. Estie married Otis Casto and they had three children. Gladis, Olis and Carl. Submitted by Rita Casto

ADAM WETZEL

We believe that the descendants of Adam Wetzel stem from the lineage of John Wetzel, who came from Holland in 1747, married Mary Bonnett 1756 and was an early settler on Wheeling Creek, VA. John House stated Adam Wetzel was the son of one of Lewis Wetzel's brothers but no confirmation found. Records indicate John and Mary Wetzel had seven children, possibly others. Mary born (1735) still in child-bearing age in 1777 could be Adam's mother.

Adam Wetzel settled in Point Pleasant, VA, but came to Jackson Co. before 1831. Married Sarah McDaniel, Fayette Co., PA and raised a large family: 1. William E. (wife Ferniria E.) 2. Samuel

Perry (wife Eliza) lived in Benton, MO. 3. George H. (wife Mahala). 4. Lewis 5. John Henry 6. Martin (1815-1889) served Navy Spanish Am. War. 7. Rachel (1805-1858) who married Nehemia Smith, prominent in Ripley. 8. Elizabeth (died in infancy) 9. Peggy 10. Ann (and others)

John Henry (1811-1891) born Pt. Pleasant, Virginia. In 1836 married Harriet Lowther (1817-1845). One of the first tailors in Ripley, VA. Children born in Ripley, VA: A. Elizabeth Ann (1837-1924), married Benjamin Chase 1859. Captain Chase was killed 1862 at the battle of Lewisburg. Children: 1. Greek Alice (1860-1950); married Everett Theodore Park 1897. 2. Mary Benjamin (1862-1864). B. Lewis Adam (1836-1841). C. Hon. Robert Thomas (1843-1922), married 1866 Sarah Ellen Bolen (1844-1907). Only one son known: 1. Ottimer Benjamin (1867 - ?) married Flora A. Smith (1874-?).

John Henry's second marriage (1848) was to Anne Hall (1821-1904), daughter of Joseph Hall. Children born in Ripley, VA: A. William Ovid (1848-1864). B. Sarah Helen (1851-1923). C. John Henry Jr. (1854-1917), pharmacist in Ravenswood. 1882 married Mollie E. Roush (1852-1927). Children: 1. Charles Henry (1885-?) married Margaret Blanche Hall, 1909. 2. Carrie Adaline (1887- 1887). 3. Cloris Mary (1889-1912). 4. Clarence Clayton (1891-1903); 5. Chester Daniel (1895-1897). D. Charles (1857-1864) E. Joseph Perry (1860-1927), painter and cabinet maker. Married Annie Maria Proudfoot 1881. Born in Clarksburg, VA (1857-1944). They lived in Ravenswood, WV. Children: 1. Thomas Rice Monroe (1882-?), married Maggie Sheperdson 1903, lived in Clifton Forge, VA. Children: a) Thomas James Perry born (1905-?). b.) Lena Lee (1908-?). 2. John Harvey (1883-1947). Served in World War 1. (Bible records show he married Goldie Justice 1922. No other information.) Died after marching in Memorial Day Parade. 3. Eunice Lena (1887-?), married Clarence Leith. Lived in Grafton, WV. Clarence was an engineer for the B & O Railroad. 4. Perry Cleon (1888-?) Rumors were that "Cle" was shanghaied, as a young man, and in China for many years. 5. Dennis Proudfoot



Benjamin Chase and Zylfa Allison (Williams) Wetzel, Sr

(1892-1893). 6. Benjamin Chase (1894-1955), attended the University of Cincinnati. In 1917 married Zylfa Allison Williams (1898-1982),



Mary W. Waldron, Sadie (Cline) Williams, Zylfa A. Wetzel



Family of Zylfa Wetzel, 1974

daughter of Henry Franklin and Sarah S. Cline Williams of Ravenswood, WV. They settled in Sun, WV, Fayette Co. where Chase was office manager for a coal co. Moved to Charleston, WV 1944 where he worked for Libby Owens Glass. Children:

A. Elizabeth Jane (Bette) (1920-1974), born in Fayette County, WV. A registered nurse, 1942 married Dr. Victor Samuel Skaff (1912- 1989). Commander in the U.S.N. in World War II, noted physician and a surgeon in Charleston, WV. Children: 1. Phoebe Allison born 1944, graduated cum laude Randolph-Macon College. Degree in Russian Studies. Studied six months in Russia. Masters in Clinical Psychology. Married Bruce Jennings 1965. Both served in Peace Corp in Afganistan. One child: a. Anne born 1971. Divorced. Uses Allison, as last name after second marriage to Donald Joseph Arbree, 1977. He owns construction company, Gainesville, FL where they reside. Two adopted children: b. Michael Victor Allison Arbree c. David Joseph Allison Arbree. 2. Bette Ann born 1946; graduated from Marshall University, degree in Education, graduate work at W.V.U. Degree in Gifted Education. Married Leonard Andrew Kidd who attended W.V. State College, owns Colonial Mill Works, Elkins, WV. Bette Ann teaches gifted children. Children: a. Dutchie Allison born 1970, attending W.V.U. b. Sarah Megan born 1976. 3. Victor Samuel Jr. born 1948; graduated from Marshall University in Pre-Med and received DDS from WVU. Practices dentistry in Vinton, VA. Founded the Roanoke Free Clinic for Dentistry and active in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Married Judith Gay Green, 1966 graduate of Marshall University. She works as a paralegal aide and is attending law school. Children: a. Victor S. III, born 1966, graduated from W.V.U., degree in Communications. b. Carrie Noel, born 1971 attending Marshall University.

B. Sarah Anne (Sally) born 1922, Fayette County, WV. A registered nurse, married V.W. "Spike" Lesure, a Navy Pilot, 1945. Degree and graduate work at W.V.U. They resided in Charleston until 1958 when they moved to the Pittsburgh area in 1959. Three children: 1. Constance Anne born 1949. Attended California University where she met William David Pickard Canadian born 1949. Married 1969. They reside in Somerset, PA where he is employed as a manager at the Borden Plant. Children: a. William Shawn born 1971 in Wheeling, WV. b. David Frederick, born in 1974 in Somerset, c. Heather Jane born Jan. 15, 1976, died Jan. 24, 1976. 2. John Chase born 1951. Attended Point Park College, Pittsburgh, PA. 1973 married Sharon Alberta Hammer, a registered nurse (1952). John served in the Special Forces U. S. Army. Divorced 1986. Sharon and children reside in Library, PA: a. Jill Christine, born 1975, Pittsburgh, PA. b. John William, born 1976, Pittsburgh, PA. c. Matthew David, born 1978, Pittsburgh, PA. Married Janet Kwaitkowski. John is employed by Penelec Power Co., Indiana, PA. Daughter: a. Kristal Lynn, born 1989, in Indiana, PA. 3. Susan Leigh born 1954, successful in retail marketing. Married Dennis Joseph Murphy 1977. Lived in Mt. Lebanon, PA. Relocated to Sykesville, MD.

Denny covers the east coast for a steel mill supplier. Children: a. Jennifer Lynn born 1979. Pittsburgh, PA. b. Ryan Dennis born 1986. Pittsburgh, PA.

C. Benjamin Chase Wetzel Jr. born 1926, Fayette County, WV. Army Air Corp (1944-1946). Married Drucilla Dean Dorsey (Dru) of Morgantown 1948 while attending W.V.U. Graduated 1950, started career with DuPont at Belle Plant. Moved to Wilmington Office in 1960. Retired 1985 but remained a consultant until 1987. One child: 1. Benjamin Chase III born 1954, Charleston, W.V. Ben III graduated from W.V.U. and Villanova Law School. A practicing attorney and partner in the Wilmington law firm of Bayard, Handelman and Murdock. Married Mary Lou Bryant, a registered nurse 1986. One child: a. Scott Bryant born Mar. 31, 1988.

D. Mary Sue born 1930, Fayette County. In 1948 married Frederick Moore Stitt (1920). Lived in Charleston, WV until Fred retired from Carbon Carbide. They moved to Naples, FL. Four children born in Charleston, WV: 1. Erich Lee born 1950, married 1986, Donita Kaye Wolfe, born 1956. They reside in Morgantown, WV. Donita is a descendant of Jacob Wolfe who married Christenia Wetzel — sister of Lewis Wetzel. 2. Jeffrey Moore born 1953, unmarried. Lives in Cambridge, MA. 3. Jennifer Jane born 1958. Married Michael Ray Blake in 1977. One child: a. Michael Ryan Blake 1978. Divorced, married 1988 to Jeffery Glenn Pickering (1957). They reside in Cross Lanes, WV. Children: a. Kristen Nichole Pickering, born 1986. b. Jeffery Chase Pickering, born 1989. 4. Elizabeth Ann born 1960, married Jeffery Lynn Stamper 1987. Reside in Cabin Creek, WV.

E. Lewis Allison born 1934, Raleigh County. Attended Morris Harvey, Charleston, and University of Denver. U. S. Army 1953-1955. Married Donna Erger 1955. Settled in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Children: 1. Linda Sue born 1956. Married 1984 Terry Lee Charbonneau, born 1955. Reside in Las Vegas, NV. 2. Lewis Allison Jr., born 1957, married Alice Donahue, 1978. Reside in Des Moines, Iowa. Alice an artist, Lewis a skilled tradesman. One child: a. Annie Mae born 1987. 3. Mark Alan born 1958. Attended University of Northern Iowa. A service representative for Southwestern Bell, in Hot Springs, AR where he resides. 4. Lora Mae born 1965; BS degree in Education University of Northern Iowa 1988. Married Mike Castells June 1989. Lewis Sr. married Marylin Rose Bagby 1985.

F. Lucy Esther born 1940, Raleigh County, WV. Attended Katherine Gibbs, 1961. In 1961, married Wendell George Goodman born 1937. A 1958 Purdue University graduate retired from DuPont. He is now vice president, Ntronic, Dallas, TX. Children: 1. Wende Jane born 1962 Florence, S.C. married 1986 to Paul Alfred Rutherford born 1960. Both are 1985 graduates of Austin Peay University. Live in Nashville, TN. 2. Katherine Irene Goodman born 1964, Florence, S.C. 1986 married Rebel Dane Rogers, born 1962. Both 1986 graduates of Middle Tennessee State. Live in Nashville, TN. One child: a. Nathaniel Dane born 1987 Nashville, TN. 3. Terry Lynn Goodman born 1968 Columbus, OH. Attending Belmont College. Live in Nashville, TN. Married and divorced. One child: a. Gave Gregory Harold Goodman, born 1988 Nashville, TN, her maiden name. Submitted by Wetzel Lesure, and Benjamin Chase Wetzel, Jr. and Lucy E. Wetzel Goodman.

GERALD AND GERTIE WHITE

My name is Gertie Deloris Talbott White. I was born at Sherman, W. Va. I am the fourth child born to Ulysses and Nellie Staats Talbott. My father was born in Cabell County March 12, 1893 and was the son of Isaac Talbott and Naomi Wilkes Talbott. My mother was born in Jackson County January 11, 1902, the daughter of David Staats and Otie

Tumlin Staats. My brother, Ulysses Talbott Jr. lives at Newark, Ohio, married Mary Sheets Talbott and has seven children: Robert, Terry, Andy, Timothy, Carol, Molly and Paul. My sister, Thelma West, lives at Ravenswood, married Tom West and they have no children. My sister, Pat Troy, of Charleston, married Jim Troy and they have four boys: Mike, Rex, Jimmie and Steve. My other sister, Violet Frashier, married Gay Frashier and lives at Ripley, W. Va. She has two boys: Jim Frashier and Gay Eugene Frashier and they both live at Ripley. All my brothers and sisters were born in Jackson County.



Gerald, Gertie, Kathy, David, and Connie in front

I married Gerald White, son of Otto and Jennie Burdette White, October 22, 1948, proud parents of: David Gerald White, children Sarah and Julie; Connie White Coull, children Adam and Jenie Coull; Kathy White Harding, no children. Connie White Coull was born at Ravenswood in Priddy's Hospital May 23, 1949, married Danny Coull June 4, 1976. David Gerald White was born in St. Francis Hospital June 8, 1951 and married Kaye Vandyke, November 20, 1970. Kathy White Harding, born May 2, 1958, married Chester Harding, May 11, 1978.

Gerald White, my husband, served in World War II. Our son, David White, served two years in South Carolina, Georgia, and one year in Germany, where our oldest granddaughter, Julia White, was born. Ulysses Talbott, my dad, served in World War I where he shod horses. I remember him doing work to shod horses. When I was a little girl I would watch him heat the shoes and bend them while hot. He charged 10 cents a shoe.

I remember Grandma Staats. She stayed with us a lot as her husband, David, died real young. She would play dominoes with us and make apple dumplings for us. I remember she was scared of a land turtle and we would bring her a lap full of apples with a turtle in it. She didn't like that very good. We also put one in her bed and as she pulled the covers back she screamed. We used to swing on the grapevines and play hide and seek. No toys much to play with but raised a very happy family.

Naomi Wilkes Talbott was the daughter of Amanda Coleman and Henry Wilkes. Amanda is a relative of the Colemans that are buried in the graveyard at Coleman Chapel Church. I remember going to visit Grandma Talbott when they lived at Portland, Ohio. She always made us wash the silverware separate. I'm glad she did. I learned a lot from her. My mother, Nellie Staats, worked very hard. She loved to raise her garden and didn't want us kids helping. Now I understand because I like doing my own garden too. When all us children were born we never had a doctor or went to a hospital. I was 12 years old before I ever went to a doctor. I had the shingles and Mom sent me to Doctor Starkey. He gave me the medicine and charged \$2.00. They were well in two or three days. Times have really changed. A doctor now charges \$30.00 just to look at you and send you to the drug store for \$30.00 more. I had teeth filled and cleaned when I was in high school. The dentist charged \$5.00 for all. Think what it would cost now.

Gerald and I both go to church at Milhoan Ridge Baptist Church. All the children used to go, too, but some don't go now. Maybe some day they will. *Submitted by Gertie White*

WHITE

The history of the White family descendants in this area are of the Pilgrims who came to America in 1620 on the Mayflower for religious freedom. They descended from Peregrine White, son of William and Susanna (Fuller) White. He was born on the Mayflower after it had landed at Plymouth Rock.

James White, son of Alexander White II. Alexander White owned and financed a wagon train himself in the Revolutionary War where he became a Captain. His wife was Mary Clifford. James White was one of several children. He was born June 19, 1791 and died June 8, 1858. He married Mary Coleman who is buried in the White cemetery on Pond Creek, Wood County, WV. Their children: (1) Jane White (Nov. 25, 1814-) married Samuel Mills. (2) Mateldia White (Nov. 12, 1816-) married first, Edward White and had several children. After his death she married Allen Davis and had several more children. (3) Mary White (March 15 -Jan. 2, 1847) married Whiting Smith. (4) Nancy White (Sept. 2, 1823-1855) married but is unknown. (5) Sarah White (Sept. 10, 1823-1895) died at Hazeal, Ohio, buried at DeWitt Cemetery. She married John Marshall Smith, a brother to her sister Mary's husband. They were our ancestors, my mother Audrey Smith Brewer's grandparents and my great-grandparents. (6) Charlotte White (July 5, 1825-Aug. 7, 1856) married Ichabod Adkens. They had two daughters who died young. (7) Rawey White (Sept. 20, 1837-Nov. 28, 1852). (8) Thomas White (Sept. 20, 1829-). (9) Nelson Cook White (May 21, 1832-) married Emily Davidson. (10) Amanda White (Aug. 23, 1834-Aug. 19, 1838). (11) Isabelle White (Sept. 20, 1837-June 29, 1859).

James White was born in Harding County, Virginia (WV) June 19, 1791. When he was six years old, his parents sold their land and moved to Harrison County, now Lewis County, in the vicinity of Jackson's Mill. He enlisted in the War of 1812. After the war he went to Pond Creek with a brother where he met and married Mary Coleman Dec. 13, 1813. She was born Oct. 2, 1796 and died Dec. 29, 1853. He was a splendid marksman with a rifle and he hid along the river in bushes and shot Indians. *Submitted by David Allen Brewer*

WHITLATCH

Jackson and Lucinda Kirby Whitlatch came to the Grant District, Jackson County, around 1875. They bought 35 acres on Sandy Creek from Uriah Province. They and four children came from Aleppo Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania where three generations and their families before him had lived. They sold their 35 acres to S. Somerville around 1884 and moved across the border to Tucker District, Wirt County. Jackson and his sons were carpenters.



Sons of Jackson and Lucinda Whitlatch, Brade, Quinter, Perry, and James

Jackson and Lucinda had three more children in Jackson County. William Perry, Henry Brade and Clara Belle. Some of their seven children married into families of early Jackson County settlers. Their children and grandchildren are:

Margaret Jane (born 1862), married Henry Hoffman and had seven children: Blanche (Burneson), Grace (Carpenter), Walter L., James L., Clarence D., Mary (White), Ethel (Bowser). Margaret married second Samuel Fife and had another child, Robert. They lived in Wirt County, W. Va. and Beaver County, Pa.,

Mary Elizabeth (born 1863), married first, Albert Britton, married second, John Fife and had three children: Paul, Samuel, Lucinda (Weister). They lived in Jeannette, Pa. and Beaver Falls, Pa.

James Monroe (born 1868), married first, Ollie Bell Martin and had son Carl who died young. James married second, Gertrude Helt Crumbly, and gained two stepsons, Joseph and Merwin. James was known for his teaching of religion and art and was also a carpenter. They lived in Parkersburg, W. Va. and Bridgeport, Ohio.

Jasper Quinter (born 1873), married Gula Rosetta McPherson, daughter of Jesse and Isabella Stephens McPherson of Limestone, Jackson Co. and raised eight children: Ethel (Renner), John, Harry Glen, Elbert, Ruth (Cunning), Margaret (Bonnage), Eugene. They lived in Wirt and Wood counties, W. Va., Colerain, Ohio and Beaver Falls, Pa. Quinter when young, after the death of his parents, traveled and played baseball, then married and was a farmer.

William Perry (born 1877), married Arminta Archer, daughter of Wheeden and Milissa Smith Archer and had four children: Ruby (Thompson), James Dorr (father of "J.D." Whitlatch of Vienna, W. Va., near Parkersburg), William Donald and Pauline (Ball) (twins). Pauline lives in Jacksonville, Florida. Perry and "Minti" lived in Parkersburg where he was a noted carpenter and built many fine homes there.

Henry Brade (born 1880), married first, Estella Archer, daughter of Francis and Emma Elizabeth Richards Archer. Five of their children were born in Jackson Co.: Claire H., Estel Glen, Freda, Nellie and Wallace. Raymond and Harold were born in Wood Co. They also lived in Beaver Falls, Pa. Brade married second, Lillie Mae Roberts of Mineral Wells, W. Va.

Clara Belle (born 1882), married Charles Pier-son Conn, had six children and two step children: Florence (Cousins), Lola (Miller), Bernice (Kennedy), Carl Raymond, George Wilbert, Gerald Clark, and step children Charles Conn and Beulah (Clark). Beulah married John Clark of New Brighton, Beaver County, Pa., and they are the grandparents of Jack Clark, the professional baseball star who is now (1989) playing with the San Diego Padres. Clara lived in Noblestown, Allegheny Co., Pa.

Margaret died 1942; Elizabeth died 1936; and Quinter died 1948, all three near Beaver Falls, Pa. James died 1959 in Bridgeport, Ohio; Clare died 1963 in Noblestown, Pa.; Perry died 1953 in Parkersburg, W. Va.; and Brade died 1967 in Mineral Wells, W. Va.

Jackson was born 1838 and died 1892. Lucinda was born 1843, died 1891. They are buried in the Dunkard Church Cemetery at Windy, Wirt Co., W. Va.

Family reunions are held near Beaver Falls, Beaver Co., Pa. *Submitted by Margaret Whitlatch Bonnage*

RAYMOND AND MAYSEL WILKINSON

Raymond Wilkinson was born May 23, 1909, the son of John (b. July 26, 1813-d. Dec. 11, 1973) and Lizzie Kittle (b. April 3, 1886-d. May 13, 1954) Wilkinson.

Maysel Pursley Wilkinson, April 28, 1908, the

daughter of Maywood (b. Dec. 9, 1877-d. Dec. 9, 1959) and Minerva Shouldis (b. Oct. 18, 1877-d. March 30, 1953) Pursley.

Raymond and Maysel were married March 1, 1929 by Rev. J.F. Cunningham at Maywood Pursley's home. Their first son, Lloyd, was born Jan. 2, 1930, and now resides in Canton, Ohio. This was the year of the depression and times were very hard and there was no money. The couple set up housekeeping on the Steve Balis farm. He said he shipped a cow to Pittsburgh and got \$11. Eggs sold for eight to nine cents a dozen. In the summer of 1939 they purchased 40 acres from Raymond's father and built a three-room house. In December they moved in and kept adding rooms as the family grew. The house they built sits in Wirt and Jackson counties. You eat in Wirt County and sleep in Jackson County.

On Sept. 22, 1932, their second son, Russell, was born and now resides at Ravenswood. On July 20, 1934 their third son, Carl, was born and now resides at Washington, WV. On Jan. 31, 1936 their first daughter, Ellen, was born and now resides at St. Cloud, Fla. On Oct. 25, 1937 their fourth son, Louie, was born. He passed away March 26, 1988. On April 3, 1946, a second daughter, Sue, was born and now resides at Winter Springs, Fla. On Jan. 21, 1948 a third daughter, Ruth, was born and resides at Leroy, WV.



Raymond and Maysel Wilkinson

The family was always good at playing tricks on each other. One year at Christmas, one of the older boys dressed up as Santa to play a trick on their youngest brother, Louie. They wrapped him up some Hickory switches and two ears of popcorn, to give him. Now you can imagine how disappointed a young boy could be with such a present.

When the children would get into arguments, their dad would make them recite the Bible verse "And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another." Eph. 4-32.

All their married life they have been active in Fairview Methodist church and always took their children to church. On March 5, 1989 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Point of View restaurant in Parkersburg. All children, several grandchildren, brothers, sisters and friends were present. The couple has 17 living grandchildren, one deceased, and six great-grandchildren. They have lived their entire life in the Leroy area in Jackson County.

Enclosed is an example of the teaching he gave us in his Christian home:

Remember
Remember, child, remember
that God is in the sky;
that He looks down on all we do,
with an ever-wakeful eye.
Remember, oh remember

that all the day and night
 He sees our thoughts and actions
 with an ever-watchful sight.
 Remember, child, remember
 that God is good and true,
 that He wishes us to always be
 like Him in all we do.
 Remember that He ever hates
 A falsehood or a lie;
 Remember He will punish, too,
 the wicked by and by.
 Remember, oh remember
 that He is like a friend
 And wishes us to Holy be,
 and happy in the end.
 Remember, child, remember
 to pray to Him in heaven;
 And if you have been doing wrong,
 Oh, ask to be forgiven.
 Be sorry, in your little prayer,
 And whisper in His ear;
 Ask His forgiveness and his love
 And He will surely hear.
 Remember, child, remember,
 that you love with all your might
 The God who watches o'er us
 And gives us each delight;
 Who guards us ever through the day
 And saves us in the night.
 (Copied from McGuffey's Reader)

Submitted by Carl and Steve Wilkinson

WALTER C. "GEORGE" AND HELEN (GUTHRIE) WILLIAMS

Walter Clinton Williams, known by most as "George," was born March 26, 1907 in Marshall (Buffalo), Jackson County, WV. His parents were Samuel W. and Cora Cline Williams. He was one of six children: Okla, Una, George, Ralph (Ted), Betty, and Ruth.

His grandparents were Henderson and Dorcas Rhodes Williams and William O. (Will) and Martha Merrill Cline of Roane and Jackson counties. Henderson Williams was a Confederate soldier with the Virginia Cavalry. He is buried at the Frozen Camp Cemetery in Jackson County, WV.

Helen N. Guthrie Williams was born in Reedy, Roane County, WV October 27, 1920 and was the daughter of Ezra Earl and Amy Phillips Guthrie. Helen's grandparents were Everett Carpenter and Malinda Litton Phillips who lived on the left fork of Reedy Creek, known as Peniel Road. Her father's parents were Henry and Susie Wade Guthrie who lived near Mt. Zion Church in Roane County.



George and Helen Williams

George and Helen were married February 20, 1940. They lived at Peniel and had seven children. In order of their birth were Larry D., born 1940, Harry W. "Tiny", born 1941, Judy A., born 1942, Janet L., born 1944, Carolyn S., born 1948, and died 1948, Terry A., born 1952, and Joyce M., born 1955.

George worked as an oil well driller and a water well driller. He had many years' service with Okmar Oil Company in Roane, Jackson, and

Calhoun counties and before retirement worked for several years in the oil fields of Yellow Creek of Calhoun County.

George, a member of the Spencer Odd Fellow Lodge, American Legion and VFW, was an avid baseball fan and enjoyed hunting. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and served aboard the SS Cyrus Adler.

Helen, a homemaker, kept very busy raising six children. The Williams' home was always a place where neighborhood kids got together.

George was well known in the Spencer area where for 18 years he operated Williams Gun Store until his death. George loved hunting and guns and no doubt passed this appreciation on to his three sons who enjoy hunting, having acquired a great deal of knowledge about firearms.

George also enjoyed farming; he raised cattle, grew tobacco and always had a garden big enough for several families.

George enjoyed people, had a great memory and enjoyed telling stories. Upon his death, October 28, 1985, he had 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. At this time his wife, Helen, resides at the family home at Peniel. Submitted by Terry A. Williams

WILLIAM MARSHALL WILLIAMS

Samuel Montgomery Williams was born May 8, 1823, in Harrison County, WV (now Doddridge County). He married Harriet Ann VanHorn, Nov. 2, 1848, in Doddridge County. She was born Mar. 31, 1828, in Harrison County, WV, the daughter of William VanHorn and Jane (Maxon) VanHorn. They lived at Grove, in Doddridge County. Samuel died Oct. 4, 1893, and Harriet died Apr. 12, 1888. They were the parents of eight children.

1. Marcellus "Cass" Williams (1849-?) lived in Doddridge County, WV.

2. Helen Victoria Williams Charter (1851-1929) lived at Ravenswood, WV.

3. Bertha Ann Williams Griffin (1854-1897) lived in Doddridge County, WV.

4. Franklin "Pierce" Williams (1856-1930) lived at Clarksburg, WV.

5. William Marshall Williams (1859-1931) lived in northern Jackson County, WV. (See information below)

6. Reuben "Kemper" Williams (1861-1910) lived in the midwest, possibly Oklahoma.

7. Samuel Langford Williams (1864-1864).

8. Stewart Lee Williams (1866-1915) lived at West Union, WV.

William Marshall Williams was born Mar. 11, 1859, at Grove, in Doddridge Co., WV. He married, first, Elishia Osborne, May 6, 1888, in Doddridge County, WV. She was born Jan. 24, 1872, the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Bode) Osborne. She died May 28, 1893. They had two children: 1. Claudius Montgomery Williams (1889-1951); 2. Audra Lee Williams (1892-1893).

William Marshall Williams married, second, Sigourney Jane Flesher, Dec. 28, 1893, in Doddridge Co., WV. She was born Aug. 25, 1874,



William and Sigourney (Flesher) Williams



seated: William and Sigourney Williams; standing: Bill, Beecher, Faye, Ray, Earl, Hattie, Claude and Sam.

near Grove, Doddridge Co., the daughter of William Henry and Eliza Jane (Spurgeon) Flesher. They moved from Doddridge Co. to Jackson Co. in 1904. A farm was purchased on Little Sandy Road, not far from Medina. William died Mar. 12, 1931 and Sigourney died Dec. 31, 1948. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. They were the parents of seven children:

1. Edward "Earl" Williams (1895-1947) married Lillie Lemmons and lived at Masontown, WV. Their children: Kermit E. Williams lives at Santa Barbara, California; Alice Jane Williams died at 18 months of age; Christine Williams Poth lives in Florida; William W. Williams lives at Clarksburg, WV; Robert C. Williams lives in Virginia.

2. Ray Bryan Williams (1896-1978) married, first, Artie Shutts. Their child: Arl Williams lives at Mansfield, Ohio. Ray married, second, Florence Hufferman. He lived on Little Sandy Road for many years and later moved to Mansfield OH.

3. Worric "Beecher" Williams (1898-1968) married Virginia McClure and lived at Hyattsville, MD. They had no children.

4. Jewel "Fay" Williams (1900-1990) married Charles Ridenour and lived at Vienna, WV. Their children: Ireta Ridenour Copen lives at Marietta, Ohio; Sue Ridenour Brooks lives at Vienna, WV.

5. William Henry Williams (1904-1979) married Ruth Taylor and lived at Clarksburg, WV. Their children: Wanda Williams Mapes lives at Clarksburg, WV; Wanita Williams Schillings lives at Kent, Ohio; Hencie Lee Williams married ? and lives in Georgia.

6. Samuel Ivan Williams (1907) married Alma Hafer and lives south of Ravenswood, WV. Their child: Samuel Williams (died in infancy).

7. Harriet "Hattie" Eliza Williams (1909) married Ralph Miihlbach and lived on Little Sandy Road in Jackson County before moving to Little Hocking, Ohio. Their child: Phyllis Miihlbach Giddings lives at Little Hocking, Ohio. Submitted by Hattie (Williams) Miihlbach and Sam Williams

WILLIAMSON

The propagator of this family was James Williamson, Sr. (1706-1783), who with his family were associated with other families who defended the frontier at Fort Henry, now Wheeling, WV. Moses Williamson, son of James Williamson, Sr., was a soldier of French and Indian Wars and Revolutionary War.

Captain William McMechan, born in Delaware (1724-1797) was the son of William McMechan Sr. William came from Ireland. James McMechan (1748-1825), son of Captain McMechan, married Hannah Davidson. They had eight children, Rachel, Mary, Jane, Sarah, Elizabeth, Ruth, Orpah, and David M. James McMechan was a private in Captain William Harrod's Company to patrol the Ohio Valley. Their daughter, Mary McMechan (1784-1853), married James A. Williamson (1779-1843), James A. being a son of Moses Williamson, Sr.

Moses Williamson, Sr. (1723-1792) married Jane Mills and they had six children: Samuel,

Moses Jr., Thomas, Anderson, William, and James A.

James A. and Mary McMechan Williamson had 12 children: Marie E., Wilkinson D., Samuel, Adeline L., James M., Elizabeth C., John W., David E., William C., Mary Ann, Susan S., and Asbury.

Wilkinson D. Williamson (born 1808 in Washington County, Ohio, died 1876), son of James A. and Mary McMechan Williamson, married Flora McKay (1812-1869). She was the daughter of William and Nancy McKay. William and Nancy came from Scotland.

Wilkinson and Flora had nine children: Agnes, Mary A., John, James W., Amanda I., Henry C., William A., Jerome D. and Winchester D. Three of the nine children served in the Civil War: James, William, and Henry. John was a well-known farmer in Meigs County, Ohio and engaged in pisciculture.

Their son, Winchester D. Williamson (the youngest), was born (1851-1919) at Great Bend, Meigs County, Ohio. Winchester married Mary Virginia Roberts (1856-1940) of Muses Bottom, Jackson County, WV, she being the daughter of William and Nancy (Coleman) Roberts. To this union were born three children, Frederick W., Nancy Evalene and James W. (1884-1968).

James W. Williamson married Zelma Thorn (1890-1951) and to this union two sons were born: James Jr. (1915) served in WW II and was killed at Guadalcanal on 1-23-43 and is buried at Arlington Cemetery. William D. (1921-1988) married Hazel Martin, daughter of Dan and Beulah (Sheppard) Martin, and to this union one daughter, Jill Susan, was born. Jill married Rocky Wade Corbin, son of Dwight and June Corbin. They have been blessed with two daughters, Emily Ann, born 12-10-1987 and Elly Marie, born 8-4-1989. *Submitted by Jill Williamson Corbin*

WILLIAMSON-PARSONS-HOWELL-HILL

John Musser Williamson was born 11-10-1810. He married Isabella C. Ankrum who was born 2-9-1820. They lived in Sistersville, W Va., Tyler County. John was a graduate of Oxford University, England, where he was given a Medical Doctor's Certificate and practiced his profession during the Civil War. He later became a steamboat pilot and followed that profession during the remainder of his life. John and Isabella had seven girls, Mary Belle Parsons, Czrena Pinnell, Sarah Lloyd, Isabella Wheeler, Anna Rand, Josephine died in infancy, and another girl. When the girls were young they moved to Jackson County. John died 12-14-1893, Isabella died 1-24-1920, sixteen days short of being 100 years old. Both are buried at Mt. Alto.



Isabella Williamson

James Tanner Parsons, born in 1843, was the son of George W. Parsons and Elizabeth Durst,

daughter of Christina Roush and David Durst. James Tanner married first, Sarah Jane Powell. They had three sons, George, Harvey and Charles. Secondly he married Mary Belle Williamson 2-3-1870 who was born 6-20-1850. They had five girls and four boys, all born in Jackson County. Bertha, born 11-9-1870 died 8-29-1942. Czrena, born 10-30-1872, died 6-26-1961. Emma, born 3-12-1875, died 5-12-1963. Delphia, born 2-20-1877, died 1-26-1966. Ora, born 9-14-1879, died 2-18-1971. Thornt, born 9-16-1882, died 11-14-1966. Bert, born 8-20-1884, died 6-5-1975. Arville, born 1-1-1887, died 7-7-1964. Howard, born 9-17-1890 died 4-10-1952. Mary Belle died August 1945 and buried at Mt. Alto. James died in 1925 and buried at Mt. Hebron.



Mary Bell Parsons

Bertha Parsons married Thomas James Howell Oct. 31, 1889. Eleven children made up the family. Floyd, born 6-2-1890, died 10-12-1954. Horton, born 8-31-1891, died 1975. Horton was veteran of World War I, serving in Medical Dept., Co. No. 125. Lora, born 5-30-1893, died 3-25-1977. Lida, born 3-17-1895, died 5-20-1899. Alma, born 3-21-1897, died 9-18-1932. Raymond, born 6-22-1899, died 7-24-1959. Chloe, born 6-9-1902. Bessie, born 1-28-1905, died 3-27-1986. Holly, born 3-20-1907, died 7-23-1987. Susie, born 2-13-1909, died 12-7-1967. Blanche, born 6-10-1915, died 3-11-1964. Bertha Parsons Howell died 8-29-42. Thomas J. died 9-28-1961. Both are buried at Presbyterian Cemetery, Route 87.



Thomas J. and Bertha (Parsons) Howell

Bessie Howell married Mont C. Hill May 7, 1923. Mont was born 11-8-1898 in Mason County. He was the son of Ward and Emily Martha Wolfe Hill. Mont retired from the New York Central Railroad. Bessie was a homemaker and a precious mother. She loved to give and helped wherever she could. She would cook and send food to the needy. Fourteen children made up the family — all born in Mason County. Mabel Marie, born 2-12-24. Laura Mae, born 6-12-25, twins, James and Gladys, born 5-11-27, died in August and October 1927. Dessie Aalee, born 5-28-1928. Mildred Allene, born 7-23-1930. Guy Delbert, born 9-21-1932. Helen Blondena, born 10-26-1934. Donald Ray, born 3-13-1937. Mont Jr., born

6-6-1939. Charlotte Ann, born 2-11-1942, twins, Roger Lee and Ronald Lindy, 8-26-1944. Larry Scott, born 3-3-1948.

Mabel married Frank Donald Otto who was born 12-27-29 from Barberton, Ohio 12-21-1947. They have three sons. Danny Warren, born 3-17-1950 at Akron, Oh., Mark Heston, born 5-13-1959 at Akron, Oh., Donald Edward, born 10-21-63 at Akron, Ohio. Danny married Melinda Clinton 12-7-1974 who was born 3-30-1952 at Fort Ord, California. They have two boys. James Paul, born 11-26-1970 at Warrensville Heights, OH. Nathan Warren, born 10-11-1978 at Cincinnati, OH. Mark Heston married Paulette Adene Mattle 10-8-1983 who was born 6-15-57 at Barberton, OH. They have two children, Sara Adene, born 10-18-1985 at Barberton, OH. Heston Warren, born 10-25-1987 at Barberton, OH. Donald Edward, not married.

Laura Mae Hill married Calvin Keefer 10-17-1942 from Leon, W Va. They had one son, Calvin Ray, born 6-22-1945, one daughter, Patsy Jean, born 8-26-1943. Patsy married Ranson Campbell 9-11-1962. They have two daughters, Dorinda, born 4-20-1963. Betina, born 6-8-1965. Dorinda married Jeff Stattler. They have two children, Allison, born 4-11-1986, Jeffery Ranson, born 7-23-1987. Betina married Mike Beverly.

Tragedy struck the Campbell family — almost beyond comprehension. Patsy Jean was given a prescription by her doctor of Oxsoralen-Ultra and a tanning booth of 25 minutes to treat psoriasis. She received burns that covered 70 percent of her body. She took the prescription 5-13-1989 and died 5-24-1989 at the University of Chicago Burn Center — a tragic mistake. Patsy is buried at McCool Cemetery, Portage, Indiana.



Patsy Jean (Keefer) Campbell

Calvin Ray Keefer married Wanda Gillespie. They have three sons and one daughter. Devin, born 12-2-1963, Todd, born 1-15-1967, James, 12-13-1971, Kelli, born 8-27-1976. Devin married Chloe Ricks. They have Kyly Renee born 8-14-83 and Devin Ray, Jr., born 7-7-1986. Todd married Theresa Jones. They have two sons. Todd Allen, Jr., born 12-28-84 and Corey Tyler, born 2-12-89. The Campbell-Keefer family reside in Indiana.

Aalee married Frank Shimko of Akron, OH. They have two daughters, Charlotte Ann, born 10-10-1946 and Sherry Lyn, born 1-21-1950. Charlotte married Charles Spitali. They have two daughters and one son. Michelle, born 4-15-1969. Mary, born 2-11-1977. Vincent, born 12-30-1970. Sherry married Donald Bixler, no children.

Mildred married Ronald Saffles of Akron, OH. They have two daughters. Pamela, born 2-6-1950, Brenda, born 10-30-1954. Pamela married Patrick

Grendell. They have two daughters, Colleen, born 9-25-1968, Shannon, 8-21-72. Patrick and Pamela divorced and Pamela married Larry Parr and they have one daughter, Misty, born 9-13-1975. Pamela died 4-5-1980. Colleen married Brian Smith and they have two children. Patrick, born 6-25-1984. Amanda, born 6-15-88. Shannon has a daughter, Samantha Jean, born 1-24-89.

Brenda married Murl Bartlett. They have daughter, Heather Davis, born 1-6-1975 and son, James Davis, born 6-29-1976.

Guy married Wanda Riffle from Leon. They have four daughters and one son. Tamara, born 1-27-1958. Tamara married Danny Hoffman. They have two sons and one daughter. Selena, born 8-15-1978. Daniel, born 2-20-1981, Joseph, born July 1982. Delbert, born 12-15-1954 married Terri Harrell. They have one son, Jacob, born 4-1986. Tanowa, born 1-25-1962 married Ron McGrath. They have son, Nathaniel Alexander, born 9-29-1988. Penni, born 9-16-1965, married John Rollins. They have daughter, Brittany, born 9-12-1985. Shellie, born 7-19-1972, not married.

Helen married Eugene Stover from Gallipolis, OH. They have three daughters and one son. Dreama, born 3-25-1957, married Gary Hall from Florida. They have two sons, Jason, born 4-6-1976, Jeremy, born 5-19-80. Kimberly, born 10-22-1958. Kimberly is a jockey in Texas riding thoroughbred race horses. Kimberly not married. Lisa, born 12-23-1962, married Donald Guidry from Vinton, Louisiana 7-1985. Lisa lives in Texas and does ponying for the stables. Terry, born 5-5-1967, not married. Eugene Stover died 7-3-1985 and is buried in Largo, Fla.

Donald married Margaret Schultz from Leon. They have daughter, Raquel, born 6-21-1971. The marriage ended in divorce. Secondly, he married Marilyn Pinion from Barberton, OH., 6-20-1987.

Mont Jr. married Duella Meader from Penn. They have three daughters and one son. Laura, born 11-14-1964, Mona, 11-20-65, Mont, 5-13-67, Ester, 5-9-1971. Laura married Martin Ketcham from Washington State. They both are in the Navy. Mona has two children, Danielle, born 12-10-1986. Nicholas, born 4-18-1989.

Charlotte married James Tobin from Akron, OH., no children.

Ronald married Tobi Cutlip from Rainelle. They have four sons. Kevin, born 6-15-1966, married Teresa Campbell from Dunbar 10-17-87. Kirby, born 12-3-1972, Ryan, born 3-15-1978, Justin, born 12-29-1983.

Roger married Franceen Smith from Indiana. They have two children, Brian, born 9-21-1966, Kristie, born May 5, 1975. Brian married Mariam Wood from Stafford, England 11-88.

Larry married Barbara Neville from Point Pleasant. They have two children. Tara, born 7-25-1976. Troy, born 7-20-1979. Larry served in Vietnam war. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on 3-6-1968.

Mont Hill died 11-13-1965; Bessie died 3-27-1986. Both buried at Bethel Cemetery, Leon Baden Rd. Submitted by Mabel Otto and Avalee Shimko

EUGENE WILLIAMSON

Mary Blanche Combs, daughter of Henry Clay Combs and Lanora A. Combs, married Eugene Victor Williamson, born April 10 1882. He attended Mountain State Business College at Parkersburg, served as a Deputy Assessor and Deputy Sheriff for Mason County, owned and operated a large farm on the banks of the southside of the Kanawha River.

Mary was active in the Methodist Church, the D.A.R. and Eastern Star Chapters in Kanawha County, although she lived in Mason and Jackson counties all of her life. She and Eugene are buried at the Leon Town Cemetery. Mary belonged to several National Historical Associations and spent most of her life doing work on a Sayre family

history book which she did not have published.

Children born to Mary and Eugene "Gene" Williamson are: Eugene Victor Williamson Jr. (Sept. 29, 1907); Zara Alicia Williamson, July 13, 1909, died May 5, 1978, Sarasota Co., Florida; Lannes Wilkinson Clay Williamson, April 25, 1917; Lydia Maxine Williamson, April 10, 1919-July 13, 1983; Jerome Davidson Williamson, April 7, 1922-April 29, 1922, buried Leon Cemetery as is Lydia; Ney Rene Williamson, Sept. 19, 1920; and Torres Aulaire Williamson, July 17, 1923.

Ney Williamson, known as N.R., married Sylvia Eckard on December 15, 1943. They operated farms in the Kanawha River Valley. They are the parents of six children, Ney Jr., a District Director of Farmers Home Administration; Zara Alice Click, a former employee of the *Jackson Herald* and now an employee of the Mason County Board of Education and wife of Karl Click, Mount Alto; Clarence Eugene Williamson, the Superintendent of the 10,000-acre Cornstalk Hunting Grounds and owner and operator of three farms; Sylvia Ann Chapman, a nationally known Christian music singer and author who has made TV appearances on the Billy Graham Crusades; Rebecca DeCoy, a paralegal for an insurance company in Toledo, Ohio, where her husband practices medicine; and Vanita Gayle Atwell, a psychologist who resides in New York City. Each of the children furthered their education after high school and have careers.



Jason Keith Click

The children of Karl and Alice Click are Karla Renee, born December 12, 1967, and Jason Keith Click, born November 9, 1970 in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Submitted by Jason Keith Click

JOHN WILLIAMSON

Our great-grandfather, John W. Williamson (11/10/1810 — 83 years — 12/14/1893), came from Pennsylvania to Sistersville, Tyler County. He married (10/01/1839) Isabella I. Ankrom (2/09/1820 — 99 years — 1/24/1920), and



John Williamson and Isabella Ankrom

became parents of eight daughters. John and Isabella are buried at Hopewell.

Their daughters were Elizabeth Anne (7/08/1840-8/03/1854); Eliza Jane (11/12/1841 — 79 years — 1920); Emma Catherine (7/23/1843 — 78 years — 1921); Sarah Louise (7/19/1846 — 89 years — 1935); Josephine Amanda (7/10/1848-8/19/1854); Czrena Alwilda (8/27/1851 — 85 years — 12/24/1935, Blaine); Mary Isabel (Mary Bell) (6/20/1853 — 92 years — 1946); Anna Eveline (6/25/1855 — 80 years plus — Kansas).

John W. Williamson was a graduate of Oxford University, England, where he earned a medical doctor's certificate and served as physician during the Civil War. He was a teamster 44, Co. F, 9th W. Va. Inf., Tyler County. He continued practicing medicine (including dentistry) in civilian life, and moved his family to Jackson County when the girls were quite young. He later became a steamboat pilot, and followed that profession the rest of his active life. Mother, Father, and daughters all lived long lives, with the exception of two daughters, Elizabeth Anne and Josephine Amanda, who died the same month, same year, at early ages, probably from a prevalent illness of the era.

Eliza Jane married (9/03/1862) Alexander Wheeler (1838-1934, Hopewell); Emma Catherine married (10/11/1863) William Henry Thornton; Sarah Louise married (4/19/1866) William Thornton Lloyd; *Czrena Alwilda married (6/15/1868) Henry Charles Lloyd (10/10/1844-12/03/1882); Mary Isabel married James Tanner Parsons; Anna Eveline married (2/20/1872) Henry Rand (Kansas).

*Czrena Alwilda Williamson Lloyd, second marriage to William Perry Pinnell, 4/03/1884. Great-grandmother Isabella made her home with Czrena during her last years, and when she died, she was 16 days short of her 100th birthday.



Williamson's sisters, Anna, Mary Bell, Czrena, and Sarah, 1935

The four Williamson sisters pictured above — Anna Eveline Rand, Mary Isabel Parsons, Czrena Pinnell, and Sarah Lloyd — had a weekend reunion in 1935 at Czrena's country home on Cow Run, Cottageville. It was the first time they had been together in 18 years, and it was a glorious occasion. (See Pinnell and Lloyd) Submitted by Virginia K. Hogsett

AMOR AND BETTY (MADDOX) WILSON

Samuel Wilson married Louverna Lemasters, March 10, 1836, in Belmont County, Ohio. Samuel Wilson was born August 1, 1813, in Belmont County, Ohio. Louverna Lemasters was born May 16, 1817, in Monongalia County, Virginia. Their children: John was born Feb. 23, 1837, in Belmont County, Ohio. Isaac was born Aug. 16, 1839, in Guernsey County, Ohio. Mary Milissa was born May 18, 1841, in Guernsey County, Ohio. William was born Aug. 12, 1842, in Belmont County, Ohio. Elizabeth was born May 27, 1845 and died June 16, 1845. Sarah Jane was born Mar. 15, 1847, in Monroe County, Ohio and died Mar. 21, 1863. Julia

Ann was born Mar. 15, 1847, in Monroe County, Ohio. Martha was born July 10, 1849, in Monroe County, Ohio. Louvisa was born Oct. 22, 1851, in Noble County, Ohio and died Feb. 21, 1868. Samuel Amor was born Apr. 1, 1854, in Noble County, Ohio. Charles was born Apr. 18, 1856, in Noble County, Ohio. (The preceding information was from the family Bible of Samuel Amor Wilson).



Amor and Betty (Maddox) Wilson family

Samuel "Amor" Wilson married Elizabeth "Betty" Maddox, Apr. 14, 1881, in Jackson County, WV. She was born Nov. 22, 1860, in Jackson County, daughter of George and Mahala (Lockhart) Maddox. Amor lived in Noble County, Ohio before moving to Jackson County. He settled at Lockhart where he worked in the tobacco business for several years. They were members of the Lockhart Methodist Church. Later they moved to Duncan where Amor operated a store and continued packing tobacco. Several years later, he moved to Soap Hill, located south of Ravenswood. Finally, the family moved to Ravenswood where he worked at a local tobacco barn. Amor's brother, Charley, also came to Lockhart and worked in the tobacco business. He later went west and homesteaded for a while, but after several years, he returned to Lockhart where he lived with his nephew, C.O. Wilson. Charley never married and was buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery near his brother. Amor died in 1928 and Elizabeth "Betty" died in 1933. They are buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. Amor and Elizabeth had seven children.

Olive (1882-1961) married Isaac Rardin and lived at Ravenswood. Children: Glen Wilson (never married) and Vivian Rardin (married Charles "Bill" Hall). Olive is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery.



George and Mahala (Lockhart) Maddox

Charles Osear (1884-1952) married Dollie Beymer and lived at Lockhart. They are buried in the Independence Cemetery. Their children: Alice Wilson (married Brooks Currey), Dale Wilson (never married), Charles Wilson (married Mary Ann Shimp), and Dean Wilson (married Betty Murrey).

Ethel (1886-?) married Harry Smith and moved to New Brighton, Pennsylvania. Their children: Norma Smith (married Glen Meade), Ruby Smith (married — Weister), Donald Smith

(never married), Roger Smith (married Dorthy —), and Harry Smith (married Mary —).

Ella M. (1887-1966) married Arthur Logan Beymer in 1907. They always lived in the Lockhart area except for a few years, in the early 1920s, when they lived on Copper Fork, near Sandyville. Their children: Norene Enid Beymer (Nov. 8, 1908) married, first, Chester Waggoner. They had one son, Lowe Waggoner, born Sept. 29, 1929. After Chester died, Norene married Pearl L. Moore in 1943. They had a stillborn daughter, Connie Sue, in 1949. Walter "Ronald" Beymer (Mar. 25, 1911) married Thelma Williams. Their children: Blaine, Vernon and Karen Hope. Philip Dane Beymer (Oct. 4, 1914) married Clarice Houchen. They had no children. Delores Beymer (Jan. 14, 1917) married Pat Doolittle. Their children: Patty Joyce, Billy Dean, Beatrice Ann, Sharon, Linda and Dorthy Sue. William Amor "Bill" Beymer (Nov. 10, 1918) married Beulah Moore. Their children: Donna, Bill Marlin, Randy and Nina (step-daughter).

Homer (1891-?) never married. He was killed by a train and buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery beside his parents.

Walter (1896-?) married Willa Dillon and lived at Ravenswood. He is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery. They had no children.

Otto "Ralph" (1900-1918) never married. He is buried in the Ravenswood Cemetery beside his parents.

Velma (1904-1973) married Arthur Masten and lived at Parkersburg, WV. She is buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Their children: Charles Masten, Roger Masten, Betty Fought and Evelyn "Boots" Powell. Submitted by Norene Moore and Philip Beymer

WILLIAM R. WILSON

William R. "Billy" Wilson, born 11 April 1839 at Ripley, West Virginia in Jackson County and died 24 February 1926 at Frame, West Virginia, in Kanawha County. His parents were Jacob and Rachel Wilson. Jacob was from Pennsylvania. It appears that Rachel was a Vandale. "Billy" married 12 July 1860 Mary F.A. Mullens. They had one child, Martha. Mary had died in childbirth. "Billy" was living at Spencer, West Virginia at the beginning of the Civil War. He was a Civil War veteran in the Union Army and received a pension until his death. In Kanawha County, 8 April 1864, he married Frances "Fannie", the daughter of John Truman and Sarah A. Lewis. Sarah was born in Ohio, the daughter of Samuel Lewis. William "Billy" and Frances lived at Frame, West Virginia in Kanawha County where he farmed and raised livestock.

They had nine children born to them; seven lived to adulthood: Alice "Allie", born 1867, married Rubel Hoffer; Matilda Jane "Sis", born 1868, unmarried; Shenandoah (named for the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, where "Billy" fought several battles of the Civil War), married Alfred Elmore; Rutherford Rufus "Bub", born 1875 married Alphanna Moles; Lethe, born 1877, died young when their house burned; William Warren "Friday", born April 1878, never married; Grover Cleveland, born 20 June 1884, an Advent Christian minister, married Martha Susan Jones, the daughter of George Wheeler Jones and Prudencia Cooper. George W. was the son of Thomas Jones and Susannah Shaver, grandson of Moses Wheeler Jones and Sarah Brown and John D. Schaefer and Mary Parsons. Prudencia was the daughter of Lewis Cooper and Jane McGuire, married in Jackson County 1 Feb. 1844. Frederic Lee, born May 1886, married 4 July 1914 Marietta Jones, a sister to Martha. William R. "Billy" is buried at the Wilson (Walker) Cemetery at Frame, WV. His grave is marked by a metal Civil War marker issued to veterans of the Civil War. Sub-

mitted by Claudia E. Wilson Cooper, great-granddaughter of "Billy" and the granddaughter of Grover Cleveland Wilson, daughter of Okey S. and Lucy G. Carte Wilson

B.F. WINTER

Bradford Winter, born March 18, 1899, was raised on Joe's Run, Jackson County. He lived up the hollow from the old Victory School house. He taught school there and also met his wife, Ocie Hartley, as she attended two years of school taught by him. Ocie Hartley, the daughter of Forrest and Amy Hartley of Board Run, married Bradford Winter and they had seven children, all deceased now except two, Marie Easter and James Winter. Their children are as follows: Marie Winter, married to Ralph Easter of Sandyville. Ralph Edward Winter, deceased. Evelyn Winter, married Charles Hall of Evans, both deceased. Everet Leonadis Winter, deceased. Robert "Tank" Winter, married Lois Jean Siders of Kenna, only Lois is still living. Dottie Lou Winter, deceased. James F. Winter, living and a truck driver.



front: Bradford, Marie, Evelyn, Ocie;
back: Robert and James

Bradford built a little home on his dad's farm on Joe's Run, that is the Leonadis D. "Berry" Winter farm, and lived there until his mother, Sarah Simmons Winter, died. He then bought a farm at Frozen Camp, now known as the Mill Creek Watershed. His dad, Berry Winter, was so lonesome after his wife died, he urged Bradford to let him move to Frozen Camp in exchange for the homeplace. So they exchanged farms. Bradford's sister, Iva Miller, lost her husband two weeks after her mother died, so she and her four children moved to Frozen Camp with her dad to take care of him. Bradford would stay at the Frozen Camp farm through the week mostly in summer to raise big fields of corn and put up hay, while his wife and two girls stayed on Joe's Run. They raised cattle, sheep, and chickens and sold eggs and butter to buy groceries and clothes. Bradford sheared sheep for extra money, also did veterinary work after he quit teaching. We also raised geese, one year we had 32 head and picked them for the feathers. My sister and I would come home from school and go to Ross Hinzman's orchard to get the geese and they would raise and fly to the other hill, so we were glad when they were sold. I did janitor work at Victory for \$4.00 a week and went through the eighth grade twice because I didn't want to lose my friends and it was too far to walk and catch a bus at Herford. My grandfather got a chance to buy the old Jim Conley farm next to Bradford's at Frozen Camp on Big Run, so the Joe's Run farm was sold and we moved there. We would help thin big fields of corn, and put up hay. Saturday the chicken house was to be cleaned, the house to be cleaned, also cows to be milked. We went to high school at Ripley, W. Va. We raised turkeys at Frozen Camp and sold enough to buy a living room set and extra furniture. Mother bought print material and had our dresses made for school. As I look back it was hard work, but I wouldn't trade the experiences of growing up and learning, as today's children miss a lot by not growing up on a farm.

Bradford F. Winter is still living, but his wife, Ocie, died January 15, 1989, at age 84. They had 65 years together. *Submitted by Marie Easter*

JAMES L. AND HENRY H. WINTER

James L. Winter and his father, Matthias Winter, came to Jackson County about 1854. James L. was the oldest of three sons of Matthias and Martha Johnson Winter. Martha was a sister of Joseph Johnson, only Governor of Virginia from west of the Allegheny Mountains.

James L. bought the Wilson Koontz farm on Grasslick and moved his family to Jackson County. They journeyed from Harrison County in two wagons, each with four horses, the oldest daughter, Celia, rode horseback. A neighbor, Mr. Morrison, helped. They came by the way of Parkersburg, and then by way of New California (now Spencer), and then by way of Bumgardner's Mill (later Chase's) and then to Grasslick. Matthias didn't return with them.

James L. and Sarah Bennet Winter raised 14 children. Thirteen had been born in Harrison County. They were: 1. William Winter, never married; 2. Celia B. Winter, married Jacob Casto; 3. Sarah Winter, married Charles F. Winter; 4. Evaline Winter, married Elisha Walton; 5. John B. Winter, married Harriet Price; 6. Matthias Winter, married Isabella Tinch; 7. Martha Winter, married William M. Adams; 8. Mary Winter, married Jeremiah Harrison; 9. Elizabeth Winter, never married; 10. Rigoletta Winter, married Smith Greene; 11. Benjamin F. Winter, married Nancy Elizabeth Hyre; 12. David W. Winter, married Mary Waybright; 13. Emily Winter, married John W. Chancey; 14. Henry H. Winter (only child born in Jackson County), married Lenora Casto, daughter of James H. Casto.



Henry and Lenora Winter with granddaughter, Anita

Henry and Lenora had four children. Hereford A. Winter, married Myrtle Stewart; Claudia Winter, married Armstrong Chancey; Lillian Winter, married Carter W. Staats; Arthur L. Winter, married Tennie Reynolds.

Descendants of James and Sarah Winter can be found in Jackson County yet and in many occupations unheard of when they came to Jackson County.

About 1950 one grandson wrote this: "As I pass down the old Grasslick road, in my mind's eye I can see the old log house built by James L. Winter and now torn down. My mind goes back to the early days when the family first moved here, and I see the beautiful forests of poplars and great oaks. They have long been gone. The once plentiful wild animals such as the bear and wild turkey return no more. The bright many-colored leaves have been lost in the winds of long ago." *Submitted by Lena Winter Rawlings*

REV. VAIRL CLAUDUS WINTER

Rev. Vairl Claudus Winter was the oldest of 11 sons born to Herford Allen and Minnie Myrtle Stewart Winter. He was born November 24, 1901 in Jackson County at Grass Lick, Fairplain, WV.

On August 22, 1926, he married his high school sweetheart, Vera Jane Walters, daughter of Amos and Emma Jane Walters. They had two children, Allen Nathaniel (Jack), born August 27 1927 and Joyce Evelyn, born August 2, 1934. His wife, Vera, died on June 7, 1962 and he married Edna Pickett on September 6, 1965.

His son, Jack, married Ida Catherine Matheny, daughter of Mirrel Clement and Leola Waybright Matheny on April 25, 1953. To this union were born Debra Joyce, Stephen Paul, James Michael and John Scott. Debra married Timothy Allen Holley, son of the late Millard Nile Holley and Mrs. Rosemary Jane Wheeler. Their children are Steven Allen, Richard Nile and Beth Ann. James married Cheri Bernice Lane, daughter of Arthur and Wanda Lane. They have one son, Curtis Michael.

His daughter, Joyce, married G. Clark Mills, Jr., son of G. Clark and Oma Hendricks Mills on June 16, 1957. They have three children, Lea Ann, Jane Elizabeth and G. Clark Mills III.

Vairl was licensed to preach in 1926 and ordained in 1932. For the next 50 years he served with love and compassion in Baptist churches in Wirt, Roane and Jackson counties. He served small, rural churches while teaching school and later working at DuPont in Belle, WV. In 1945, he entered the ministry full time and accepted a call to the Wirt County Baptist Parish which consisted of seven churches.



Rev. Vairl C. Winter

He had a keen interest in soil and water conservation. Since most of the people he served were farmers, he had the idea of developing the Lord's Acre which often consisted of an acre of potatoes. He utilized the services of the County Agent, Soil and Water Agencies, and this led to excellent crops which provided funds to remodel churches, have summer camps and various projects in the churches.

He served this Parish for 15 years. During this time he taught an elective Bible class at Wirt County High School and later at Ripley High School. One of his great loves was working with young people. Therefore, he was much involved with Boy Scouts, Hi-Y and camping.

Many honors and awards were given to him down through the years of his ministry. In 1950, he was named the Rural Minister of the year by Progressive Farmers Magazine. This same year he was selected to receive the Rosa O. Hall Award for Outstanding Services to Churches in Town and Country Work by the American Baptist Convention.

In 1963, he had the distinction of giving the invocation for the House of Representatives on WV Day in the nation's capital. He was a 50-year Mason, a 50-year plus I.O.O.F. and a life-time

member of the Agriculture Hall of Fame. Alderson-Broadus College honored him twice for outstanding Christian Leader in WV.

A project dear to his heart was helping to develop the WV Baptist Conference Center at Parchment Valley, Ripley, WV.

He officially retired December 31, 1970 but continued to fill pulpits in Jackson County until he suffered a stroke on May 2, 1976.

He and his wife, Edna, died a few hours apart on December 26, 1984. Joint funeral services were conducted at the Grass Lick Baptist Church, Kenna, WV where he had served as pastor for 23 years. He was buried in Fairplain Cemetery and Edna was buried in Arlington Cemetery, Parkersburg, WV. *Submitted by Allen N (Jack) Winter and Mrs. Clark (Joyce) Mills*

WINTER — RAWLINGS

Matthias "Tice" Winter married Agnes Isabel "Bell" Tinch. Their children were: Francis Marion, our grandfather, Otmer, Edna, Josephine, Fred, Ellie, and Jonah.

Mollie Rawlings was the daughter of a preacher, James L., who married Elizabeth Shamblin.

Ellie Winter married Mollie's brother, Luke Rawlings.

Children of Marion and Mollie: Dale F. married Bernice Harpold; Oley first married Hester Hayes, who died in childbirth about 1928. He later married Ethel Harpold Kerns, first cousin to Bernice.

Dorothy married Perry Staats. Wayne married Tressie Staats. Hurbert married Hazel Staats; he took poison and killed himself about 1934.

Mollie died 1914. Marion died 1944, having married and divorced Annie Edwards. They had Mildred and Maxine. He then married Virgie Hill Osler. They had a son, Jr., in their old age. *Submitted by Bernice Winter*

WINEBRENNER — COOPER

I, Marshall Winebrenner, was born in Guthrie County, Iowa in 1908, son of Robert Huston and Minnie (Cooper) Winebrenner. My paternal grandfather, Michael Winebrenner, was possibly born in Greenbrier or Monroe County, WV. His father, Peter, and possibly his grandfather, Phillip, operated a blacksmith shop around Pickaway of Monroe County. Peter later moved to Arbuckle in Mason County, WV. My mother, Minnie Cooper, was born in Noble County, Ohio, the daughter of Nick and Rachel (Shipley) Cooper.

Michael and Mary Frances (Foster) Winebrenner moved to Jackson County in 1867 from Greenbrier County. Michael had fought in the Civil War. Michael and his wife, Mary, are buried in the Maddox Cemetery, located between Lockhart and Odaville. A rough hewn quarry stone marks Michael's grave. In this graveyard, we also believe that their son, Calvin, son, James (and his two daughters), and daughter, Lizzie, are also buried with no tombstones. Their children:

1. Fanny married William McMann.

2. William Franklin served in the Civil War and moved to Clarksburg, Missouri.

3. James married Ann Maddox. They had two daughters, Bertha and Cora (1874-1894). James died at a young age. Cora married Joseph Ed Angus. They lived on Drift Run and had one son, Willie Angus (1893-1965). Joseph Ed Angus remarried and had several other children. Willie Angus married Mabel Griffith. Their children:

a. Elmer Angus (1919) married Geraldine Jordan and lives at Milton, WV

b. Dorothy Angus (1922) married Robert Carmichael. He was killed in 1947 in a plane crash. Dorothy married Delmer Riggs in 1955. They live at Sandyville, WV.

c. Marjorie Angus (1924-1934).

d. Edward Angus (1926) married Dorothea

Tolley. They live at Ripley, WV.

e. Barbara Angus (1930) married Forrest Wallace Jr. and lives at Milton, WV.

f. Helen Angus (1933) married David Winter. David died in 1966. Helen married second Charles Dillon and lives at Ripley, WV.

g. Seldon Angus (1935) married Elaine Riggs and lives at Sandyville, WV.

4. Margaret Winebrenner married Isaac Unrue. They are buried in the Maddox Cemetery (no tombstones).

5. Lewis Winebrenner married Mary Cooper. Their children, Alma, Rose, William and Effie, were born in Jackson County. They, along with Nick Cooper moved to Guthrie County, Iowa in a covered wagon. After moving to Iowa, three more children were born: Susie, Samuel and Olin.

6. Eliza Winebrenner married William Thomas and she is buried in the Maddox Cemetery.

7. Lizzie Winebrenner died young.

8. Calvin Winebrenner was accidentally shot when young.

9. Mary Jane Winebrenner married William Carver in 1881 at Jackson County. Their residence was Lockhart.

10. Robert Winebrenner came to Jackson County when he was two years old. His father died when he was nine years old. He lived part of his young life with Valentine Cooper on Parsons Run in Grant District and later worked on the river at Charleston. In his early twenties his mother died and he left Jackson County and went to Missouri for a while and then to Iowa where he later married Minnie Cooper, a niece of Valentine Cooper. They had nine children.

12. Thomas Winebrenner married Edwina Coleman. After she died, he married Jennie Williams. Submitted by Marshall Winebrenner

WOLFE — MOORE

"Uncle Ed" was Edward Wolfe. He lived on Parchment Creek on the 350-acre farm that once belonged to his father, Nehemiah S. Wolfe. Uncle Ed was my mother's brother, so it was my good fortune to accompany Mother each summer from Georgia, where we lived, to Given where Uncle Ed lived. There Mother would cook and can enough for Uncle Ed, a bachelor, to survive the winter ahead. A couple of times, Mother persuaded Uncle Ed to visit us in Georgia, but all he would do was to sit in the living room and say over-and-over, "Wup! Wup!" He needed to be back on his beloved Parchment.

If you've ever visited or lived on Parchment, you'll know what I'm talking about and what Uncle Ed felt. There's a little plot of Heaven there. I live in Greenville, South Carolina, but my heart is on Parchment. May I share some of my childhood memories with you?

I was born January 19, 1931 to Mary Augusta (Wolfe) Moore and Alva Earl Moore, both of Jackson County. Mother was the youngest child of Nehemiah S. Wolfe and Victoria Smith Wolfe. My father was the oldest child of Joseph Anthony Moore and Alice Hopkins Moore. Grandpa Moore, known as "Joe," owned a saw mill that made railroad ties. As business dwindled, he realized that he would have to go elsewhere for work; so he moved his family to Columbus, Ohio and became a master plumber.

Mother's family stayed in Parchment, and it is with them that this sketch is concerned.

In 1933, Mother and I began our yearly trips to Given, arriving by train in Charleston and traveling on to Given by car. What a treat this was for me! We bumped along over rutted, dirt roads, forded creeks that had no bridges, avoided occasional snakes lying across the road, and dodged our neighbors who traveled on horseback. There was one family who owned an ox-cart pulled by oxen. That was especially fun to avoid.

I would roll down the car windows — the easier

to smell that country-fresh air and wave at all beside the road. The Wolfe house never changed — two stories high, white, sometimes with a board propping the second-floor porch. A few cows grazed near the creek, and pigs, chickens, and horses stood near the barn. The cellar, outhouse, and well always beckoned. The garden was always planted in the same place.

At one time, my great-grandfather, Abraham Wolfe, owned 950 acres of good Parchment land, but by the time Grandpa Wolfe and then Uncle Ed owned the farm, it was down to 350 acres. I would watch as the men brought the livestock to the barn for feeding. Mother sent me to the hen house for eggs and the garden for vegetables. The Civilian Conservation Corps men ate on the road in front of the house. In exchange for their pork-and-beans we furnished them with fresh food. They were cutting timber on Parchment.

In the afternoons, I hopped in the back of Howard Hopkin's truck and rode with his kids to Given's one store and post office. Howard was Dad's cousin. While he picked up the mail and talked to Tilden and Clayton Parsons, we children stocked up on cookies and candy sticks — true culinary delights!

Every night, after supper, Mother, Uncle Ed, and I would sit at the kitchen table and read by lantern-light. The Wolfes were known for their home library and interest in reading. Uncle Clinton was a lawyer. Uncle Fred and Mother were teachers. Local residents remember Uncle Fred. He was the teacher at the Given school and later editor of *The Mountaineer*. Mother graduated from Ripley Normal School and taught in Logan County. The Wolfes' favorite books were the classics, but I liked to peruse such goodies as the McGuffey readers and *Practical Lessons*.

In the 1950s, after Uncle Ed and Mother passed away, the homeplace was sold. The present owners are nice, gracious people. Last year my family and I were invited in for a cool drink and good conversation.

[I have been asked for the age of the Wolfe house. I can only guess that it is well over 100 years old, because Mother was born there in 1886.]

My Mother's family (from her Bible):

Abraham Wolfe, b. March 23, 1811, m. Emily Boswell.

His son, Nehemiah S. Wolfe, b. Feb. 24, 1838, m. Victoria Smith, who was b. June 20, 1842. (a direct descendant of Gen. Andrew Lewis).

Their children:

Cora Lee (Wolfe) Crites, b. Nov. 28, 1967, d. Mar. 11, 1897.

Austin Monroe "Keed" Wolfe, b. Jan. 12, 1870. Edward L. Wolfe, b. Aug. 14, 1872.

Clinton A. Wolfe, b. Jan. 12, 1875, d. Feb. 12, 1901 of pneumonia.

Lewis Victor Wolfe, b. July 21, 1877.

Frederick Dana Wolfe, b. Dec. 14, 1879.

Helen Louise (Wolfe) Parsons, b. Sept. 2, 1882.

Mary Augusta (Wolfe) Moore, b. Jan. 17, 1886, d. Sept. 29, 1950. Submitted by Mrs. Virginia Moore Stannard

JACOB WOLFE

Jacob Wolfe was born in 1755 in Cornwall of Dutch descent according to the 1898 letter which was written by a son or daughter of Abraham Wolfe that is in the files of Robert Moore of Athens, Georgia. He was married to Anna Straley whose parentage is unknown. Jacob died in Lewis County in 1823 and Anna died 1822-1826; both are buried in the Wolfe Cemetery on Hacker's Creek. The cemetery is located on the high point of the John Hersman farm about three miles up Hacker's Creek; with tall cedars around it, the cemetery contains about 60 graves. Also buried in the cemetery are these Wolfes: Jane S. Starcher (d. Feb. 7 1865 — aged 53 years, nine months,



Abraham Wolfe, buried in Wolfe Cemetery on Parchment

18 days), wife of Jacob Starcher and daughter of Jacob and Anna Wolfe; Thomas Wolfe (d. June 12, 1853 — 68 years old), son of Jacob and Anna; Phebe (Taylor) Wolf (d. July 8, 1845, in her 57th year), first wife of Thomas; A.M. Wolf (b. Nov. 2, 1831, d. Oct. 10, 1903).

My fourth great-grandfather was born April 12, 1788, a son of Jacob and Anna (Straley) Wolf. His name was James Robert Wolfe and he was born and raised near the fort on Hacker's Creek not far from the present village of Jane Lew.

Here is a curious incident related in *Wither's Chronicles of Border Warfare*, pg. 67: "Jacob Wolfe, in digging a well on Hacker's Creek, found a piece of timber which had evidently been cut off at one end, twelve or thirteen feet in the ground, marks of the ax or hatchet were plainly visible on it."

The first Wolfe homestead was at the base of Wolfe Mountain east of Buckhannon. Children of Jacob Woolf (Wolfe) and Anna Straley:

1. Mary (Mollie) was born 10 July 1782, married George Bush Jr. 17 June 1799 in a marriage recorded in Harrison County as performed by Jacob Cozad, and died 9 Jan. 1831.

2. Jacob Jr. was born 1778. His first marriage was to Mary McCally; George Towers was the celebrant and it is recorded in Harrison County, W. Va. Jacob Cozad performed Jacob's second marriage to Mary Waggoner, daughter of John Waggoner, on 15 April 1800. This marriage also is recorded in Harrison County.

3. James Robert Wolfe was born 12 April 1788 and died 18 April 1872. He married Frances Beath in 1807. He was married a second time to Christina Straley, a daughter of George Straley by his first wife, Elizabeth Bonnett; they were married 20 August 1841 by Rev. Henry R. Bonnett in Lewis County.

4. Abraham, born 1794, also was married twice. He and Rachel McGlochan were married 21 Feb. 1814. 19 April 1858 he married Ruth (Chapman) Straley, daughter of Valentine and Ruth (Stevens) Chapman and formerly married to George Straley Jr.

5. Jonathan H. was born 1789 and his death date is unknown. He married Bridget Runyan 13 Oct. 1812 with George Towers officiating in a marriage recorded in Harrison County. In 1813 this Wolfe branch became the first settler of Spencer, Roane County, W. Va.; they took up their abode under a shelving rock where Spencer now stands.

6. David, no information.

7. Thomas (1786-12 June 1853) married Phebe Taylor on 23 Feb. 1806. Phebe was a daughter of John Taylor. The marriage is recorded in Harrison County, W. Va.

8. Jane (Elizabeth) married Jacob Starcher.

9. Andrew Franklin, born in 1809, married Lydia Smith.

10. Nancy, born 1808 (?), married a Miller.

11. John, on whom we have no dates, married Barbara Wolfe.

1898 Wolfe Letter

Transcript of a letter written by a son or daughter (letter unsigned) of Abraham Wolfe. This

letter is in the files of Robert Moore of Athens, Ga., and was given to Charles Harper by Helen Harp, sister of Robert Moore.

March 15, 1898

My grandfather Wolfe's (Abraham Sr. and wife Emily Boswell) Grandfather Wolfe (Jacob Wolfe) was born in Cornwall of Dutch descent, and married a woman of Irish descent, and his grandfather and grandmother, on his mother's side, were both of Irish descent and from Ireland.

His grandfather Wolfe's name was Jacob. His Grandfather Wolfe raised a family of 11 children, eight boys and three girls. Boys' names were David, John, Jacob, Andrew, Jonathan, Abraham, Thomas, and the girls' names were Mollie, Elizabeth and Nancy. Elizabeth married a Riggen. Mollie, the oldest, married a Bush, and Nancy, the youngest, married a Miller. Jacob married but raised no children. The woman whom he married was (Wagoner) captured by the Indians when a girl.

Jonathan married a woman by the name of Runion and raised two children, David married a Cutright, Thomas married a Dutch woman. Jacob's woman's name was Wagner. All raised large families with the exceptions of the two I have mentioned. His Grandfather Wolfe came to Lewis County, in what is now W. Va., and was among the first settlers of that county. Abraham was the youngest, Jacob the older and Jonathan next to Abraham. James was also one of his grandfather's children.



Abraham Wolfe, son of James Robert Wolfe

His father's name was James and he married a Beathe. Her name was Fanny. He was married in Lewis Co. His wife was of Irish descent. They raised 11 children, Rebecca, George, Peggy, Abraham, Nancy, Catherine, Thomas, Joseph, Mary, Jacob, and James. All born in Lewis County with the exception of the three younger which were born in Jackson Co.

James, his wife and eight children, came to this county* in 1821 in October, a very dry fall. His uncles Jacob and Thomas came through with him and then went back. His father settled on the waters of Mill Creek near Mt. Olive Church and purchased land in a year after his settlement. He traded farms afterward and moved to Elk Fork of Big Mill Creek. When he came here this country was almost a wilderness, with deer, bear, wild cats and wolves were plentiful. As his father did in the fall he would spend about a month in hunting, by which he procured his meat and got plenty to sell which he would carry to Charleston on a horse and wagon only a path to travel by.

When his father and his family came here, they came through by horse back and carried all they brought with them and also carried their provisions with them to last them through the winter.

My Grandfather (Abraham Sr.) had to go to Point Pleasant and to (Letart?)*, one time, to each place to muster each year. The first courts held in this county were held close to where John Greer now lives. My grandfather used to have to

attend court at Point Pleasant.

What few citizens that lived here at the time Grandfather came here put in their principal time in hunting and sports of different kinds — horse racing and dancing and drinking on Sunday. His mother died about 1843 and is buried close to Mt. Olive Church on the waters of Mill Creek and his father married a Straley by the name of Tena and raised one child by his last wife by the name of Lewis Wolfe. His father died between 1850-1860 and is buried on Elk Fork waters of Big Mill Creek. Grandfather Wolfe was married to Emily Boswell in 1833, Nov. 26 on Parchment below the forks of the creek, a small distance. Lived on Mill Creek a year and then came back to his father-in-law's and, he bought land about a mile and a half above the forks of the creek and moved there in the fall of .

Their children's names were Willy, Nehemiah, Virginia, Mason, Margaret, Mary Jane, Birdie, Abraham, John and America. The oldest one died about four weeks after he was born in 1837. Grandmother died in April 1868. Grandfather was married again to Jemema Kessel.

Boswells were of English descent. Grandmother Wolfe's parents' names were Gilbert and Elizabeth Boswell from Virginia. They raised 11 children of which five are living at this time.

My Grandfather Wolfe's grandfather Wolfe lived on Hacker's Creek in Lewis County and has to go frequently five miles to a fort to escape the scalping knife of the Indians.

Uncle George Wolfe married a woman by the name of Crites. Uncle Jacob married Sallie Boswell. Aunt Peggy married Isaac Crites, Aunt Nancy married Elija Baker, Aunt Katie married a Wallander, Aunt Mary married an Armstrong and a brother to Jacob Armstrong. Uncle Jacob married first time a Seares and the second time a Straley. Uncle Thurman married a Garner. Uncle Joseph married Elizabeth Alkire. Uncle Lewis Wolfe, Grandfather's half brother, married Janie Welsh. All the children are dead at this time except three boys and one girl, and Lewis Wolfe, a half brother.

*Jackson County

**Meigs County, Ohio Submitted by Russell Bush and Helen E. Harp

JAMES ROBERT WOLFE

James R. Wolfe, son of Jacob and Anna Wolfe, was born and raised on Hacker's Creek, near Jane Lew, Lewis County. He married first Frances Beath, a sister of Mary Beath, Jacob Hyre's wife. After her death, he married Christena Straley. He was born Mar. 20, 1788, and died Feb. 12, 1858.

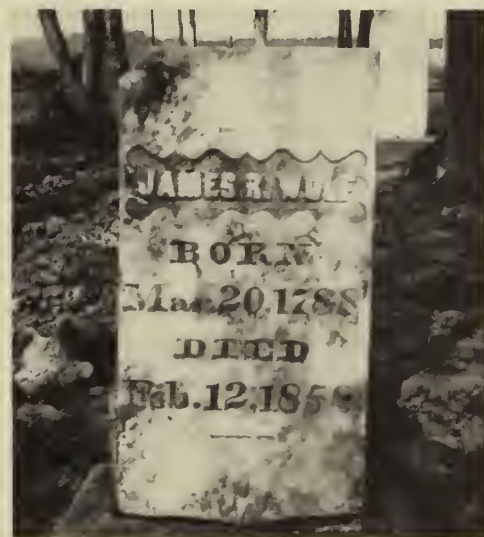
He and his wife moved to Mill Creek in August, 1821, with a family of eight children. With them at the time, came Francis King and wife (not the Francis King who married Mary Richards) and Jacob Wolfe, 13 persons in all, bringing their goods on five horses. They were four days on the trail and were never inside a house during that time. They first settled on the Wash Rader farm, near the mouth of Station Camp, now the home of Charles Shinn. The object of the move was to find a better



James Robert Wolfe, pioneer settler

hunting ground. Later, he traded this farm for one on Gay Road, where he lived until he died. Jonathan Wolfe, who came to present Spencer with Samuel Tanner in 1813, is said to have been a brother. Jonathan married Bridget, a daughter of Henry Runyon.

James R. Wolfe's children were: (1) George (1809-1895), married first Elizabeth, daughter of John and Colora Crites, Feb. 21, 1830; and second, Barbara, daughter of Abraham and Rebecca Crites Casto, Aug. 11, 1874. (2) Abraham, (see below). (3) Jacob, married Sarah Boswell, Apr. 2, 1845. (4) Rebecca, married Charles, Jr., son of Charles and Nancy (Flesher-Sleeth) Parsons, Sr., Nov. 23, 1826. (5) Margaret, married Isaac, son of John and Colora Pfost Crites, Oct. 20, 1831. (6) Nancy, married Elijah, son of John Baker, Aug. 18, 1835, and lived at Leroy. (7) Joseph Beath (1819-1895) married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Bonnett Akire in Lewis Co., in 1842, and a year later moved to Roane County. She died March 21, 1911. (8) Jackson M., married Melissa Jane Farmer, Jan. 10, 1853. (9) Thomas, married Eleanor, daughter of Joseph and Susan Games, May 13, 1841. They moved west. (10) James G., (1826-1889) married Elizabeth Straley, April 27, 1852, and lived on Station Camp. She died Dec. 22, 1911, aged 84. (11) Mary married Lexon C., son of John J.P. and Margaret (Jones) Armstrong, Oct. 9, 1849. (12) Lewis F., son of James R. and Christena Straley Wolfe, married Susan D. Wick, June 19, 1862.



James Robert Wolfe, buried in Waybright Cemetery

Abraham Wolfe, Sr. (1811-1904), son of James R. and Frances B. Wolfe, settled on Wolfe Creek, a tributary of Parchment Creek, about 1835. He married first Emily Boswell, Nov. 26, 1835; second Jemima Kessel, Oct. 30, 1870. Emily was born 1811 and died 1868. Jemima was born 1832 and died 1871. Some children of Abraham and Emily were:

(1) Nehemiah S. (1838-1925), married Victoria C. (1842-1913), daughter of Joab and Sarah Lewis Smith, Jan. 1, 1867.

(2) Virginia, married Granville P., son of William and Eliza Morrison, Jan. 6, 1862. They were the parents of the late O.J. Morrison.

(3) Creed Mason, married first Rebecca J. Atkinson, Feb. 8, 1864; second, Malinda L. Bowles (1846-1930), Dec. 9 1867.

(4) Margaret (1845-1923), married Levi, son of Andrew Moore, Nov. 17, 1864.

(5) Mary Jane, (1848-1916), married Isom G. (1844-1944), son of Samuel and Parthenia Rhodes, July 24, 1874.

(6) Gilbert "Bird," married Laura Wright (1859-1904), April 16, 1874. Submitted by Betty Shank and James D. Wolfe

DALE G. WOOD

My name is Dale Grover Wood and I was born on February 4, 1921, at Pittsburgh, PA. I am the child of Harry Joseph Wood and Stella Philzona (Archilles) Wood. They were married on February 19, 1919, at Pittsburgh, PA. My father was born September 13, 1895, at New Brighton, PA, and was the son of William Basil and Lydia Alice (Goodlin) Wood. My father died February 22, 1958, and is buried at the Ravenswood Cemetery. My mother died February 22, 1955, and is buried at Evergreen North Cemetery at Parkersburg.

My grandfather, William Basil Wood, a carpenter by trade, was born August 26, 1860, at Little Pond Creek, WV, the son of William Curtis and Margaret (Roliff) Wood. He married Lydia Alice Goodlin on August 17, 1887. She was born May 24, 1870 at Hemlock, Jackson County, WV. There were children: John R. (1888-1888), Fred Theodore (1890-1939), Jesse Mabel (1893-1900), Harry Joseph, Sadie Irene (1901-1916), and Benjamin Theodore (1904-1979). William Basil died August 8, 1937 and Lydia Alice died July 31, 1952. Both are buried at the Ravenswood Cemetery.

My great-grandfather, William Curtis Wood, was born in 1835 at Little Pond Creek, WV. His wife, Margaret, was born in 1844, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Lucretia (Bogard) Roliff. Their children were: William Basil, Sarah (1873-), Frances (1858-1902). William Curtis died July 7, 1902 at New Brighton, Beaver County, PA. Margaret Wood died December 25, 1918 at Pittsburgh, PA.

I married Violet Alberta Vannoy on May 1, 1944 at her home (632 Madison Ave.) in Parkersburg, WV. We are the proud parents of Lovella Sue (May 10, 1943), Virginia Rose (May 24, 1947), William Dale (December 21, 1957), Gary Allen (February 22, 1964), and Jerry Lee (June 17, 1965), all born in Parkersburg, WV.

Lovella Sue married (1) Clyde Lashley Isner, (2) Paul Ora Ickes. Her children are Rhonda Rhae (April 14, 1962), Timothy Ryan Ickes (March 26, 1968), and Diana Lynne Ickes (May 11, 1971). William Dale (Ensign in U.S. Navy) married Donna Marie Rutherford. His children are Christopher Michael (February 26, 1982) and Jessica Marie (June 30, 1985). Gary Allen (mechanic, U.S. Air Force) married Theresa Jan Roberts and Jerry Lee (4th U.S. Army band) married Leslie Francine Cullen.

Rhonda Rhae Isner married (1) Michael Rivas Santiago, (2) David Paul Poling. Her children are Benjamin Michael Poling (August 23, 1983) and Jordan Michelle Poling (December 3, 1984).



Lydia Alice (Goodlin) Wood and Virginia Rose Wood

Virginia Rose was born on the birthday of Lydia Alice and each year a visit to Ravenswood was made to celebrate the occasion. On these visits the

women and girls wore dresses or faced the chastisement of Grandma Wood. In her 82 years, she never wore a street-length dress. Her homemade dresses had high collars, long sleeves and measured two inches from the floor. Her aprons measured exactly one inch above her dress hem. Submitted by Dale G. Wood

HOWARD DAVID WOOD

Howard David Wood, residing in Akron, Ohio is the third son of Benjamin Newton Wood, born 11 February 1894, in Jackson County, West Virginia. Ben married Minnie B. Shutt of Summit County in May of 1913. From this marriage were born Irvin E., in 1915, Frederick Otto in 1918, Howard David in 1921, and Elizabeth May, born 1923.

Ben moved to Summit County, Ohio with his parents David and Mary (Waggoner) Wood, in 1911. His two brothers and five sisters were Everett, Laurence G., Charlotte Wilkinson, Josephine Merical, Ora M. Merical, Ellen Waggoner and Ruth G. Edmunds. As of this writing, Charlotte and Ellen are still with us.

David I. Wood, born August 16, 1866, he had two half brothers, A. Jackson Wood and James Wood, one full brother, Isaac C. Wood one half sister, Lucinda (Wood) Davis. David was married first to Cary C. Hughes in 1887 in Jackson County, West Virginia. His second wife was Mary L. Waggoner whom he married on April 19, 1893 in Jackson County. She was born on September 28, 1872 to John and Letitia (Vannoy) Waggoner of Jackson County. They were married on the first of December in 1871.

Letitia's parents were John and Susanna (Shepherd) Vannoy. John Vannoy lost a leg at Winchester, Virginia while serving in the Confederate Army.

David Wood's father was Samuel W. Wood, born August 25, 1831. His first marriage was to Harriet Brickless in 1885 in Meigs County, Ohio. He married next Mary Taylor on January 19, 1859. She was the daughter of Reuben and Mary Taylor. The third marriage was on November 5, 1863 to Charlotte (Jackson) (Barnhart) Wood. She was born in Jackson County on April 25, 1824 to Daniel and Elizabeth Jackson. Samuel W. Wood and his younger brother, James F. Wood, served in the Union Army in the War Between the States. They were two of the nine children born to James and Mary (Custer) Wood. The family consisted of Elizabeth, born in 1828, Louise born in 1830, Lemuel born in 1833, Samuel born in 1831, William H. born in 1835, Eliza born in 1837, George W. born in 1839, Adeline V. born in 1843 and James F. born in 1845. James F. married Sarah Anne Staats on February 6, 1867.

James and Anne (Custer) Wood were married on December 24, 1826 in Wood County, Virginia. James was a native of Maryland and Anne was a native of Virginia. Submitted by Howard D. Wood

CLARK WOOFER

The Clark Woofter family did not come on the Jackson County scene until April 1908 when he sold his farm in Gilmer County at the head of Woofter's Run of Horn Creek (near Auburn) and headed westward to Turkey Run (near Ravenswood), in order to give the children a better education. He had heard that Ravenswood had a good high school. Clark and his family, through honesty, industry and perseverance, had carved a niche for themselves in the development of the community. In addition to farming, Clark taught school in Gilmer and surrounding counties. Every year he rode a horse to Harrisville to take the teacher's exam, his basic training having been at Fairmont Normal School. His teaching career began at age 16 and covered a period of more than 50 years. During the years of 1916-18, he was

District Supervisor of Quinnimont District, Fayette County. Transportation was by foot from one school to another. By choosing the teaching profession, Clark followed in the footsteps of his father, Andrew (1823-1902), who was a pioneer teacher, farmer and county assessor in Ritchie County. Clark's mother was Mary Jane Simpson Woofter (1824-1902).

Sept. 2, 1883, at Tollgate, WV, Clark (1857-1938) married Viola Hickman (1863-1933), daughter of Barton Hudkins Hickman and Nancy (Taylor) Hickman. To this union ten children were born: Dana, Dallas, Mary, Lena, Corwin, Spurgeon, Andrew, Elsie, Lowell and Cleon.

The move from Gilmer County to Ravenswood was an exciting venture for the family. The farm and household goods were sold. Two work horses didn't sell, so Clark rode one and led the other all the way to Ravenswood, a five-day journey. Other members of the family rode a road wagon to Pennsboro to catch the train. Two of the boys didn't want to ride the wagon, so they walked the entire 20 miles. The family stayed at the Ravenswood House until they could get the house ready on Turkey Run. Clark purchased 72 acres and he later bought the Peterman farm and the Latchoff place which brought his holdings to 200 acres.

Clark and Viola, by their patience and kindness, constantly encouraged their children to do their best. Seven of them became teachers: Dana, Dallas, Mary, Lena, Corwin, Andrew and Cleon. This inspiration filtered down to the present generation. Seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren are teachers. Eleanor, daughter of Dana, taught 26 years, 17 of which were in Jackson County.

Dana and Spurgeon were the only two who remained at Ravenswood their entire lives. Dana taught 37 years, nearly all in Jackson County. He served on the local school board for a number of years. Spurgeon was a farmer. Corwin taught in Fayette County but spent most of his life as a railway mail clerk. Dallas taught in the Charleston area until his death at age 56. Andrew was valedictorian of his class at Ravenswood High School and went on to earn master and doctorate degrees, while making a distinguished record working at the university level in education. Cleon lived at Ashford 53 years and was a school principal most of that time. He came out of retirement to be principal at Frozen Camp School in Jackson County for two years.

Clark and Viola moved their membership from Auburn Baptist Church to Ravenswood Baptist Church soon after they moved to Turkey Run. Clark taught the men's Bible class for some time, was elected deacon in 1909 and served until 1937 when he was made a Deacon of Merit.

After Viola's death, Spurgeon's daughter, Velma, age 13, left school at Greenwood to keep house for her grandfather. She is the only grandchild of Clark now living in the Ravenswood area.



Clark Woofter family

The accompanying photo includes first row: Viola, Cleon, Elsie, Clark and Lowell. Second row: Spurgeon, Corwin, and Andrew. Third row: Lena, Mary, Dana and Dallas. Submitted by Gladys Pepenhorst Woofter

WILLIAM AND HAZEL V. WRIGHT

William Tuncil Wright was born in Spencer W. Va., the son of Charles and Ella B. Wright, March 17, 1903.

He lived in the Roane County area until 1913 when the family moved to Jackson County near Cottageville. The family consisted of the following children: Carl, who was never married and died from lung complications which he received while serving in World War I in Siberia.

Flora married Charles Nay, their daughter, Wylene, married Marshall Conley. Their children are Dennis and Dana.

Pearl married Elmer Fleming of Billings, Roane County. Their children are Charles and Helen. Charles is married to Betty Dye of Reedy, Helen married George Sullivan of California.

Justine was married to Bradford Sayre and their son is Hayward Martin.

The original Wright family came from Kelvinton, England around 1471. They settled in northern Virginia.

Charles, the great-grandfather of William Tuncil, came to live on a farm near Spencer in 1863. This is where grandfather Thomas B. Wright was born. He married Lucinda Spellman of Jackson County, near Ripley. They were parents of 12 children and lived in the Spencer area until at a very old age came to Ravenswood, W. Va. to live with daughter and family, Clark and Alice Chambers, and remained until death.

William Tuncil's mother's parents were Barbara and Isaac Montgomery who also lived in the area of the Wright family. They came to Roane County from Barbour County, W. Va.

William Tuncil remained in Cottageville as home until his death July 8, 1968. He went to Jackson County Schools and received his teaching certificate, taught several years in Taylor, Logan and Jackson counties. He was in the Army for a while and came back to teach until he became a rural mail carrier at Cottageville until the time of death.

He was married to Hazel Virginia Dyke, November 28, 1931. She was born the daughter of Gertrude and Dana Dyke Nov. 1, 1913 in Mason County, WV. She had one brother, Harry, and sister, Maxine. Harry married Vergelia Scatterday and to that union a son and daughter, David Scatterday Dyke and Frances Dyke.

Maxine was married to Dale G. Pierce of Parkersburg. She died very young.

Hazel's grandparents on mother's side were H. Virginia and Jerome Brinker. H. Virginia's parents were Nancy and Robert Sayre of Letart, WV. Jerome's parents were from the Meigs County, Ohio area.

Her father's parents were Maria Ann Prince Dyke and Alonza Dyke. They were from the Parkersburg area.

At about age seven my parents moved back to Parkersburg. I had my schooling in the Parkersburg schools.

When we were married, I came to Cottageville to live and have been here since. Our children are Coral Virginia who died in infancy, Carl Robert born Feb. 3, 1935, married to Jacqueline Coe Wright, their children are Jay Robert and Ella Barbara. Jay is married to Penni King and their daughter is Brittany Nicole.

Madalyn Ann was born February 24, 1936. She married Buddy Taylor and to this union two daughters were born, Vanessa and Virginia. Vanessa married Mark Rife, two sons were born, Travis and Tyler. Virginia married William Steiver and their children are Jeffery, Jeremy, and Jessica.

After Buddy's death she married Glen Sayre, also deceased, now married to Joseph Farmer.

George Edward, born Feb. 23, 1944, married to Sharon Lou Randolph and their sons are Richard

and Dana.

John Marshall, born Feb. 17, 1945, married Mary Hawkins. They have one daughter, Trudi Gail, who is married to Richard Lanham.

Part of the family remains in the Cottageville area. John and Carl and myself. George and Madalyn and families live in the Columbus, Ohio area. *Submitted by Hazel Wright and John Wright*

FRED AND JUANITA WYERS

Fred G. Wyers, born May 2, 1913, son of David A. and Martha Ann (Baker) Wyers, married L. Juanita Hill, born Mar. 22, 1920, daughter of Martin R. and Etta F. (Robbins) Hill, on Aug. 2, 1941, at the home of Rev. David Doan of Belpre, OH. They are the parents of M. Jean Wyers, born Aug. 9, 1942, and Cheryl L. Wyers, born Aug. 9, 1957.

Jean married Brady L. Baldwin, son of Hart and Mintie (Wolfengburger) Baldwin of Sandyville, WV. They were married Dec. 21, 1962, at the Sandyville U.M. Church, by Rev. Gene Eaton. Brady works at Ravenswood Aluminum Corp. Jean works at the United National Bank of Ripley. They live at Ripley, WV. They are the parents of twins, Douglas K. and Donna K., born Oct. 12, 1963 and Michael L., born Sept. 6, 1965. Douglas works for Data Measurements Corp. at Gathersburg, MD. Donna married Robert Kramer Jr., son of Robert Sr. and Dixie Kramer of Middlebourn, WV. They were married Aug. 11, 1984, at the Ripley Tabernacle Church, by Rev. Orland Reynolds. They live at Ottawa, IL. Robert is an engineer for Libby Owens Ford. They are the parents of Tyler, born Sept. 30, 1987. Michael works for Malemaster Corp. at Marietta, OH. He has a son, Shae Michael, born Feb. 18, 1988.

Cheryl married Oscar T. "Ted" Wallace, son of Oscar and Lois Ann (Vineyard) Wallace of Ripley, WV. They were married Sept. 25, 1976, at the Medina U.M. Church, by Rev. Gale Ruble. They live in San Dimas, CA. Ted works for Kal-Kan Co. They are the parents of Scott, born May 11, 1977, and Michael, born July 11, 1980.

Fred and Juanita lived most of their married life in the Medina area. They were living there when Fred passed away, Jan. 24, 1977. He is buried in the Independence Cemetery at Sandyville, WV. They were both members of the Beech Grove U.M. Church. After Fred's death, Juanita sold the farm and moved to Ripley, WV. She is employed by the Commission on Ageing. Fred served his country during World War II and retired from the Dept. of Highways.

Fred Wyers had nine brothers and sisters. Albert (deceased) married Edith (deceased) and lived at Reedsville, OH. Frances (deceased) married Hobart Farley (deceased) and lived at Rockport, WV. Henry (deceased) married Thelma (deceased) and lived in Florida. Bell (deceased) never married. Edith married L.L. Anthony (deceased) and lives at Parkersburg, WV. Nancy married, first, George Farley (deceased), and, second, Lawrence Blossom. She lives at Little Hocking, OH. Audra (deceased) married Florence Pullins and lived at Reedsville, OH, where Florence continues to reside. Clyde married, first, Ann Rhodes (deceased) and, second, Lorain. He lives at Little Hocking, OH. One child died in infancy.

Juanita Hill had four sisters and a brother. Evea (deceased) never married. Lloyd (deceased) married Margaret Peppers and lived at Parkersburg, WV. Marie (deceased) married Guy Rhodes and lived at Streetsboro, OH. Rena died in infancy. Lois married Carroll Moore and lives at Medina, WV.

Submitted by Juanita Wyers

YOUNG

Matthias Young (Jung), was born in 1711 in Disselshiem, Pilatinate, Germany. He and his brother, Marcus, sailed to America on the ship Loyal Judith. They landed September 25, 1732 and

settled in Lancaster, Pa. Matthias, a shopkeeper and cordwainer, married Margaretta Feyin in 1735 and owned property on Prince St. In 1738 he was naturalized and served as Assistant Burger in Lancaster from 1742-43. Matthias and Margeretta had five children: Conrad, Jacob, Katharine Marey and Mariah Christina. Matthias died in Lancaster on July 19, 1749.

Conrad Young, eldest son of Matthias, was baptized June 20, 1736 in the First Reformed Church of Lancaster. On October 28, 1755, Conrad married Margaretta Franciscus. They were innkeepers and had two children. The first, a son, died in infancy. The second, John Young, was born August 1760. Margaretta was struck and killed by lightning on July 24, 1762.

In 1764, Conrad and his son John, went to Rockingham County, Virginia. Conrad married Elizabeth Hayes in that same year. They had four children: Elizabeth, born 1770; Matthias, born 1772; Charles F., born 1774; and Henry, born 1778. Sometime after Henry was born, Conrad's second wife, Elizabeth, was drowned trying to cross the Shenandoah River on horseback.

Conrad's third marriage was to Elizabeth Woods and they had two children: William, born in 1785; and George E., born in 1788. In 1785, Conrad sold his land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to Peter Rungle. In 1786, Conrad and his son, Charles F., built the first cabin below the Coal River. Conrad was on Peter's Creek in Nicholas County in 1792 with Henry Morris when two of Henry's daughters were scalped by Indians. Records show that Conrad was in Kanawha County in 1798 and was exempted from taxes because of his age. Conrad's oldest son, John, and his father-in-law, Lewis Tackett, had deeds to the first and second lots in Charleston, deeded October 7, 1792.

Conrad's son, William, born May 1785, married Mary Lilly on June 4, 1806. Together they had six children: John H. Young, born September 26, 1808; Charles Conrad (Knob), born February 7, 1807 or 09; Rebecca, born 1810; Fanny; Catherine (Katy); and Rhoda, birthdates unknown. Mary died, date unknown, and William remarried to Sarah Blake on July 12 1849, William died August 15, 1857.

John H. Young, son of William and Mary (Lilly) Young, married Catherine Slack on March 1, 1830. He was born September 6, 1808, and she was born on January 19, 1813 in Kanawha County.

They were early settlers of Jackson County and farmed at the mouth of Elk Fork. They had eight children: Squire, Henry Franklin, William, Hiram, Eli Brigham, James M., John H., Jr. and Lewis.



Henry Franklin Young

During the Civil War, Eli, John H., Jr. and Lewis fought for the Confederacy. On October 1, 1862, they enlisted with Company G of the 17th Virginia Cavalry at Grasslick in Jackson County.

Catherine lived until February 8, 1874 and John

died September 16, 1879. They are buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery east of Ripley.

Henry Franklin Young was the second son of John H. and Catharine Young. He married Sarah Elizabeth Waybright on January 28, 1858. Henry was born September 20, 1832 and Sarah on July 4, 1838. To them were born 11 children: John E.S., 12/6/1858; William H., 5/25/1860; Benjamin H., 12/12/1861; Mary Alice, 10/1/1863; Leona Dove, 1/28/1866; Emily Jane, 3/9/1869; Lewis Edward, 5/17/1871; Michael Lee, 6/2/1873; Lucy M., 8/20/1874; Jermina F., 8/26/1876; and Grover Franklin, 4/18/1880.

Henry's family farmed land on Zion Ridge between Elk and Tug Forks, some of which was purchased from Sarah's father's estate in 1867. Their youngest son, Grover Franklin, married Elpha Vannest in 1903, and their son, Homer F. Young, who upon his death, donated his entire estate to the Jackson County Public Library. The main structure of the log cabin they lived in is still standing and is used for hay storage on the family farm now owned by Denver Young, a great-grandson of Henry. Henry and Sarah are buried in a private cemetery on a point where the cabin still stands. Henry died in 1888 and Sarah in 1925.



House on the Young farm

Lewis Edward Young, son of Henry and Sarah Young, married Edith Vertie Morris on August 27, 1896 by the Rev. Nick Casto. Bell Morris and Cora Parsons were witnesses. Lewis was born May 17, 1871 and Vertie on May 18, 1880. To them were born 11 children: Quella, b. 7/02/1897; Thomas Fola, b. 5/09/1899; Roma Hershel, b. 11/22/1902; Otmer Marshall, b. 12/04/1904; Asa Otis and Ada Opal, twins, b. 8/03/1907; Jessie Lawrence, b. 8/24/1910; Walter Lee, b. 6/22/1914; Edith Francis, b. 12/28/1916; Beulah Bernice and Eula Emrice, twins, b. 10/02/1919. Most of these children attended Rocky Knob and Buffalo Lick schools. With the exception of Thomas Fola, who stayed on the family farm most of them moved to Kanawha Co. and became successful business men and women.

Lewis Edward and Edith Vertie retired from the farm to Ripley where they lived out the rest of their lives. Lewis died May 7, 1940 and Vertie on June 15, 1959. Both are buried in Pine Hill Cemetery in Ripley.

Thomas Fola (Bus) Young was a son of Lewis Edward and Vertie (Morris) Young. He married Phoebe Luree Harmon, a daughter of Joseph and Mattie Harmon on November 9, 1925. Bus was born May 9, 1899 and Luree April 27, 1908. They made their home on the farm and raised five children: Dorothy Elizabeth, b. 7/05/1926; Delmer Edward, b. 3/13/1928; Denver Albert, b. 3/21/1930; Denzil Robert, b. 3/15/1932; and Thomas Joseph, b. 5/17/1934.

Continuing to raise hay, sheep and beef cattle on the farm they bought land from his father's estate on the north side of Ripley where Rt. 21 crosses Sycamore Creek, they moved here in 1939. Around 1942, Bus and Luree started a dairy, milking as many as 16 cows twice a day by hand. They continued farming on Zion Ridge until

September 9, 1968 when he was killed in a tractor accident on the farm. Luree lived until August 21, 1980, and both are buried in Pine Hill cemetery, Ripley. Bus and Luree had sixteen grandchildren who have families, and most still live in and around Jackson County. Submitted by Steven A. Young and Sharon E. (Young) Sharp

JAMES MARION YOUNG

James Marion Young married Mary Jane (Waybright) Hyre, White, May 16, 1862 in Jackson Co. He was born in 1840, Kanawha Co., died Dec. 11, 1882 Harrison Co., WV. Son of John Henry Young (9/20/1808-9/16/1879, Jackson Co.) and Cathrine Slack (1/19/1813-2/8/1874) who were married March 1, 1830 Kanawha Co. James lived and farmed on part of the land granted to his father on Frozen Camp. He enlisted at Wheeling, WV Sept. 1, 1864; captured Nov. 28, 1864 at New Creek, WV, discharged at Wheeling July 11, 1865, as a Lt.

Mary Jane, born Jan. 15, 1838 Lewis Co., died Dec. 14, 1908 Jackson Co., daughter of John Waybright (2/16/1810 Pendleton Co., VA-9/31/1866 Jackson Co.) and Nancy McCray (11/17/1806-1861) who were married Feb. 21, 1828.

Mary was married twice before. Her children by former marriages: Nancy and John Hyre and Jemima White. James and Mary had two sons: Robert married Anna Fields, daughter of Henry and Jane Fields. They had 12 children: Orla; Grover; Edna; Charles; Addie; Fleet; Myrtle; Flossie; Raymond; Carl; Gladys; and John. Everett married Annie Elizabeth Stanley, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Lynch) Stanley. They had ten children: Emmett; Julia; Mary; Ernest; Zona; Georgia; Hugh; Earl; Opal; and Phoebe.

James' father, John Henry, was one of the early pioneers of the area. In 1847 they lived on the head waters of Mill Creek. He was granted 1,400 acres at the forks of Mill Creek and Elk Fork, by the government. There is also a deed for 364 acres listed in Sim's Land Book.

Their children: Squire, Henry, William, Hiram, Eli, James, John Jr., and Lewis.

John Henry, son of William Young (1786-8/15/1858) and Mary Lilly who were married June 14, 1806, Kanawha Co.

William's father, Conrad, was born in Germany 1732; died 1825 Kanawha Co. He came to America in 1762, settling in Maryland, where he married three times. First to Madcline, mother of John (8/1757-6/17/1850 Kanawha Co.), married Keziah Tackett (1769-), daughter of Lewis and Hannah Tackett, in 1794 Kanawha Co., Va. (It's said their son Jacob was the first white child born in the Kanawha Valley).

Conrad's second marriage on March 26, 1781, Frederick Co., Maryland to Margaret Leather, produced three sons: Charles married Sarah Morris, daughter of Henry Morris; Mattheas and William married Mary Lilly.

His third wife was Elizabeth Tomlinson, married June 19, 1790, Frederick Co., Maryland. One son: George.

Conrad was honored by the state of Pennsylvania for Patriotic Services.

He and his sons, John, Charles, William and possibly George, came to West Virginia in 1791. He settled on Peters Run on Gauley River (where he lived in a hollow sycamore tree for a while.) His sons came to the Charleston area.

One can find much about John in WV History, but very little about the others. Submitted by Rebecca A. Beckett

EVERETT C. YOUNG

Everett Crittendan Young and Annie Elizabeth Stanley, began their seventy-two years of married life on Feb. 12, 1890 in Jackson Co.

They spent most of their lives either in Elk Fork or the Flatwoods areas, where he was a farmer most of the time. Sometimes he would walk to Richwood, WV to engage in the timbering work, and at times he would drive cattle to Parkersburg to be sold.

Everett was born Feb. 20, 1866 and died Nov. 17, 1962 in Jackson Co. Son of James Marion Young and Mary Jane Waybright, who were married May 16, 1862 in Jackson Co. They were from Elk Fork also.

Annie was born March 7, 1871 in Jackson Co., died July 7, 1963. She was the daughter of Rev. Andrew Jackson Stanley and Catherine Lynch, married Aug. 8, 1867 in Jackson Co.

They were both very gentle people, always ready to help any one in need of help. Annie was always there to help any of her neighbors even though they were few and far between. Having her license to be a mid-wife led to her bringing her share of Jackson County's new citizens into the world, besides raising ten of her own. Two of which were lost in infancy.

Most of their remaining children attended school and church at Buffalo Lick, on Tug Fork. Social activities centered around these. They also attended the Rader Church at times.

Their children were: Emmett m. Matilda Merical, having four children: Edith, m. Albert Roby, Edna m. Otis Hesson, Clyde m. Barbara, Leola m. first William Suiter, second Curtis McGuire; Julia m. Harry Golden, had five sons: Wilbert m. Margaret Hamrick, Harry m. Noreen, Edgar m. Ann Chipha, Raymond m. Helen Bryant; Arthur m. first Louise Haines, second Joan Bever; Mary m. George Braden, having five children: Ardell m. Mattie Randolph, Ruby m. George Bowman, Edward m. Betty McCauley, George m. Nancy McDonald, Charles m. Lola Skeens; Ernest dec.; Zona m. Holly DeLancey, two children: Bettyann m. B.L. Corbitt, and Ronald m. first Julia Lyons, second Maxine Weaver; Georgia m. Carl Namack, had four sons: Carl m. LaDonna Okel, Donald m. Ann, Lester m. Helen, Eugene m. Lois McCroskey; Hugh m. Millie Stephens, one daughter: Winona m. Jim Hall, Earl dec.; Opal m. Walton Farnsworth, having three children: Glenn m. Beverly King, Paul m. first Artie Jo Blanchard, second Linda (Stehr) Ulhich, Carol m. Kenneth McCracken; Phoebe m. Wilmer Custer, having three children: Greta m. Dana Lockary, Kathleen m. Leonard Dennison, Paul m. Edra Knox.



Everett and Annie (Stanley) Young

Their name "Young" rings true because Everett lived to be 96 and Annie 92. The remaining children range from 76 to 92 years young. All keep busy caring for their homes, gardens, church and civic work, woodcarving, needlework, and traveling.

I think their long lives are due to their love of life and people. Submitted by Bettyann Corbitt

JACOB A. ZEARLEY

On a peaceful Sunday morning, 8 April 1821, twin boys blessed John Zearley and his wife, Anna Hixon Zearley on picturesque George's Creek,

Fayette County, Pennsylvania. There were four older children to enjoy the excitement of that day, David, Senethe, Mary and Louise. The twins were named Isaac Conn and Jacob Abner, to honor their first two visitors, Isaac and Jacob Conn, a cousin and uncle.

My grandmother, Elzena Zearley Cadle told an unforgettable story that must be told again as it gives us insight into the lives of those who lived in rural Appalachia in the early 1800s.

When the boys were very young their mother sent them upcreek to a near neighbor's house to fetch some live coals for the fireplace for the fire had gone out. Like any young boys, they mixed work with play. Returning, they had a fine time wading the creek and upturning rocks looking for crayfish, taking turns, of course, in carrying the live coals in its special container.

Several days later, the neighbor who had provided the coals came to visit Mrs. Zearley. She asked Mrs. Zearley if she had seen anything of her gander, the one she prized so highly, for her brother had brought it to her. Mrs. Zearley hadn't seen the gander but assured her if she did, she would catch it for her; she would keep an eye on the mill race. The boys who had heard this conversation never blinked an eye but took in every word.

But soon the gander was found floating dead on the mill pond. Mother Anna called the twins to her and asked what had happened to the gander. "Well," said Jake. "You see, I was carrying the coals and just as we came around the bend, that old gander stood in the path before us, an' he just spread his wings and catching Jake by the hair, he begun floppin' him," said Ike. "Yes," said their mother, who knew her boys. "An Jake yelled. I took the club I had been fighting Indians with and hit the gander. I had to hit him hard before he would let go. We then dragged him to the creek and held his head under the water until he didn't fight no more. I was so mad at him. Then, I told Jake we'd get a licking for it so we kept quiet. How did you know we'd done anything?" The mother smiled and refused to punish the twins because she thought boys as young as they, had been brave, indeed, under the circumstances. She paid the neighbor for the gander and all was well.

Young Jacob made frequent trips to the nearby fulling mill which was built by his grandfather, Jacob Zearley, Sr. and was said to be the first to be built west of the Allegheny mountains. Jacob finally learned the trade. He attended Woodburn



Jacob A. Zearley

Academy (now West Virginia University) where his older brother, David, had attended for a year or two before wandering away to Iowa. Jacob, eventually left Woodburn Academy too and found work as a fuller in a fulling mill in not far away Pentress, Virginia. While there, he met 16 old Caroline Minor, a daughter of Samuel Minor and Permella Lancaster Minor. They were married in nearby Blacksville 6/6/1845. Jacob continued to work in the fulling mill; served as a 1st. Lt. in the Virginia Militia and was deacon of the Minorville Baptist Church. Their first four children were born in Monongalia County: Emiline Virginia 6/14/1846, married Job Hunt, Elzena Ann 1/27/1848, Rev. William A. Cadle; Minerva Louise 7/3/1850, Scott Smith; Adoniran Judson 1/15/1853, (1) Susan Woodall, (2) Ida Geho.

In 1854 Jacob and Caroline with their four children "pulled stakes" and journeyed by river boat to then far away Iowa. Their destination is not definitely known but it is believed that they likely went to Clayton County where an older brother and a sister had settled. While living in Iowa, their fifth child, Permella Caroline was born 7/22/1855. (She was a school teacher, never married). For unknown reasons, they left Iowa within three years and came to either Mason or Jackson County, Virginia. It is known that they lived in two locations in Mason County and one in Jackson, all in the Long Hollow, Spruce and Rockcastle area.

While living in these various locations, their next six children were born: Frances Jane (1858-1931) (1) James Smith, (2) Frederick Albert Hussell, her deceased sister's husband; Melissa Alice (1860-1906) Frederick Albert Hussell; Sara Elizabeth (1863-1933), Addis Zearley; John

David (1865-1902); Inez Hazeltine (1867-1894); Jacob Minor (1870-1871).

Jacob helped with the organization of Wolf Valley Baptist Church in Mason County and Long Hollow Baptist Church in Jackson County and was a deacon. He died before he was 60 from tuberculosis. He, Caroline and several family members rest in the Stephens Cemetery in Mason County. Submitted by Ray K. Cadle

DORSIE AND HAZEL ZIRKLE

Dorsie F. Zirkle (Zirk) and Hazel C. Zirkle settled in Ripley during the early years of World War II, opening a furniture store on Main Street. Dorsie was the son of A.D. and Anna Mary Goss Zirkle and was born near Phillippi, WV. He came to Parkersburg, WV in the late 20s as a barber. There he met Hazel Catharine Gant, daughter of Samuel Clinton and Kathryn Cline Gant, and they were married in 1932. During the many years in Ripley they were active in the Epworth United Methodist Church and many civic organizations. After his retirement due to a heart attack, Zirk began flower gardening, specializing in iris and daylillies. He hybridized the daylilly line and created many new varieties in the years he devoted most of his time to this avocation. At his death in 1969, Hazel contributed his entire garden to the West Virginia Wesleyan College Campus and the daylilly garden is still a beautiful portion of the lovely campus grounds.

Hazel passed away in 1987 and was living in Parkersburg, WV at the time of her death.

They were parents of Jack David Zirkle who now resides in Neptune Beach, Florida. Jack was the father of Mark and Michael Zirkle, twins, now deceased and Matthew Zirkle who resides also in Neptune Beach, Florida. He also has three step children, Michelle Zirkle, Paul and Tom Johnson.

Their daughter, Linda, resides in Parkersburg, WV. She is the mother of Stephen Smith, Catherine Rhodes, and Susan Mercer, all of whom live in Parkersburg. She has one grandchild (great-grandchild of D.F. and Hazel Zirkle), Katherine Marie Rhodes. Katherine Marie's paternal grandparents, Jack and Arlene Rhodes, are of Ripley, WV also, being the child of their son, Timothy.

Although no longer residents of Jackson County, the Zirkle descendants will always consider Ripley as home. Submitted by Linda Lee Smith



Arch A. and Cora B. Parsons family, 1912

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VAIL FUNERAL HOME



Isaiah Vail, 1825-1895



Joseph B. Vail, 1894-1960



The horse-drawn hearse gave way to the motor driven vehicle in the early 1920s

Vail Funeral Home was established in 1844 by Isaiah Vail, a man of English descent, who at the young age of 19 years came to Ripley, then in the State of Virginia as a skilled cabinet maker, a trade taught him by his uncle Cornelius Vail of Madison, Indiana. When he came to Ripley (then Jackson Court House), there were only 26 states in the Union; John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson, the sixth and seventh Presidents were still alive; John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay and Daniel Webster were the leaders in the National Congress; and, the Civil War was still 17 years in the future. (See history of Vail family)

The first account book of Isaiah Vail is still preserved by the Vail family, a copy of which is in the Jackson County Library. As was customary at that time, a cabinet maker, because of his trade, became a "coffin" maker and hence an undertaker. That early account book shows the first coffin was made in 1844 for a Mrs. Devenish. The names of most of the pioneer families of Jackson County appear therein as purchasers of desks, beds, chairs and other household furniture, made mainly of black walnut. Many pieces of the crafts of Isaiah and his son Joseph R. Vail, can be found in homes in Jackson County to this day.

Upon the death of Isaiah in 1895, the business passed to his son, Joseph R. Vail, who continued the trade until his death in 1922; and thence to the grandson of Isaiah, Joseph Bream Vail. From 1922 until he died in 1960, Joseph Bream Vail pursued not only the business of Vail Funeral Home but the cabinet making business as well, in the modern form of a furniture store. He replaced the horse-drawn hearse with a motor driven vehicle and built a more modern funeral home on Church Street. In 1929 he employed Ralph M. Mills, who served until his retirement in 1982, except for a time during World War II when he served overseas with the United States Army. Upon the death of Joseph Bream Vail in January, 1960, the ownership of both the funeral home and furniture store passed to a son of Marie Vail Goodwin (a sister of Joseph Bream) who caused the incorporation of both businesses, with stock being held by the son and grandchildren of Marie Vail Goodwin, Ralph M. Mills, William H. Morgan and Paul L. Criss. Upon the retirement of Ralph M. Mills, William H. Morgan, a veteran of the Korean War and a licensed mortician and Funeral Director became President of the Corporation who in 1979 employed Paul L. Criss from Wellsburg, West Virginia, a veteran of the Vietnam War, as a licensed staff associate. Both businesses are still being operated after 146 years and the funeral home has become the oldest continuously family operated funeral home in West Virginia.

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The Casto Funeral Home was founded in March of 1953 by James W. and Lila (Baker) Casto, both natives of Jackson County. James and Lila were raised on farms in the Cottageville area and attended Union High School in the early 1940s.

James served in Europe during WWII and returned to Huntington, WV to work in a funeral home. Following his graduation from the Cincinnati College of Embalming he returned home to Jackson County with his wife, and daughter Shirley, and founded the Casto Funeral Home.

In March of 1975 James W. Casto, Jr., graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and returned home to join the firm with his father. In May of the same year he married Karen Conner from Evergreen Hills. To this union have been born three children: J. W., Megan, and Morgan. [Casto, a name as old as Jackson County itself.]

Fellow residents of Jackson County, I would like to send a heartfelt message of gratitude for allowing us to become a part of the heritage of Jackson County. Since 1953 you have entrusted us with a sacred obligation and we sincerely hope that our service has been deserving of your confidence. This firm was founded on principles of family, not business, and we intend to continue the heritage. Thank you, James W. Casto, Jr.

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HISTORY OF MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS



For as long as she could remember, Alva Mae Kidder had a dream of owning her own business. Working on main street in Ravenswood, WV for various employers she gradually learned the ins and outs of retail business.

On December 15, 1976, her dream finally came true, when the local Merle Norman Cosmetic store became available for ownership. Excited and apprehensive, Alva Mae decided to say goodbye to her fellow friends and employers of 22 years, and follow her dream. She bought the Merle Norman Cosmetic store and operated it happily for the next twelve years. Then in October of 1988, Alva Mae decided to part with her business and retire with her husband Alvie. (Alvie owned the Kidder's Union Barber Shop located next to Merle Norman Cosmetics for 38 years.) She then sold the business to her daughter-in-law, Sharee' Friend-Kidder. Sharee' took over ownership on October 15, 1988 and is operating the business to the present date.

In earlier years Merle Norman Cosmetics was just a small shop carrying only the cosmetic line and a few gift items. Today, it has underwent major renovation and has greatly expanded in merchandise. Merle Norman Cosmetics now has a line of ladies ready to wear, accessories, lingerie and bath products, along with the complete original line of cosmetics. Presently Sharee' strives to continue to serve her customers as graciously as the former owners had done in the past.

The previous owners and the dates of proprietorship are as follows: 1964-1976, Mrs. Genevive Sutton, 1976-1976, Mrs. Phyllis Mullenhower, 1976-1988, Mrs. Alva Mae Kidder, 1988-, Mrs. Sharee' Kidder.

In 1964, Mrs. Genevive Sutton, along with her family moved to Ravenswood, WV from Fairview, WV. She and her husband had formerly owned a small department store in their hometown of Fairview, that dated back to 1945. When Sutton's relocated to Ravenswood, Genevive decided to open the first cosmetic store of it's kind for the area—being Merle Norman Cosmetics. When Mrs. Sutton originally opened Merle Norman Cosmetics, it was located on 206 Washington Street in Ravenswood, WV. On October 4, 1972, she moved the business to it's current location on 226 Washington Street. In 1976, the Sutton's decided to move back to their hometown of Fairview, WV, and the store was then sold to Mrs. Phyllis Mullenhower. Mrs. Mullenhower was in California taking her cosmetic training when her husband found out that they would be transferred immediately to California. She then, with the help of Mrs. Sutton, put the business up for sale and on the 15th of December of that same year Alva Mae Kidder became the new owner. She stepped in just in time to make her first Christmas sales.

Alva Mae Kidder owned Merle Norman Cosmetics for the next twelve years until her retirement in October of 1988. It was then that her daughter-in-law, Sharee', acquired the business and is now the current new owner.

Alva Mae and her husband Alvie are currently living in Ravenswood, WV and her son Mark and daughter-in-law Sharee' reside in Murraysville, WV.

Firestone



RIPLEY FIRESTONE, INC.

**512 S. Church Street, Ripley,
West Virginia 25271**

Phone: (304) 372-4344

Ripley Firestone, Inc. located at 512 South Church Street, Ripley, West Virginia was established by Wilbert L. (Webb) Mullen and his wife Donna Jean, upon their return to their home state after living for twenty years in Baltimore, Maryland.

The land was purchased in the spring of 1983, and the building was built in the summer by Webb and his two sons. The doors opened for business on November 21, 1983, to serve the people of Ripley, Jackson Co., and the surrounding areas. They are very proud of the business they have built up in the past seven years and the good people they have met and come to enjoy.

Webb and Jean have three children: Gary, Margaret and Wilbert, Jr.

COMPLIMENTS OF

**Dr. and Mrs. William
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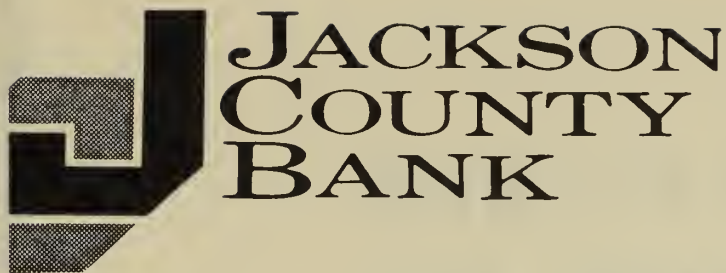
In May, 1948, a number of people formed a wholesale grocery company doing business in Ripley. This company was chartered under the name of T. W. Boyd Wholesale Grocery Company. At that time it was located on the corner of what is now the home of Genevieve Starcher. It was in this location a short time and moved to the Fred Sayre property where the Ripley Fire Department is now located. The name was changed to Ripley Wholesale Grocery Company.

In the early 1950s, the lot on which the Big R Super Market is located was bought from King and Madeline Parsons for a new wholesale building. At that time the days of the small grocery wholesaler were numbered and it was decided to go in the super market business.

In 1957, the Big R Super Market was built, a 60 by 120 foot building — later adding an 1800 square foot wareroom. The goal at that time was to sell \$500,000.00 in groceries a year. In 1957, South Church Street was country with one house, a small motel and what is now known as the M and R Truck Stop.

In the early seventies, a new front was put on the building with a new side entrance and 3800 square feet was added. A bakery and deli was later added and in 1981 an additional 4300 square feet was added.

At this time the original sales goal has been met many times over. The company is still chartered as Ripley Wholesale Grocery Company DBA Big R Super Market. The company is a corporation owned solely by Kathryn, Norman and Greg Slaughter. A new addition of 6000 square feet is planned for this year, 1990.



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The Ripley Barber Shop was acquired from Stanley S. Shinn, of Cow Run Road, Evans, August 1965. It was closed for remodeling until the grand opening, September 7, 1965. I (being a native of Jackson County and a graduate of Ripley High School), enrolled in West Virginia State Barber College in March 1962 and graduated in April 1963. Worked a two year apprenticeship in Casto's Barber Shop on 12th Street, Dunbar, WV. I reside near where I was reared in the Fairplain area. I married Sandra Allen, of Dunbar, in 1964, and we have one son, Allen E., born in 1966. I am a proud resident of Jackson County, and love to see it grow and prosper.

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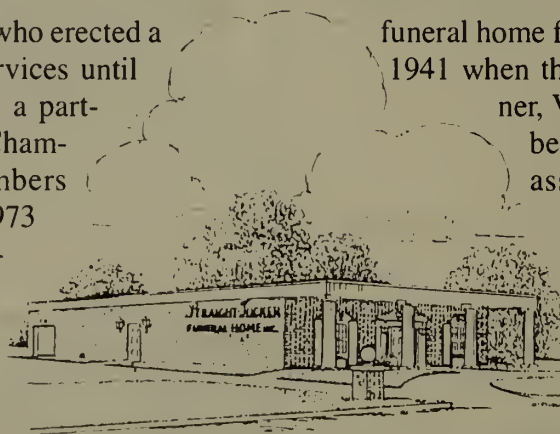


STRAIGHT-TUCKER FUNERAL HOME, INC.

The funeral home service has been in continuous existence in Ravenswood since 1860 when John J. Rudman first provided basic care for the dead. Rudman served as director of the Rudman Funeral Home from 1860 to 1907 when the directorship was transferred to Fred Rudman who continued to provide funeral services in the area until 1913. At that time, Clinton Twiggs became the director of the Twiggs Funeral Home which operated for a period of eight years until the directorship was transferred to Lawrence Thorn who provided funeral services under the firm name of Thorn Funeral Home until 1928.

In 1928, Elza Palmer who erected a continued to provide services until by B.M. Chambers and a part-tinued the operation as Cham-until 1947 when Chambers firm was purchased in 1973 assumed the director-James Tucker.

funeral home facility at 215 Race Street 1941 when the business was assumed ner, Virgil G. Kyger who con-bers-Kyger Funeral Home assumed ownership. The by Straight, who ship, and his associate,



From 1937 to 1975 funeral services were conducted from the same building on Race Street, and except for one time, the business has had no competition in Ravenswood.

Funeral Director Russell Straight completed a course in premortuary study at West Liberty State College in 1957 and served a year's apprenticeship at the B. M. Chambers Funeral Home after which he graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, Pittsburgh, Pa. Straight was then employed from 1959 to 1961 by the Klingel-Carpenter Mortuary in Huntington. Straight returned to Ravenswood in 1961 and was employed by the B. M. Chambers Funeral Home until 1973 when he and Mr. Tucker assumed ownership.

Tucker, a former Kaiser Aluminum employee, for several years operated the Tucker Insurance Company in Ravenswood, prior to the purchase of Chambers Funeral Home. He has been employed by B. C. Hooper Funeral Home in Fayette County and the Combs Funeral Home.

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Hartley Oil Company Inc. was founded in 1945 by Glen Hartley. Mr. Hartley started with a service station. In time he added home heating oil serving Jackson County and beyond.

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HISTORY OF

The Jackson Star News

The second venture in the newspaper field in Jackson County was that of a Mr. Wells (first name not recorded), of Athens, Ohio, who in 1866 began the publication of a paper which he called "The Ravenswood Press."

Nearly 124 years later that newspaper is believed to have been the roots of the county's number one newspaper today, "The Jackson Star News." The "Star News" serves the county with its main office and production plant in Ravenswood and its county seat office in Ripley.

However, in August 1868 there appeared another newspaper in Ravenswood which was believed to be called the "West Virginia News," however, some local history buffs believe the name was "The Jackson County News."

"The News" was edited and published by Andrew Flesher and Henry Gregory. It continued to appear regularly until 1869, when they sold it to R. C. Brown and W. G. Heaton.

At the same time, "The Ravenswood Press" was sold to S. R. Klotts, who soon after sold it to a Mr. Higgins (again first name unknown).

When all the mergers, buy-outs and trading ceased a year later, one newspaper survived with the name, "The Jackson County News."

In October of the same year Brown sold his interest to Charles McGlothlin, of Pomeroy, Ohio, and he and Heaton continued its publication until 1875, when McGlothlin sold his interest to the Rev. A. J. McMillin.

The paper continued under that name until April of 1878, when McMillin, who was by that time the sole proprietor, died.

In June of that year the newspaper was sold by McMillin's widow to C. E. McGlothlin and J. E. McGlothlin, who changed the name of the newspaper to "The Ravenswood News."

The newspaper retained that name, as near as written history can tell us, until 1954. That year it was re-titled "The Jackson County News."

However, the following year the paper again changed hands and was merged with Star Printing by its new owners, who then changed the name back to "The Ravenswood News."

The newspaper was purchased at the time by Charles Hodel, who named Phil Fourney as his general manager.

This arrangement continued until 1957 when Mark Ethridge Jr. purchased controlling interest in the newspaper from Hodel. Fourney continued as manager.

In January 1970, Fourney purchased controlling interest in the business. Fourney continued to operate the newspaper until late 1987 when it was sold to Wayne County (WV) Publications which was owned by Tom George, of Huntington, West Virginia.

Less than a year later, Wayne County Publications sold 100% of the ownership of the newspaper to its present owners Tom and Linda Schmitt.

In the spring of 1989, Fourney, who had continued as publisher under Wayne County Publication's ownership and the first several months of the Schmitts ownership, retired. At that time Tom Schmitt decided to replace Fourney himself and currently serves as the editor and publisher of the newspaper.

In late September of 1989, Schmitt, sighting a shift in the business climate and the expansion of readers interest, announced that the newspaper would become a full service, county-wide newspaper with a free distribution weekly circulation on Saturdays of more than 14,000.

Today, "The Jackson Star News" has a circulation of nearly 5,000 and is published each Wednesday in conjunction with the free weekly, "The Jackson Star News — Weekender."

GENERAL FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB OF RIPLEY

Membership when organized - 22, Current membership - 68
First President - Mrs. E. C. McConnell; Current President - Mrs. Richard Landis



Front Row: Betty Buck, Alma Speicher, Ocie King, Rilla Skeen, Tess Knotts, Monnie Landis — President, Kathryn Mackenzie — 1st Vice-President, Wanetta Morris — 2nd Vice-President, Janet Stephenson — Secretary, Vera Crum — Treasurer, Willa McGinley

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Third Row: Judy Miller, Rayne Kessel, Mary Whitman, Buddie Hall, Diana Smith, Pauline Lewis, Billie Bennett, Sue Ray, Thelma Ellis, and Marilyn Ludwig

Members absent from picture: Trudy Arthur, Beulah Carney, Helen Crum, Peggy Darrough, Valerie Eyester, Thelma Hall, Ollie Harvey, Millie Holland, Ruth Ann Hutchison, Katie Kessel, Garnet Landfried, Lucille McDermott, Ruby Martin, Susie McGinley, Betty Pepper Jones, Virginia Rouse, Colline Samson, Clara Staats, Margaret Staats, Virginia Starcher, Joan Stewart, Thelma Walker, Doris Waybright and Gladys Wines.

Associate members: Hallie Carney, Bernice Crow, Grace Graham, Mildred Kessel, Avelena Parsons, Madeline Parsons, Marion Parsons and Freda Southall. The GFWC Woman's Club of Ripley was organized in 1921 and Federated in 1922. We belong to Western District. District Presidents have been Mrs. T. E. Rymer, Mrs. Mabel Norris Casto, and Mrs. Carlton Childers. District Secretaries were Mrs. H. S. Armstrong and Mrs. C. V. Kessel. Two of our members, Mrs. James Scarbro and Mrs. Donald Harvey, have served as State Presidents.

Our Club sponsored the organization of Ripley Junior Woman's Club in 1939. A close-working relationship exists between the two clubs as co-sponsorship of annual projects continue.

Community outreach has steadily grown. The Club has packed Christmas baskets; helped with local TB, Heart, Cancer, March of Dimes and Red Cross drives; bloodmobiles; transported indigent children to out-of-county clinics; promoted Mental Health; assisted with Cancer Salad Luncheons, Health Fairs, Dental programs, etc.

The first Community Christmas Tree was provided and decorated on Courthouse lawn in 1922; sponsored the town's first Halloween Block Party in 1923, continuing until 1939 when Ripley Juniors took over; assisted with improving appearance of town by planting shrubbery in Courthouse yard (1930), instigating removal of dilapidated brick walks and replacing them with cement walks on two sides of courtyard; grading and seeding lawn, and purchasing twelve benches.

In 1949, sponsored a Village Beautiful Contest for the town and gave prizes. In 1950, the club won the prize for clubs under 100 in a Better Community Contest sponsored by Kroger. Eight Christmas Home Lighting contests were sponsored and prizes given in the 1950s. Flowering trees were later planted along Route 21 South.

In 1943, the Junior Woman's Club started a small library in a local drug store, but in 1949, the Library Committee of the Senior Club obtained a charter and established a library in a room of the J. F. Rymer home on North Street. The Club paid rent and furnished volunteer librarians. About 850 volumes were accumulated and books loaned from WV Library Commission. Services of a Bookmobile were obtained and the County Court appointed the first librarian. In 1952, the Court abandoned the project, but Club delegates went before the Court and the Library was reopened in the Kittle Building on Main Street with 14 hours per week allowed. Later, the Library was moved to the Rader Building on North Street, and then to the Crites Building on Court Street. Club members did a lot of transporting books! Club members contributed funds for many needs and supported a Bond Levy for a lot on which a modern Library was built for Ripley. It was dedicated in 1974 with the Club serving the dedication reception.

During WW II, many customary activities were curtailed. We helped to sell bonds and gave to fund drives collectively and individually. A monthly meeting was used to make surgical dressings. In 1945, the Club received a citation for selling bonds.

The Club donated \$100 in 1952 toward purchasing land for Cedar Lakes State FFA-FHA Camp. A rose garden, tulip bulbs and shrubs were donated and members helped to maintain upkeep for several years.

The Club has had an abiding interest in the youth of Ripley, such as assisting with Youth Canteen (1943); sponsoring girls to Girl's State 4-H Camp; furnishing shoes for needy school children since 1970; donating \$75 annually for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Scholarship; giving \$50 yearly to County Sheltered Workshop and honoring Literacy State Conference workers and County volunteers.

In 1960-62, the Club pledged \$1000 to build Jackson General Hospital. Members contributed 82 hours of time in the Fund Drive. In 1964, \$877 was donated to furnish a 2-bed hospital room, and in 1968-69, \$1275 for another 2-bed room. In 1970, pledged \$20,000 for a Teaching Unit at the Hospital,

and in 1972, won first place in the GFWC State Community Improvement Program (CIP) for this project.

In 1961-62, the Club contracted with the County Board of Education to lease ground adjacent to the Ripley Elementary School for a City Park. Payment is \$1.00 per year for 60 years or until the Club is 100 years old. The Ripley Swimming Pool is located on this property.

Christmas gifts have been given by members to Lakin State Hospital from 1966-86 (one year given to Spencer State Hospital). We assisted in restoration of Pearl Buck Home, and donated to State GFWC projects Camp Galahad, Pan-American Scholarship Fund, Penny Art Fund, and annually to the WVFWC Scholarship Loan Fund. In 1970s, gave \$500 to County Group Home, continuing support until discontinued.

The Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a dinner at Pioneer Hearth in 1971. Guests included WVFWC officers, representatives of other Ripley organizations, businesses, and husbands of members. This was a gala occasion with two charter members — Mrs. Jessie Cleek and Mrs. Gaye Hinzman McCoy — being honored.

Fund raisers have included rummage sales (first one held in Ripley in 1933), bake sales, hat bazaars and fairy baskets. In 1950s, served annual dinners for First National Bank, did a County Consumer's Survey, sponsored Midget League Football games, sold Bright of America place mats and other products, West Virginia Books, WVFWC recipe books, and other Federation items. We started the Barbecue Sandwich Food Stand at Cedar Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair in 1968; later, we were joined by the Jackson County Federated Clubs. After 19 years of participation, withdrew from this money-maker. A Historical Tour of several Ripley homes was held in the early 1980s. We enjoy our annual "white elephant" sales of crafts and homemade foods. Our latest fund raiser is an annual Salad Luncheon started in 1988.

In 1962, a Club member volunteered to teach Art at Ripley High School. In 1968, the Club requested an Art Supervisor be hired by the Board of Education for the public schools of Jackson County. Beginning in 1970, the Jackson County Art Show on the Courthouse lawn has been sponsored each year. This has proven to be a cultural event for the County. The establishment of an Art Scholarship of \$150 is awarded annually to a skilled High School student to further his/her art studies.

The Education Department makes a book contribution to the Ripley High School and to the Ripley Library in recognition of the Honor students. There is a budget-funded annual scholarship of \$150 awarded to a Ripley High School Senior going into the field of Education.

The Conservation Department formed a core group — P.R.I.D.E. (People Requesting Illegal Dumping Eliminated) — which consists of members from several civic organizations in the County. P.R.I.D.E. was successful in securing \$15,000 in state grants which enabled them to implement the State's first curbside recycling project in Ripley and Ravenswood. As a result both towns later applied for and obtained larger grants and are now recycling on a weekly basis.

This project, along with our Youth Education, Community Action, and Legislative Action programs, was entered in the FREE Enterprise and CIP scrapbook competition. The CIP Scrapbook was awarded 1st place in Western District and 3rd place in the 1988-90 State Contest, and was eligible for the National Contest.

In the beginning, the Club was entertained in member's homes, with public meetings in the churches. In 1951, a small building on North Street was purchased for \$1500. The Club rented it until 1955, when it was sold and the money put in savings. From May 1957 to the present time, meetings have been held at the Episcopal Parish House (until it was torn down), Epworth UMC Fellowship Hall, the First National Bank, the Ripley Library and the Senior Citizens Center.

HISTORY OF THE JACKSON HERALD

The Jackson Herald newspaper is the oldest newspaper in the county with the same continuous name since the first issue was printed March 1, 1876.

The building which houses the newspaper today at 117 N. Court St., Ripley, is on the same lot where during its early history it was published in the upstairs of a building in which a grocery store was operated on the first floor. During its history, it also was published on Bridge Street and at one time was housed in a tent.

The present building was built in 1930.

Only five men have guided the destiny of Jackson County's leading newspaper for 108 of its 114 years.

Henry W. Deem was the publisher from 1882 to 1915, a period of 33 years. P. H. Rardin was the publisher for a six-year period from 1916 to 1922. He resigned in 1922 to run for public office.

Since that time, three generations of the Simmons family have controlled the paper.

Sattis Simmons became publisher in 1922, followed by his son, V. Keith Simmons, in 1966 and his grandson Richard Keith Simmons, in 1979.



Pictured here is the home of The Jackson Herald from 1889 or 1890 to the autumn of 1911. This building stood at the corner of Maple Street and Bridge Street, facing Bridge Street. The plank road led to the covered wooden bridge, which was the only crossing of Mill Creek. The Ripley post office was in the north end of the building.



Picture above is the present site of the newspaper building at 117 N Court St.

Back in 1922, *The Jackson Herald* was a four-page, six-column hand-set newspaper with little equipment and the staff consisted of two to three and sometimes four persons in rush periods. Equipment has been updated periodically, and this newspaper was the first one in the state to be modernized with laser printing.

In addition to the Wednesday publication, a Saturday shopper-newspaper was initiated six years ago, and is distributed free to every home in Jackson County, as well as areas in Ohio.

The Jackson Herald has the distinction of being the largest circulated weekly in West Virginia.

The newspaper over the years has won numerous awards both on the state and national levels.

The full and part-time staff today includes publisher Rick Simmons, editor Dorris D. (Dot) Nichols, Harold Eugene Gibson, Jr., news editor; Mary Kelbaugh, Bill DeLong, Roberta Gore, Diane Ford Grandon, Rhonda Casto, Phyllis Howery, Steve Nuckles, Mike Boggess and Kathryn Turner.

IN TRIBUTE AND MEMORY



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 Third Row: *Allen A. Skidmore; *Okey Hockenberry.
 Fourth Row: *Clyde Wright; Jim Provance; Charles Kittle; Edison Parsons; Charles V. Kessel; *Dr. Wendell Casto; James Robinson.
 Fifth Row: *Charles Shinn; *Harold Starcher; *Reuben P. Kiser; L. S. Cavendish; *Marion Pfost; *Raymond Holland; *W. E. Walker.
 Sixth Row: *Oshel Staats; *Paul M. King; *Grover Castrup; *F. W. D. Parsons; *Dr. Carl Vineyard; Everett Harrison; N. K. Speicher.
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Wildwood of Statts Mills, Inc., is the continuation of a family business with a long history in Jackson County. Except for a brief period in the 1940s, the general store has been owned or operated by the Morris family since the 1920s. Foster F. and Delpha Morris operated the store at Statts Mills, then at Ripley, and then again at Statts Mills. In the 1950s, the store became known as F. F. Morris and Sons. During that period, it was in a two-story frame structure dating from the 1800s. The old corn and flour mill originally operated by Isaac Staats stood beside the store. The mill collapsed in 1957, and the original store building was destroyed by fire in 1971. At that time, Bernard and Ellen Morris were the owners of the store, and they rebuilt on the same site in 1972. Other family members continued the store operation in the 1970s and 80s. The building was moved several hundred yards in the late 1980s, after the construction on the Watershed created the O'Brien Lake. Tom and JoAnn Morris were the owners of the store at that time. In 1988, all the surviving children of F. F. and Delpha Morris joined together to form a corporation dedicated to preserving the existing store, and expanding the services and recreational opportunities available at Statts Mills. We now offer a modern campground, with all hook-ups, picnic shelter, bathhouse, playground, boat rentals, and a general store with a complete line of supplies for picnics, campers, and sportsmen. We look forward to serving you.



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JCo Lumber was started in Ravenswood in 1947. When the business first opened it was called the Ravenswood Lumber Company. At that time, Robert Cole and Homer Gandee operated the business as a partnership. In 1950, Robert Cole became the sole owner.

In 1957, property in Ripley was purchased from Pinnell and Pfof. This business was known as the Jackson County Lumber Company. In 1961, the two businesses were incorporated and given their present name of JCo Lumber, Inc.

Through the years expansion and remodeling has been done at both locations. This has helped JCo Lumber better serve the needs of the contractor and home owner alike. Currently the company employs about 20 people at both locations, with William Cole serving as its president.



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Owners: Gene and Helen Fisher

Fairplain Tractor Sales began business in 1973 in a block building on our farm on Angel Ridge Road near Fairplain, West Virginia. We had one partsman and one mechanic at that time. In 1975 we moved to Rt. 21 in Fairplain and added another partsman and another mechanic. As business increased, we needed a larger building. This prompted our move in March 1977 to our present location on Rt. 33 West of I-77 in Ripley. When we began our business in 1973 we carried the Massey Ferguson line. The 1990s see us handling Ford Lawn and Garden, Simplicity, Massey Ferguson, Ford-New Holland, Hesston, IMT, Ford Industrial and a large variety of small implements for the farm. We also sell parts for and service everything we sell. Currently we are the largest Ford Tractor dealer in West Virginia and in 1988 we had the largest sales of Massey Ferguson tractors in North America.

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Carl hired people who learned as the company grew, then step by step his men grew into skilled, efficient pipeliners. Carl's three sons joined their family's business working in the ranks, learning every facet of pipeline construction the hard way — by doing it.

Under family management, the company prospered at an accelerated rate. Successful job completion one after another brought bigger and better construction contracts. Larger and more efficient equipment was bought, repair shops were enlarged and maintenance was the watchword. Quality workmanship, timely completions and know-how has earned the company a reputation for performance and efficiency that is their hallmark.

This is in remembrance of Carl E. Smith, who loved Jackson County. He was always proud of being a hard-working, self-made man, but never forgetting how much he owed to his parents and family.

He gave much to his community never seeking any special notice. He gave money to support several small churches. He always furnished a Christmas candy treat to the churches. He wanted to be sure everyone young or old had a sack of candy.

He loved politics and always had a keen interest in elections, especially school and county offices. He wanted his children and grandchildren to be honest, hard-working people. He never thought of himself as better than anyone else in his employment and cared about his employees and their families.

He thought education should be foremost in the minds of the community. He bought many things for schools such as books and supplies. Gilmore High School basketball and cheerleaders uniforms were purchased by Carl. Community softball and baseball teams were sponsored by Carl.

The company is but a small part of the influence Carl E. Smith had on Jackson County.



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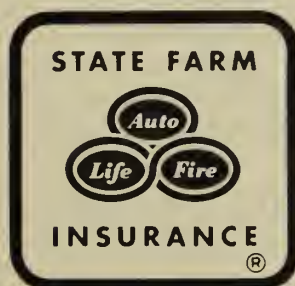
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In 1972 he opened B and K Music in the Grant Donohew Building which is now RKE Credit Union. During this time his son Kevin, at the age of 13, started working in the business on weekends.

In 1975 he moved to the corner of North and Court Street in the Winters Building which is now Tetrick's Jewelry Store. Our business grew by leaps and bounds.

In 1980 we moved into the Rexall Building. We expanded our inventory to cover Musical Instruments and a large variety of accessories.

In 1981 his daughter Renee began to work in the business. She soon was manager of the store and worked there until she became married.

In 1983 Bill Thompson became a partner in the business. With a new idea about Video Rental we moved to our present location in the West Ripley Shopping Center. After pioneering the Video Rental Business, we then began to sell Electronics, such as: Radios, Televisions and VCRs.

In 1988 we started selling Appliances and enlarged our store to 3,600 square feet. In this same year Mr. Thompson decided to retire. He then sold his interest in the business to Kevin Ohse. Since that time Bill and Kevin have operated the business and now have expanded the store to 6,000 square feet with the addition of furniture.

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His wife, JoAnne, joined the business in 1976 after teaching 23 years.

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On October 12, 1854, Andrew married Manerva Minor and they were the parents of six children: Margaret, Eliza Adeline, Barzilla Minor, Annie Laurie, Albert Andrew, and Mary Caroline. Adeline Stephens was born December 7, 1857 and she married Philip Pickens, a young school teacher. Philip was the son of Spencer and Margaret Pickens and when Philip was only a young lad of seven years, his father enlisted in the union army and was gone for almost three years.

Philip and Adeline Stephens Pickens lived up Harrison Holler and four children became a part of this household; Homer, Erve, Theodosia and Birty. Philip died in his early manhood years leaving Adeline with four young children and she married Laban Cain. Laban Cain and Adeline Pickens Cain had three sons, Roy, Hoyt and Harvey. Andrew Jackson Stephens died in 1906 and left a large estate to be settled and Adeline Stephens Pickens Cain inherited 175 acres of land across the road from the Stephens homestead. Adeline Stephens Pickens Cain died in 1929 and she willed the 175 acres to Harvey, Roy and Hoyt Cain. This 175 acres was sold before the Mason County Courthouse in 1939 for the collection of unpaid taxes; Cam and Alfred Barnette purchased the 175 acres for a total bill of \$1,230.

Birty Viola Pickens was a pretty and fashionably dressed young lady of nineteen, when she became the bride of the young and affable Cam Barnette of Rockcastle. The ceremony took place on a certain, cold and rainy, winter day in February, 1900, in Mason County. Now Birty had strict ideas of what constituted proper and modest behavior for a young woman and her dress had a long trailing skirt; and she also held to the theory that her legs must not be seen. Cam and Birty came into Rockcastle riding horseback and they had traveled the miry roadways in knee deep mud. Nine children were born into this household and one of their sons, Alfred Raymond Barnette married Sarah Francis Sayre. These two people were often referred to as Jack and Sade; Jack and Sade had three sons and one of their sons, Raymond now owns the 175 acre tract of land which was settled by his great great grandfather, Andrew Jackson Stephens. Cam Barnette died in 1948 leaving one half interest of this land to his widow, Birty Barnett; Alfred Barnett died in 1972 leaving one half interest to his widow, Sarah Barnette. Raymond and Lorraine Barnette purchased Sarah Barnette's interest in 1973, and purchased Birty Barnett's interest in 1975, with more than thirty six people signing the deed.

The Christmas tree plantation was started in the spring of 1980 when Ray Barnette planted one thousand pine seedlings on a hillside. Some twenty thousand seedlings have been planted since that time covering some twenty acres. Christmas tree farming is very labor intensive and many people plant trees but few continue. Selling Christmas trees is a very interesting and cultural experience and we like to hear of the various traditions our clients observe. People have very definite ideas about the preferred shape and size of their trees, so we have found it necessary to vary angle and fullness.

We like to walk through our tree fields at night and we are reminded about the story of Martin Luther, who was so overcome one Christmas Eve by the beauty of the evergreens in the forest and the myriads of stars in the winter sky, that he could not speak. He tried to explain the scene's glory to his wife and children. When words failed him, he went out and cut down a small fir tree and placed lighted candles on it to represent the starry sky. One of Luther's chief desires was to help ordinary people understand and appreciate Yuletide joys. He is said to have started the custom of lighted Christmas trees.

About two thirds of the homes in the U. S. center their holiday gaiety around lighted trees. We are pleased that we can be part of bringing the symbol of yuletide and the delightful forest aroma into homes. When the clean, fresh smell of the evergreen resin circulates throughout the home, we are reminded that Christmas is a season of peace and goodwill and there is hope for the future.

Ravenswood Foodland

Ravenswood Shopping Plaza

Ravenswood, West Virginia



The Ravenswood Foodland is owned and operated through Jerry's Super Market Inc., and owned by Jerry and Carolyn Carpenter.

The Carpenters came to Jackson County in 1976 and bought the IGA Market which they operated as a proprietorship from 1976 till 1981, at which time they formed the corporation of Jerry's Super Market Inc. They continued to operate the market under the trade name of Jerry's IGA until June 29, 1989, at which time they closed the doors on the IGA and switched their operation to the Ravenswood Foodland. The Ravenswood Foodland had been closed for inventory on June 28, 1989 and sold to the Carpenters the following day.

The Ravenswood Foodland presently employs 47 people and buys all of its goods through its West Virginia Distribution Center, the Wetteran Food Distribution Warehouse, located at Milton, West Virginia. The Wetteran Warehouse employs in the excess of 400 people in West Virginia and services more than 180 supermarkets in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio.

Jerry Carpenter grew up in Culloden, West Virginia. After his father committed suicide, his mother remarried and moved the family to Nitro, West Virginia. There Jerry met his wife-to-be, Carolyn June Norvell.

The Carpenters were wed on June 29, 1960. Jerry worked for Carolyn's uncle at the Nitro Supermarket as an assistant manager. Jerry has worked directly with the public for most of thirty years and does not consider himself as a business man; but, rather as a servant to his fellow man. His greatest ambition is to be of help to others.

Jerry and Carolyn started their first business venture in the St. Albans Food Market, at St. Albans, West Virginia, in 1974. They had three other people involved in the corporation. Jerry was named as president of this corporation. Carolyn did not become active in the business at that time because of the two children, Jerry Allen and Kristin Dawn. Jerry and Kristin are both graduates of Ravenswood High School. Jerry presently is working at the Ravenswood Foodland and Kristin is in her second year at Marshall University.

The Carpenters operated the market in St. Albans from 1974 until August 15, 1976 at which time they sold out and came to Jackson County. In 1978 Carolyn started getting involved in the business and presently serves as Vice President in the corporation and is very active in helping to make business decisions.

The Carpenters are Christians and they can tell you that they have seen God's protecting hand on their lives continuously.

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In loving memory of Ray O. Fields, son of the late Virgil Goff Fields and Jenetta (Price) Fields, born March 21, 1926, died October 28, 1989.

Sadly missed and dearly loved by wife, Violet Gay (Parsons) Fields, and sons: Rev. David Ray Fields, James Ricky Fields, Robert Allen Fields and Mark Edward Fields, and daughters: Sharon Ruth Easter, Shirley Jean Westfall, Dottie Marie Stephens, Karen Sue Wallen and Patty Jane Hall, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sisters: Louisa Price, Monnie Mahood and Dorothy Canter, and brothers: Roy, Sherman, Basil, Charles and Gay.

He worked for fifteen years on the Bill Hall farm at Salt Hill. Later employed at Fitzgerald Greenhouses. At the time of his death, he was an employee of the city of Ripley.

He was a member of Salt Hill Community Church and Shatto Tabernacle.

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1 Original Silverton Mill. 2 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hutchinson and Glen at Sarvis Fork covered bridge. 3 Ravenswood flood of 1913. 4 Ravenswood flood of 1937. 5 Building the locks and dam at Ravenswood.

Note: These are several of the photos submitted to the Ravenswood news for our "In the book" contest. Special thanks to Phil Fourney for his early confidence in the book project.

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1 Photo submitted by Tammy Burge of Millwood. 2 Rube band, ca. 1906. 3 Murraysville train depot. 4 Browning Quarry, Silverton, ca. 1901. 5 Adams Express Co., Murraysville. 6 Valley Belle passing through.



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FAMILY RECORD

NAME

BIRTH

DEATH

Place Date

Place

The descendants of Jackson County residents have reason to take pride in both past and present achievements. Past generations reclaimed a wilderness in spite of privation, toil, hardships and danger. They established a government where none existed and from the first settlements to the present citizenry, Jackson County residents have been diligent and hard working, patriotic citizens. Only by learning about the Jackson County people and by cataloging their efforts can future generations be inspired to emulate and to uphold the traditions, values, and accomplishments which meld together a people.

Today, as a state, West Virginia records Jackson County on its maps by name as only one among its fifty-five counties. Geographically, Jackson County may be limited, but genealogically its out-reach is never-ending. An examination of families represented within the pages of this book will reveal that its influence is world wide.

From 1800 to the early 1900's almost every farm in Jackson was a self-sufficient unit, providing all necessities for the owner and his family. Each farmer raised his own wheat and corn, taking it to be ground at the nearest gristmill. A farmer usually raised pigs, horses, mules, cattle, sheep, chickens, ducks and geese. They saved seed from year to year for next spring's crops and gardens. Chickens, ducks and geese served not only as staple food, but also furnished feathers for pillows and featherbeds; moreover, local merchants bought the surplus feathers.

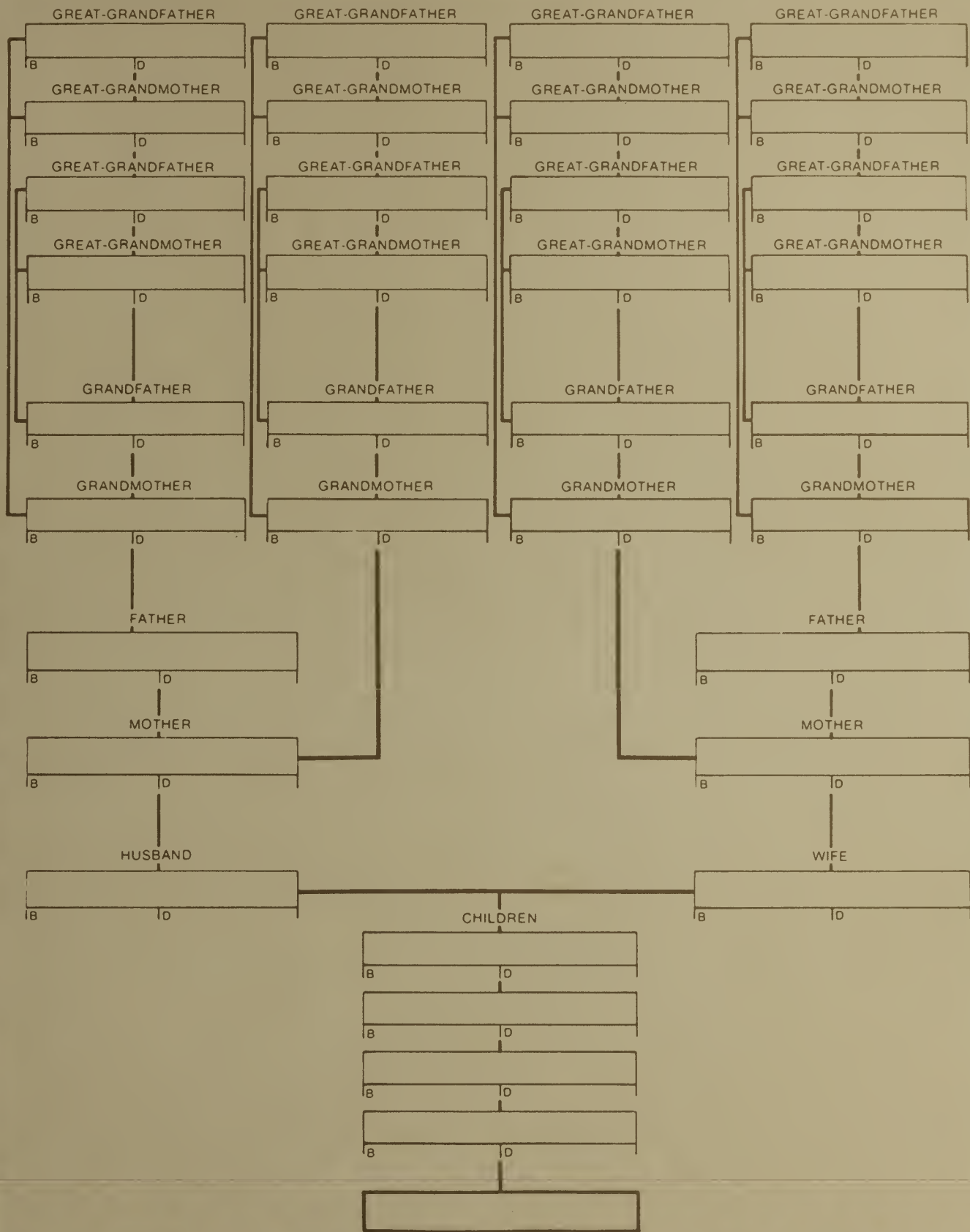
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The 1900's have seen sweeping changes in family life. Industrialization has resulted in the dependence of families upon factory-made products of all kinds. Orchards are less common, blacksmith shops are a curiosity and quilts and coverlets are heirlooms. Tractors have replaced horses and mules; weaving is a hobby instead of a necessity. Flax is relatively unknown and featherbeds have been superseded by waterbeds; goose-down pillows have become a luxury item because of their scarcity. Because families are no longer isolated, they have the opportunity to enjoy the wealth of pleasure and recreational sites available to them over a network of improved county and state roads and excellently paved national highways. Progress and industry have made twentieth century Jackson County an attractive and inviting place to live.

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FAMILY TREE



FAMILY NAME

